



## MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

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

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### MEMBERS

Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair

### PRESENT:

Neil Malbon, 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

Brian Chipman, Catalyst Paper

Mike Lang, Port Alberni Labour Council

### STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer

Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

J. McLeman, Co-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were conducted around the table.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*MOVED: B. Irving*

*SECONDED: N. Malbon*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

The Co-Chair advised this meeting was called prior to the provincial election in order get everything in place to meet the new Minister of Transportation immediately following the election to lobby for the new connector highway.

### 4. ADMINISTRATION

#### a. **Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee – Terms of Reference.**

The Terms of Reference for the Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee was reviewed by the Committee.

## 5. **REPORTS**

### a. **Ring Road Connector – Highway 4 To Franklin River Road Route Study – Conceptual Design & Cost Estimate - R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd.**

The Committee reviewed the report prepared by R. F. Binnie and Associates and discussed the 3 proposed route options outlined in the report.

*MOVED: R. Cole*

*SECONDED: R. Orr*

*THAT the Ring Road Connector – Highway 4 to Franklin River Road Route Study be referred to the next Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee meeting and Island Timberlands, Western Forest Products and Catalyst Paper representatives be requested to report back at the next Committee meeting on their companies preferred option for the ring road and magnitude of use.*

**CARRIED**

### b. **Highway Connector Discussion**

The Committee reviewed the two proposed highway connector routes. R. Orr advised that Island Timberland's preferred option is the proposed second route around Lacy Lake. The Committee discussed the preferred route and steps moving forward in order to meet with the new Minister of Transportation immediately following the election.

Regional District staff will invite Chair of the Nanaimo Regional District and the Director for Electoral Area "H" (Shaw Hill, Deep Bay, Bowser) to the next Committee meeting.

#### **Proposed Next Steps:**

- Determine the preferred Highway Connector Route;
- Engage consultant to conduct an economic impact study of the preferred route (R. Dyson to contact the Ministry of Transportation for names of possible engineers to conduct the study and cost estimate);
- Public consultation - meet with property owners, First Nations and local governments impacted by the route;
- Select a lobby group from amongst Committee members to prepare and present to the Minister of Transportation.

The Committee discussed preparations for the meeting with the new Minister of Transportation.

Island Timberlands, Western Forest Products and Catalyst Paper agreed to bring back written comments on their companies' preferred highway connector route to the next Committee meeting.

Regional District staff will invite the local ICBC representative to the next Committee meeting to report their stats on accidents and highway closures from Port Alberni to Coombs.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

The Committee will discuss arranging a tour of the preferred highway connector route at the next meeting.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board Room.

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.