



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## HIGHWAY CONNECTOR COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012, 2:00 PM

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

### AGENDA

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| <b>1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>   |        |
| <b>2. <u>PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS &amp; PRESENTATIONS</u></b>  |        |
| a. <b>Mr. Darren Deluca, Director, Mr. Zoran Knezevic, Port Manager, Port Alberni Port Authority regarding overview of Port Alberni Port Authority's Transportation Committee.</b> |        |
| <i>THAT Mr. Deluca and Mr. Knezevic, Port Alberni Port Authority be invited to address the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Highway Connector Committee.</i>                    |        |
| <b>3. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION</u></b>   |        |
| a. <b>PORT ALBERNI PORT AUTHORITY</b>  | 1      |
| Port Alberni Port Authority News Release, October 11, 2012 regarding Port Alberni Port Authority Releases Connector Highway Studies (Reports on ACRD Website)                      |        |
| <i>THAT this correspondence be received.</i>   |        |
| <b>5. <u>REPORTS</u></b>   |        |
| a. <b>Ring Road – Highway 4 to Ship Creek Road Proposal from R.F. Binnie &amp; Associates – Verbal Update (R. Dyson)</b>   | 2-4    |
| <i>THAT the Highway Connector Committee receives the Ring Road – Highway 4 to Ship Creek Road Proposal from R. F. Binnie &amp; Associates and Verbal Report from R. Dyson.</i>     |        |
| b. <b>Other Reports</b>  |        |
| <b>6. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b>  |        |
| <i>(requires 2/3 majority vote)</i>  |        |
| <b>7. <u>ADJOURN</u></b>   |        |



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**October 11, 2012**

**Port Alberni Port Authority Releases Connector Highway Studies**

**PORT ALBERNI** – The Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) is actively investigating initiatives to capture the economic opportunities that may be available to the community through leveraging the port's capacity and natural geographic advantages. Based on early industry feedback PAPA recognizes that increasing its economic activities and contributions to the community will realistically result in new trucking traffic.

In order for such growth to be most effective and efficient while having as low as possible safety, environmental and social impacts there must be investments made to improve our regional and local transportation infrastructure. Therefore, as part of its due diligence and in addition to its participation in the Regional Transportation Committee PAPA commissioned R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd to study alternate transportation connections from Port Alberni and Highway 4 to the Inland Island Highway 19. Attached for public review are the two, respective, Final Reports:

1. Highway 19 Connector to Highway 4 via Horne & Lacey Lake Route Study and;
2. Highway 19 Connector to Highway 4 Haggard Route Coupled with Lacey Lake Route Study

Each of these studies provides a conceptual design and cost estimate for their routes. The Port Alberni Port Authority invested in these studies for consideration by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and the City of Port Alberni as each examines various options and opportunities for investment in a community industrial "ring road" and new Harbour Road, respectively. Such investments would, ultimately, provide effective and efficient industrial transportation linkages in and out of Port Alberni.

The Port Alberni Port Authority will continue to champion the community's efforts to develop a comprehensive Transportation Infrastructure Strategy with senior levels of government in collaboration with local and regional government partners.

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**Attention: Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Re: Ring Road – Highway 4 to Ship Creek Road**

Dear Mr. Dyson

Thank-you for the recent meeting we had to discuss the Ring Road Project connecting Highway 4 to Ship Creek Road. Binnie is very excited to work for the ACRD on this project and very much look forward to working with you and the various stakeholders to examine the various options.

### **Scope of Work**

Binnie will investigate the options shown on the orthophoto plans provided at the meeting. The routes are roughly described as follows:

- The route in yellow that goes directly from the Chrysler dealership on Highway 4 past the top of Burde Street, and onto Ship Creek Road. Towards the South end of this route, we will look at a connecting road to the Cameron Main in the vicinity of Bainbridge Lake.
- The route in Red which exits Highway 4 just west of Coombs Country Candy Store and then follows existing logging road networks to a point where one spur will go to Ship Creek Road, and the other to join in with Cameron Main.
- We will also look at joining the second option from further east on Highway 4 by the access road to the shooting range as this may be the most direct route.

To investigate the routes we will:

- Request digital mapping for the area from Island Timberlands. It is essential that we acquire the digital mapping to do the necessary design work.
- Review locations to exit the Highway 4 with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to ensure the locations meet the highway design criteria.
- Research the location of the water mains from Bainbridge Lake to try to avoid conflicts with this water main. This will be done through the City of Port Alberni.
- Investigate areas of private landownership within the project limits, especially along Ship Creek Road to ensure that the alignment does not adversely affect current home locations and private property.

- Provide cost estimates for the various options.
- Meet with the ACRD and Transportation Committee to review the options prior to finalizing the report.
- Write a report summarizing the design issues, benefits, and challenges of the route or routes.
- Provide drawings of the alignments and profiles, and cross sections if required.
- The goal would be to deliver the final report by January 31, 2013, this largely being based on the availability of the digital mapping.

#### Cost Estimate

We estimate that this assignment will require:

Approximately 70 hours for our Design Technician at \$95.00/hr. = \$6,650.00

Approximately 18 hours of my time as Project Manager at \$125.00/hr. = \$2,250.00

Review of design by Binnie Senior Traffic Engineer (In Burnaby) 8 hours at \$135.00/hr = \$1,080.00

The total project cost is estimated at \$9,980.00.

We trust that this will meet with your approval. Please advise if this price is acceptable and we will proceed diligently with the work.

Yours truly,  
**R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd.**

Mike Newton.,  
Senior Project Manager

