



**MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2013, 9:00AM**

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

MEMBERS

Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair

PRESENT:

Darren DeLuca, PA Port Authority, Co-Chair
Neil Malbon, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
Bob Cole, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
Randy Orr, Island Timberlands
Rob Cole, City of Port Alberni
Bill Irving, Mayor, District of Ucluelet
Harold Frechette, Western Forest Products
Justin Kumagai, Western Forest Products
Brian Chipman, Catalyst Paper
Mike Lang, Port Alberni Labour Council
Gillian Trumper, Port Alberni Port Authority
Deb Foxcroft, Tseshaht First Nation
Cindy Stern, Tseshaht First Nation
Warren Lauder, Hupacasatah First Nation

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer
Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: B. Irving

SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of the following late time: traffic on Indian Avenue and Josephine Street.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. **Transportation Committee Meeting held Thursday, May 2, 2013**

MOVED: B. Irving

SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

- a. **Ring Road Connector – Highway 4 To Franklin River Road Route Study – Conceptual Design & Cost Estimate - R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd. (deferred at May 2nd, 2013 meeting)**

Input and discussion:

- Island Timberlands

R. Orr provided a written report (attached) outlining Western Forest Products' preferred option for the Ring Road Route. He provided the rationale behind Option 1 being their preferred Ring Road Route.

- Western Forest Products – No Input
- Catalyst Paper – No Input
- Other - C. Stern raised concern with the proximity of Option 1 to Polly's Point.

MOVED: D. Deluca

SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the Committee request the ACRD and Port Alberni Port Authority to continue the investigation of Ring Road Option 1.

CARRIED

- b. **Preferred Highway 4 Connector Route**

Input and discussion:

- Island Timberlands

R. Orr provided a written report from Island Timberlands (attached). The preferred Horne Lake Connector Route from their perspective is the "Lacey Lake Route".

- Western Forest Products

H. Frechette provided a written submission from Western Forest Products (attached). Western Forest Products supports the alternate route proposal

and feel there could be significant savings in transportation costs due to easier flow of products to and from their division.

- Catalyst Paper

B. Chipman provided a written submission from Catalyst Paper strongly supporting a second highway into the Alberni Valley (attached). Opportunities and benefits were discussed.

MOVED: B. Irving

SECONDED: R. Orr

THAT the company reports regarding the Horne Lake Connector Route be received.

CARRIED

MOVED: B. Irving

SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the Committee forward letters to local governments, first nations and industry in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region requesting support for the Horne Lake Connector and offer the Co-Chairs to meet with their organization upon request.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed whether or not to put forward a preferred route when meeting with the Minister or just to put forward all studies routes. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the three Highway 4 Connector route options.

D. Deluca advised that the Port Alberni Port Authority is conducting a business case of the three proposed connector routes. The report should be completed shortly and he will share with the Committee.

MOVED: B. Irving

SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee tentatively support the Lacey Lake Route as the preferred Highway 4 connector route.

CARRIED

c. Next Steps – Lobbying Highway 4 Connector

The Committee discussed preparations and next steps for a meeting with the new Ministry of Transportation. C. Stern recommended going to the Minister with the Committees preferred option and key criteria for the preferred option. B. Cole advised that the safety aspect needs to be included. B. Irving added that economic values need to be included. R. Dyson will ask Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni Economic Development Officer to assist the Committee with preparations for the meeting with the Minister of Transportation.

- **Engaging a Consultant – Economic Impact Study**

MOVED: B. Irving
SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the Committee recommends that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) hire a consultant to complete an economic impact study of the Highway 4 connector route to a maximum cost of \$5,000.00 from the PAPA's contributed funds in support of the Transportation Study.

CARRIED

MOVED: B. Irving
SECONDED: D. Deluca

THAT the Committee instruct staff to request a meeting with the new Minister of Transportation as soon as the new Minister is appointed by the Province.

CARRIED

- **Public Consultation**

The Committee discussed the public consultation process and developing a communications strategy.

ACRD Staff will invite the following individuals to the next Committee meeting: Johnathan Tillie, Ministry of Transportation and Area "H" Director, Bill Veenhoff.

G. Trumper will contact Joe Stanhope, Chair, Nanaimo Regional District and invite to the next Committee meeting.

- **Tour of the preferred Route**

R. Orr will arrange a tour of the proposed highway 4 connector route. He will conduct a pre-tour and get back to the Committee on possible dates.

d. **Port Alberni RCMP Detachment – Hwy 4 Closures**

MOVED: B. Irving
SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee receives the Port Alberni RCMP Detachment Highway 4 Closures report.

CARRIED

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Safety Concern – Indian Avenue and Josephine Street**

It was recommended that this issue be referred to the City of Port Alberni Transportation Advisory Committee.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC at 9:00 am.

7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.