



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 23, 2022

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District adopts 2022-2026 Financial Plan

PORT ALBERNI – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD), at the regular meeting on March 23, 2022, adopted the 2022-2026 Financial Plan. The plan is the result of significant discussion and includes financial increases targeted towards improved service levels offered by the ACRD. Increased assessment values will also contribute to the higher taxation in 2022.

The 2022 budget is approximately \$27 million, an increase of \$3 million over the previous year. The financial plan includes a tax increase of 8.28 per cent, including the Regional Hospital District Annual Budget.

“It is always difficult when we face increasing taxes to the areas we serve, but these increases are a reflection of how much our region is growing,” explains ACRD Board Chair John Jack. “We are implementing a number of changes that came out of the Region’s first-ever Strategic Plan. This means we are adding resources and increasing service levels, which will in turn offer more to the residents of our region.”

Some of the key changes coming out of the adoption of a Strategic Plan include:

- Increasing service levels within parks, solid waste, information and technology, and utility operations
- Increasing resources targeted toward the development and implementation of a communications strategy.
- Ongoing improvements to the Region’s fire service and the emergency planning program
- Temporary resourcing for the coordination and implementation of more than \$9 million in grant revenue

The estimated impact of the ACRD component of property taxation on the average household in each area is as follows:

Jurisdiction	Estimated Increase on Average Household from Prior Year	Estimated ACRD Portion of Property Tax 2022
Area A – Bamfield	\$135	\$1,056
Area B – Beaufort	\$61	\$572
Area C – Long Beach	\$18	\$1,506
Area D – Sproat Lake	\$223	\$1,307
Area E – Beaver Creek	\$135	\$1,152
Area F – Cherry Creek	\$56	\$474
City of Port Alberni	\$28	\$228
District of Tofino	\$39	\$650
District of Ucluelet	\$66	\$380



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

The Financial Plan document summarizes each area, including potential increases in costs and taxation. The summary identifies the cost to each jurisdiction according to the services provided and the total overall requisition changes from the prior year. It also includes details on each of the service budgets. You can view the plan at this [link](#). If you have any questions, please email budget@acrd.bc.ca.

- 30 -

For more information, please contact:

Heather Thomson, ACRD Communications Coordinator

250-206-5162

hthomson@acrd.bc.ca

About the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Established in 1966, the **Alberni–Clayoquot Regional District** is in the heart of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. It encompasses more than 6,500 square kilometres, with a population of approximately 31,000. The ACRD consists of member municipalities Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, as well as Bamfield, Beaufort, Long Beach, Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek and Cherry Creek. It was also the first regional district to welcome full participation on the board from the Treaty First Nations of Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Toquaht Nation, The ACRD is within the territory the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations. The ACRD is governed by a fourteen-member Board of Directors that represent the member jurisdictions. The regional district offices are in Port Alberni.