



**Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

**Alberni Valley Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011**

**Regional District Board Room**

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Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Hira Chopra, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae.

Staff: Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Officer, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development, Don Anderson, Manager of Environmental Services, Teri Fong, Assistant Accountant.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Correspondence**

2. Letter dated November 23, 2010 from the City of Port Alberni referring a letter dated September 28, 2010 from Bradley Cowan requesting the creation of a new BMX and/or bike park in the Regional District.  
*Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Mr. Cowan be invited to make a presentation to the Board of Directors on his request for a BMX/and or bike park in the region."*

*"Carried"*

**Administration**

3. Administrative Memo regarding zoning the Alberni Valley Airport.  
*Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Alberni Valley Committee recommends that the Board of Directors:*
  - a. *Direct staff to proceed with hiring a consultant to draft an airport zone that will apply to the Alberni Valley and Long Beach Airport, with the costs not to exceed \$5,000.00 and paid for out of the Alberni Valley and Long Beach Airport budget; and*
  - b. *Hire Landworks Consultants to prepare the draft airport zone."*

*"Carried"*

### Reports/Updates

4. The Manager of Environmental Services provided an update on the Alberni Valley Airport. He provided an overview on a proposal to purchase a WAAS system for the Airport. The WAAS system would lower the ceiling height at the Airport. Crack sealing the runway is also proposed in 2011. The new office space at the terminal building is completed and ready to rent. Proposed long term proposals for the Airport include extending the water system to service the lease lots and a sewage disposal system. The Manager also reported on a company that is interested in growing low growth shrubs on the Airport property. There was discussion regarding potential future development at the Airport. Director Cote recommended involving all Airport users in plans for developing the Airport.

*Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the verbal report on the Alberni Valley Airport be received."*

*"Carried"*

### Delegation

5. *Moved by K. McRae, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mr. Doug Moore be invited to address the Alberni Valley Committee."*

*"Carried"*

6. The Manager of Environmental Services introduced Mr. Doug Moore, the author of the Log Train Trail Assessment Report produced for the Regional District in the summer of 2010. Mr. Moore has over 25 years experience working as a trail contractor for Parks Canada building and maintaining trails.
7. Mr. Moore provided an overview of the Long Train Trail Assessment Report. He reported that during three days of inspection of the Trail many different styles of construction were observed. Some of the bridges over creek crossing are newer and capable of carrying vehicular traffic such as pick-up trucks and cars, others built to logging standards, others look barely capable of carrying pedestrians. Mr. Moore recommended that one of the first decisions the Regional District Board needs to make is to determine what type of user groups the Log Train Trail is going to target. Mr. Moore advised that his approach when developing this report was for hiking trails and hiking bridges. A priority rating system was used as follows; 1 – Safety Hazard, 2 – Environmental Damage, 3-User Convenience. Signage was highlighted as a big issue, directional signage is really lacking on the Trail. Mr. Moore reported that his final numbers to bring the Trail up to a "hiking" standard is approximately \$310,000.00. Mr. Moore answered questions from Directors. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Moore for developing the report and his presentation.

*Moved by K. McRae, seconded by M. Kokura, "That staff arrange a tour of the Log Train Trail for the Alberni Valley Directors."*

*"Carried"*

8. Staff will investigate and report back to the Alberni Valley Committee on options for the future of the Log Train Trail. Staff to provide Director McRae with signage requirements on the Log Train Trail for possible ICET funding.

### **Reports/Updates**

9. The Manager of Environmental Services provided an update on activities at the Alberni Valley Landfill in 2010, including the power line relocation project and the paving project on McCoy Lake Road. The Manager advised that staff are currently working on AV Landfill budget issues for this year. There are a few big ticket items coming up that will be dealt with during the 2011 budget process.

*Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, "That the verbal report on the Alberni Valley Landfill be received."*

*"Carried"*

### **New Business**

10. Director McRae reported on the sale of Port Fish. The purchase will affect 200 people in the Alberni Valley. Mayor McRae advised that the City of Port Alberni and Port Alberni Port Authority are in discussions with the new owners of the Ucluelet Fish Plant and Port Fish to try and keep jobs in the community.

*Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the verbal report from Director McRae on the sale of Port Fish be received."*

*"Carried"*

### **Adjournment**

11. *Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."*

*"Carried"*

12. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Glenn Wong,  
 Chairperson

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Russell Dyson,  
 Chief Administrative Officer