



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

JANUARY 12 MEETING

RECORDING & LIVESTREAMING

The Board adopted the ACRD Recording and Livestreaming Policy to set procedures for recording and livestreaming Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) open board, hospital board, committee meetings and public hearings being held in the ACRD board room and/or electronically.

Regional District open meetings are now recorded and livestreamed to the Regional District's website, providing the public additional ways to participate and/or watch Regional District meetings.

2022 BC ASSESSMENT VALUES

BC Assessment recently released the 2022 Assessment Roll. The overall percentage increase from 2021 to 2022 for the region is 40.74%. These significant increases in assessed value often create concerns from homeowners that their property taxes will increase by the same amount. This is a common misconception; the most important factor is not how much your assessed value has changed, but how your assessed value has changed relative to the average change for your property class in the region. The assessment process is governed by the Assessment Act of BC. The Assessment Act is the legislation that provides the rules and processes for BC Assessment to follow when creating and delivering property assessments.

JANUARY 26 MEETING

DELEGATIONS

Inspector Eric Rochette provided an overview of the quarterly policing statistics for the Port Alberni RCMP. He indicated the number of calls dropped compared to the previous year.

HOMEOWNER GRANTS

As part of their discussion on the provincial grant threshold for homeowner grants, the Board agreed to invite BC Assessments to appear as a delegation at an upcoming meeting to provide an overview of the assessment process and to address the difference between assessments and approvals.

SEEKING GRANT FOR \$1,175,238

The Board has directed staff to apply for a grant to fund West Bamfield Submarine Transmission Line replacement through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

EARTH WEEK CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

The Board authorized the ACRD to participate in the Inter-Governmental Earth Week Challenge again in 2022.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW STAFF

General Manager of Administrative Services Wendy Thomson introduced the ACRD's new Communications Coordinator, Heather Thomson. She can be reached at hthomson@acrd.bc.ca.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

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City of Port Alberni

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Toquaht Nation

Councillor Wilfred Cootes
Uchucklesaht Tribe
Government

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

Have your say! - The ACRD is inviting the public to participate in a consultation meeting to discuss the 2022 to 2026 Financial Plan on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the ACRD Boardroom / Zoom.

For more information, go to www.acrd.bc.ca/finance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

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

Committee of the Whole (Grant-in-Aid application considerations) - February 10, 10 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan & Budget) - February 16, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Budget Deliberations (if necessary) - February 23, 10:00 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

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

AV & Bamfield Services - February 24, 10 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Electoral Area Directors - February 24, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom