



Around our Region



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



SEPTEMBER 8TH MEETING

PARK AND PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

The Board adopted the Park and Playground Inspection and Maintenance Policy. This policy sets minimum levels of inspection and maintenance standards for ACRD owned and operated parks (including trails and playgrounds) to reduce liability and exposure to risk.

LANDFILL GAS FLARE INSTALLATION AT ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL (AVLF)

The Board awarded the installation of a landfill gas flare system at the Alberni Valley Landfill to Fyfe Well & Water Services for a cost of \$39,800, excluding GST. Since the landfill contains organic waste that will continue to decompose and generate landfill gas, it is necessary to collect and destroy this harmful greenhouse gas. This is typically done by flaring, which safely disposes of flammable constituents while controlling odour nuisance, health risks and adverse environmental impacts.

TENDER AWARD FIRE FLOW UPGRADE TOFINO/ LONG BEACH AIRPORT (LBA)

The Board awarded the Watermain Upgrade for Fire Protection at the LBA, to Bowerman Excavating Ltd. for the tendered price of \$586,563.60. The watermain upgrade is the first phase of a fire flow upgrade planned for the LBA water system. Phase II will consist of installing fire flow pumps that will allow the new airport water distribution system to meet fire flow requirements for airport / industrial applications.

SEPTEMBER 22ND MEETING

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION

The Board adopted Bylaw F1153, 2022 Tax Exemption Bylaw to provide for a property tax exemption in 2022 for the Alberni Valley Gold Club and Long Beach Recreation Cooperative.

ACRD COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION

The Board approved the permanent full-time position of Communication Coordinator effective January 1, 2022 at an estimated annual cost of \$99,000 including benefits. Watch for the job posting coming soon to the ACRD website www.acrd.bc.ca/jobs

FIRESMART GRANT

The Board approved applying to the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Resiliency Investment Program, FireSmart grant with interested grant partners. If awarded, the grant opportunities will support FireSmart programs in the ACRD, promoting wildfire resiliency.

BURNING REGULATION BYLAWS & COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Board directed staff to conduct a public communication plan for the implementation of new burning regulations in the region and gave third readings to amended burning regulation bylaws R1030 and R1032. The Board will consider the bylaws for adoption in October. Visit www.acrd.bc.ca/burning-bylaw-review for more information on the bylaws.

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ACRD Recognizes September 30th – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

To commemorate this important day, the ACRD Office, Alberni Valley Landfill, West Coast Landfill, and the 3rd Avenue Recycling Depot will be closed September 30th.

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

West Coast Committee – October 6th, 10:00 am; via ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors – October 13th, 1:30 pm, followed by the **Regional Hospital District**; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors – October 27th, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/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.