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Paid parking pilot project coming soon to Long Beach Airport

TOFINO – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has contracted Robbins to execute a six-month pilot project to charge vehicle parking fees at the Long Beach Airport Terminal parking lot.

The Long Beach Airport has experienced an increase in overnight and long-term parking related to increased airport activity and passengers. In recent years, there has also been increased parking related to unsanctioned camping activities. To better regulate site activity, save on security costs, and generate revenue, the ACRD has decided to contract Robbins to manage the parking fee system at Long Beach Airport. Robbins currently provides parking services to many communities in BC, including the District of Tofino.

“Our team investigated the possibility of bringing parking fees to Long Beach Airport and recommended a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of this system in meeting our objectives,” explains ACRD Chief Administrative Officer Daniel Sailland. “This pilot project will allow us to explore the long-term feasibility of parking fees at the airport, something that is expected to generate net revenue to the ACRD. This is money that can be re-invested into the airport and other services in the Region.”

The mobile pay parking system will be consistent with the District of Tofino with rates of \$3 for two hours and \$3 for each additional hour up to \$12 for a 24-hour period. These rates will come into effect in mid-July.

In the coming weeks, Robbins will begin installing signage at the airport explaining the parking fees, fines, and procedures. The ACRD will allow a short grace period while people get accustomed to paying fees at the airport. Once that period is over, Robbins will be responsible for all aspects of implementing and enforcing parking at the Long Beach Airport for the duration of the six-month pilot project.

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ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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 of 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.