



Around our Region



Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meetings - June 2021



JUNE 9TH MEETING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board of Directors acknowledged the passing of Sarah Robinson and of the unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School and conducted a moment of silence.

INTRODUCTION – NEW ACRD EMPLOYEE

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer introduced new employee Shane Koren, Assistant Accountant with the Regional District.

2021 UBCM CONVENTION & MINISTER MEETINGS

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will once again be held virtually, September 14th to 19th. The Board will request several meetings with Cabinet Ministers in conjunction with the Conference respecting issues/concerns impacting communities in the region. For more information on UBCM, including their convention, visit <https://www.ubcm.ca/>

VISUAL AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATION

The Board will enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for a Visual Air Quality Monitoring Station at the Alberni Valley Landfill for a 10-year term beginning in July. This agreement will enable a camera to be installed atop the water reservoir at the Alberni Valley Landfill (AVL). The camera will be pointed towards the City of Port Alberni and will be an effective tool in capturing the visual impact of pollutants specific sources.

JUNE 23RD MEETING

DELEGATIONS

Inspector Rochette, Officer in Charge, Port Alberni RCMP Detachment regarding Body Worn Cameras. Insp. Rochette provided an overview and spoke to the benefits of the RCMP Body Worn Camera project. The phased roll out plan will start with selected communities in the Fall of 2021.

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The General Manager of Community Services introduced new employee Paulo Eichelberger, Solid Waste Manager with the Regional District.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE ON CURRENT RULES FOR BOARD MEETINGS

The Province provided an update to local governments on the current rules for council and board meetings, highlighting the gradual shift to operations that will take place over the next weeks and months – in particular, for in-person board/committee meetings. Regional District staff will come back with options for consideration by the Board at the July 28th meeting for safely holding in-person Board/Committee meetings and public hearings following further direction from the Province respecting the four-step COVID restart plan.

2020 ACRD STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION (SOFI)

The Board approved the 2020 SOFI Report which includes the audited financial statements, schedules for guarantees, indemnity agreements, remuneration and expenses and suppliers of goods and services. The report can be viewed on the ACRD website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/sofi>

Board of Directors

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(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

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

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(Electoral Area "A"
Bamfield)

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(Electoral Area "B"
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Long Beach)

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(Electoral Area "D"
Sproat Lake)

Director Dianne Bodnar
(Electoral Area "E"
Cherry Creek)

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(City of Port Alberni)

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(District of Tofino)

Councillor Rachelle Cole
(District of Ucluelet)

Councillor Kirsten Johnsen
(Toquaht Nation)

Councillor Wilfred Cootes
(Uchucklesaht Tribe
Government)

Councillor Alan McCarthy
(Yuutu?if?ath Government)

UPCOMING MEETINGS – input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

AVRA Advisory Committee – July 13th, 1:30 pm; via Zoom

AV & Bamfield Services Committee joined by Port Alberni City Council, Tseshaht & Hupacasath First Nations regarding next steps Aquatic Centre replacement – July 21st, 1:30 pm; via Zoom

Board of Directors – July 28th, 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 or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2706 or e-mail wthomson@acrd.bc.ca .

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>