



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cindy Solda, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
Mike Kokura, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)
Penny Cote, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
John McNabb, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
Lucas Banton, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
Jack McLeman, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

REGRETS: John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Daniel, Manager of Environmental Services
Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development
Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services
Mark Fortune, Long Beach Airport
Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni, Economic Development Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Mr. Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager, City of Port Alberni regarding Economic Development Activities in the Alberni Valley - Update.**

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director McLeman

THAT Mr. Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager, City of Port Alberni be invited to address the Alberni Valley Committee.

CARRIED

Mr. Deakin advised he was here today to discuss a number of economic development issues and opportunities in the Alberni Valley (AV) electoral areas. He noted that this is not the strategic planning session that was discussed at a recent ACRD Board meeting. Mr. Deakin reported that he reviewed all of the Official Community Plans for the AV electoral areas to identify economic issues and opportunities. He said that one of the economic barriers he identified was the lack of water for agricultural development.

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the agricultural priorities raised by the City of Port Alberni Economic Development Manager be referred to the Agricultural Development Committee to identify recommendations for the Alberni Valley.

CARRIED

Director Cote entered the meeting at 10:39 am.

Mr. Deakin discussed the key economic sectors identified in the OCP's – Agriculture, Industry and Forestry. He requested input from Directors on economic issues and opportunities in their areas which need addressing. Discussions ensued.

Mr. Deakin reported on the Business Retention Survey being conducted in the City of Port Alberni and provided an overview of statistics that have been collected from local businesses – Business Challenges and Historical Sales Trends data. The City plans to compare this data with other communities of similar size that have conducted similar surveys.

Mr. Deakin provided the Committee with copies of economic development recommendations and priorities in the region which can be reviewed during the proposed strategic planning session.

MOVED: Director McLeman

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT the City of Port Alberni Economic Development Manager reports be received.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

- a. **Alberni Valley Flying Club Invitation to attend the 2nd Annual Alberni Valley Regional Airport Open House.**

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT the Alberni Valley Committee receive the invitation.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

a. Alberni Valley Landfill Update – A. Daniel (Verbal)

The Manager of Environmental Services provided an update on the Alberni Valley Landfill.

- Devils Den - the site has been cleaned up by the province and recyclable tire material removed and access into the building has been blocked. The ACRD accommodated disposal of waste at the Landfill. The perimeter is secured with large tires which have not yet been buried in soil.
- Solid Waste Management Plan – a review and update of the plan is part of the budget this year – Staff is working on a RFP and will re-instate the Solid Waste Management Committee to work on the project with the consultant.
- Expansion of North East side of the landfill – The working face is being moved to the NE site. Gravel was brought in to create positive drainage and two wells are being drilled to monitor leachate impacts.
- DL307 (Property next to Devils Den) – An agreement was reached with Tseshaht First Nation for gravel extraction on this site. The Tseshaht First Nation has removed timber from site and two years worth of gravel moved to the Landfill. Staff were able to convince the province not to charge royalties on the gravel, a savings of over \$200,000.

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT the verbal report on the Alberni Valley Landfill be received.

CARRIED

b. Alberni Valley Airport

- **Update – A. Daniel (Verbal)**
- **Correspondence from Alberni Valley Soaring Association regarding request for Facility Improvements**
- **Thunder In The Valley – A. Daniel (Verbal)**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief summary on the Alberni Valley Airport. He highlighted a number of issues that require addressing at the Airport. Most of the debt for constructing the Airport has been paid off.

The Manager of Environmental Services provided a progress report on the Airport including sign age improvements, grading, seeding and fertilizing. The Regional District website is being updated to include user groups at the Airport. Proposed projects for 2013 include: replacing fence posts around the perimeter, drainage and culverts, crack sealing, brushing and tree removal.

The Manager of Environmental Services reported on letters received from Airport user groups requesting improvements to lighting and the implementation of a GPS system at the AV Airport.

Mr. Fortune reported on options and cost implications of improved lighting and implementation of a GPS system at the AV Landfill. He noted that user groups at the Airport are split down the middle as to what type of infrastructure they would like at the Airport. Mr. Fortune reported that Coulson's has also requested a runway extension. This would be a fairly cost effective project for the Regional District.

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT the Alberni Valley Committee direct staff to develop a proposal for consulting services to conduct a business case and risk assessment for capital improvements at the AV Airport with the process to include consultation with current and potential users at Airport.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director McLeman

THAT the Alberni Valley Committee direct staff to work with the City of Port Alberni Economic Development Manager to develop a promotional display and informational booth in the Alberni Valley Terminal Building during the Alberni Valley Flying Club Open House on June 23, 2013.

CARRIED

The Manager of Environmental Services provided a brief update on Thunder in Valley. The event is held the second weekend each year in August. He discussed improvements the AV Drag Racing Association is doing at the AV Airport.

MOVED: Director McLeman

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the verbal reports be received.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. IN-CAMERA

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to:

- i. Information that is prohibited from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.*

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 12:25 pm

8. RE-OPEN THE MEETING

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 12:42 pm

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT staff be instructed to write a letter on behalf of the Alberni Valley Committee to the parks branch to clean up Stamp Falls Provincial Park.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT this meeting be adjourned 12:43 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Cindy N. Solda,
Chairperson

Russell Dyson,
Chief Administrative Officer