



## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings February 2022

### FEBRUARY 9 MEETING

#### THORNTON CREEK ENHANCEMENT

Dave Hurwitz and Emily Fulton gave an overview to the Board on the Thornton Creek Enhancement Society. They are a non-profit dedicated to sustaining and rebuilding salmon stalks in the Barkley Sound and facilitating educational opportunities for locals and visitors. The delegation thanked the Board for their support through a grant-in-aid in 2021 for road repairs. They also provided an update on other work they have done in the region.

#### 2022 ELECTION OFFICERS

The Board appointed Wendy Thomson to the position of Chief Election Officer and Heather Zenner to the position of Deputy Chief Election Officer. It will be their responsibility to organize and conduct the 2022 general local election in the Alberni-Clayoquot electoral areas.

#### BREATHING EQUIPMENT FOR BEAVER CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

The Board authorized the purchase of 15 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses for the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The Board also delegated staff to undertake the quotation process and purchase, provided it falls within the 2022 budget for the BCVF Department of \$188,800.

### FEBRUARY 23 MEETING

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION ACRD FINANCIAL PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer presented the 2022-2026 Financial Plan for the ACRD and the Hospital District. The public was also welcome to attend the meeting to offer input and ask questions. You can view the draft 2022 - 2026 ACRD Financial plan at 2022 - 2026 Financial Plan [www.acrd.bc.ca/finance](http://www.acrd.bc.ca/finance). For questions or comments from the public, please email [budgets@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:budgets@acrd.bc.ca).

#### UPDATE ON PORT, MARINA, AND CAMPGROUND

The Board heard from a delegation that offered an update on the Port Alberni Port Authority community projects and partnerships. They updated the board on their goals, challenges, and priorities with the China Creek Marina and Campground and requested that the ACRD consider a 20-year extension to their lease for the campground. The current lease expires in 2029.

#### UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Manager for the City, Pat Deakin, offered an update on the city's economic development mandate. He explained how different activities align with the ACRD's Strategic Plan. He also discussed opportunities for collaboration.

#### POVERTY REDUCTION PROJECT REPORT

A delegation from the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network presented the final report on the Poverty Reduction Plan in the region. The report is available at [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca).

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Share your ideas and vision for Maplehurst Park!

The ACRD has initiated a park management planning process for Maplehurst Park, located in the Cherry Creek Electoral Area (Area F). The ACRD is seeking community input to identify a long-term vision for the park and priorities for park enhancements and protection of the natural environment. To share your ideas, complete the short 5-8 minute survey and/or attend our Public Open House at the Cherry Creek Community Hall on May 18 from 4 - 7 p.m.

For Maplehurst Park and trail information or to complete the survey, visit <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/maplehurst-trails>

The survey will close on March 31, so make sure to fill it out before the end of the month.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: [responses@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca)

**Board of Directors** - March 9, 1:30 pm, followed by the Regional Hospital District; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Committee of the Whole (Budget Deliberations)** - March 9, 10 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Salmon Beach Committee Meeting** - March 17, 10 am - via Zoom

**Board of Directors** - March 23, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

For more information, agendas for meetings, and official minutes from the Board of Director meetings, visit the ACRD Website ([www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca)) or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2706 or e-mail [wthomson@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:wthomson@acrd.bc.ca).