



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

### MAY 11 MEETING

#### FRIENDS OF RAIL TO TRAIL VANCOUVER ISLAND

A delegation provided an overview of Friends of Rail to Trail Vancouver Island. They are a non-profit group incorporated in September 2018 to investigate and encourage the repurposing of unused Vancouver Island rail lines as a multi-use active transportation network connecting communities on Vancouver Island. The group requested a letter of support.

#### RCMP CRIME REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH

Inspector Eric Rochette, RCMP Officer in Charge in Port Alberni, presented the crime stats for the first quarter of 2022 for the Port Alberni RCMP detachment. These stats saw a significant increase in property crimes, up 81% compared to the same quarter in 2021.

#### MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX (MRDT)

City Economic Development Officer Pat Deakin, Bill Collette from the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Alberni Valley Tourism's Peter Muggleston presented an update on the MRDT in Port Alberni and surrounding areas. The Board passed a motion to support the Alberni Valley Tourism formally applying to levy a two-percent MRDT within the City and Alberni Valley Electoral Areas.

#### FUNDING TO SUPPORT DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION

The Board passed a motion to support the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association in 2022. They will give \$2,000 from the 2022 Special Events Fund and \$1,000 from the 2022 Grant in Aid application. This year the Association is holding a Thunder in the Valley Keeping the Dream Alive event on the weekend of August 6 & 7. This will include a car show, swap meet, and many associated activities for car enthusiasts.

#### FIRE SERVICE REVIEW LEADS TO FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The Board received the 2022 ACRD Fire Service Review Report and directed staff to develop a five-year work plan and associated budget with regards to the report.

### MAY 25 MEETING

#### MARKING FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

The Board and the Planning Manager Alex Dyer recognized Amy Anaka, Planner, for five years of service with the Regional District. The Board presented her with a gift to mark the occasion.

#### PROPOSED RENAMING OF SPROAT LAKE

The Board heard from Director of Operations for Lumara Grief & Bereavement Care who requested that the Board take the necessary steps to have Gilbert Sproat's name removed from Sproat Lake. He suggested returning it to Kleekoot or a name suggested by Hupačasath First Nation. He explained that Sproat resided in the Valley for a short time and was a colonizer who viewed Indigenous people as inferior objects incapable of being considered as equals. He cited his book Scenes & Studies of a Savage Life (1868) as proof of these opinions. The Board will reach out to Tseshaht and Hupačasath First Nations to hear their thoughts on the renaming proposal.

#### WEST COAST EVACUATION ROUTE PLAN

The Board awarded the West Coast Evacuation Route Plan contract to Calian Ltd. in the amount of \$60,764.70 on a 10-month term, as of June 1, 2022. The contractor will develop a detailed evacuation route plan for the West Coast Region of the ACRD. This includes HUU-ay-aht First Nations, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Toquaht Nation, Yuułu?iit?atḥ Government, and the Long Beach and Bamfield Electoral Areas. The plan will include an Evacuation Route Plan, final project overview, tabletop exercise, and final reports to stakeholder groups.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

**West Coast Committee Meeting** - June 1, 10 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Bamfield Water Committee Meeting** - June 2, 6 pm; Zoom

**Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee Meeting** - June 6, 10 am; Zoom

**Board of Directors Meeting** - June 8, 1:30 pm; followed by the Regional Hospital District; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting** - June 22, 10 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Board of Directors Meeting** - June 22, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Committee of the Whole Meeting** - June 29, 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).