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**ACRD works to solve water issues for lessee at CYAZ**

PORT ALBERNI – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has been made aware of an issue involving water use at the Tofino/Long Beach Airport (CYAZ).

The issue involves a waterline that goes to a derelict building in close proximity to the Care Network lease. The building is currently serviced by an old military water line that is currently leaking, unstable and scheduled to be abandoned. The ACRD has no intention of turning off the water immediately and has given the lease holder warning that it will happen in the future.

The Care Network connection to the derelict building is unauthorized, and the cost to replace the old military water main is approximately \$20-30,000. The Care Network lease was outside the scope of the water main upgrade, part of a Fire Flow Upgrade supported by the British Columbia Air Access Program (BCAAP).

“Short-term solutions are available and have been discussed with the lease holder,” explains ACRD Chief Administrative Officer Daniel Sailland. “We will not be turning his water off today (Friday), and we will continue to try to work together to find a solution that will work.”

The ACRD and the lease holder entered an intern lease for a three-year period on April 1, 2019. The ACRD is transitioning to renewal dates of July 1, so this lease will be subject to that policy if the lease holder expresses interest in extending their lease. In the lease, the lessee agrees to pay utilities. They also agreed to keep the leased property in good repair. This includes the water infrastructure to the property. The lease holder has not renewed its lease with the Regional District.

We will continue to keep lines of communication open with the lease holder and hope to come up with a temporary situation to fix this issue.

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