



# Around our Region



## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meeting - July 2021



### JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

#### MINUTE OF SILENCE

The Board of Directors conducted a minute of silence in honour of Captain Rob Favel who passed away on July 1, 2021. Captain Favel served on the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years.

#### DELEGATION

**Tawney Lem, Executive Director, West Coast Aquatic.** Ms. Lem provided an overview of West Coast Aquatic and the refresh of their governance board. She also discussed the Blue Economy Strategy and local government input into the Strategy. Her presentation can be viewed on our website at [www.acrd.bc.ca/events/28-7-2021/](http://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/28-7-2021/)

#### BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**In-person/Hybrid Meetings:** Following Step 3 of the COVID-19 Restart Plan, Regional District staff have been instructed to prepare for returning to in-person/hybrid board & committee meetings and public hearings in September 2021. Once arrangements are finalized, information will be posted on the Regional District website.

**Electronic Meetings:** On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Provincial Government will amend legislation to permanently allow local governments to hold electronic board and committee meetings and public hearings, if they so wish. Regional District staff have been instructed to make amendments to their procedures bylaw to allow the option of holding electronic meetings. Regional District staff will bring an amendment to the procedure's bylaw for consideration by the Board at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### SPROAT LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (SLVFD) - DECOMMISSIONING FIRE HALL #2 FABER ROAD

The Board approved the SLVFD Fire Hall Assessment report prepared by Dave Mitchell & Associates Ltd and will be moving to a two-hall model from the current three-hall model for the SLVFD, while continuing to meet or exceed the Dwelling Protection Grade rating from the Fire Underwriters thereby not affecting coverage that the residential fire protection rating is based. Fire Hall #2 on Faber Road will be retained for training and storage until the end of its useful life. Visit the ACRD website at [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) to read the full press release including a link to the report by Dave Mitchell and Associates Ltd.

#### BYLAW R1035 ALBERNI VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES

The Board adopted Bylaw R1035 to establish a funding mechanism to support upcoming infrastructure improvement projects at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport (AVRA). This bylaw will come into effect on September 1, 2021 and can be viewed on our website <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/bylaws>

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT – TSESHAHT FIRST NATION GRANT SUBMISSION

The Board of Directors will forward a letter to the Tseshaht First Nation supporting their submission to Canada's Green & Inclusive Community Buildings Fund to assist in replacing the two remaining Alberni Indian Residential School buildings.

### Board of Directors

**Chair: John Jack**  
(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

**Vice-Chair: John McNabb**  
(Electoral Area "E"  
Beaver Creek)

**Director Bob Beckett**  
(Electoral Area "A"  
Bamfield)

**Director Tanya Shannon**  
(Electoral Area "B"  
Beaufort)

**Director Kel Roberts**  
(Electoral Area "C"  
Long Beach)

**Director: Penny Cote**  
(Electoral Area "D"  
Sproat Lake)

**Director Dianne Bodnar**  
(Electoral Area "F"  
Cherry Creek)

**Mayor Sharie Minions**  
(City of Port Alberni)

**Councillor Ron Paulson**  
(City of Port Alberni)

**Councillor Tom Stere**  
(District of Tofino)

**Councillor Rachelle Cole**  
(District of Ucluelet)

**Councillor Kirsten Johnsen**  
(Toquaht Nation)

**Councillor Wilfred Cootes**  
(Uchucklesaht Tribe  
Government)

**Councillor Alan McCarthy**  
(Yuutu?i?ath Government)

### SPROAT LAKE MARINE PATROL

The SLMP will be out around Sproat Lake again this summer to promote public awareness and safe boating practices. For info in Boating Safety go to:

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-menu-1362.htm>

**UPCOMING MEETINGS** – input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: [responses@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca)

**West Coast Committee** – August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm; via Zoom

**Committee of the Whole** – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am; via Zoom

**Board of Directors** – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm, followed by the **Regional Hospital District**; via Zoom

*This is not the official minutes, but an information report summarizing the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. For more information visit the ACRD Website at [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).*