



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Cindy Solda, Councillor, City of Port Alberni  
Mike Kokura, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)  
John McNabb, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)  
Lucas Banton, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)  
Jack McLeman, Councillor, City of Port Alberni  
Wilfred Cootes, Observer, Uchucklesaht First Nation

**REGRETS:** Penny Cote, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)  
John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

**STAFF PRESENT:** Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracy Bond, Administrative Assistant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*MOVED: Director Kokura*

*SECONDED: Director Banton*

*THAT the agenda be approved.*

**CARRIED**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Ms. Bernadette Wyton, Air Quality Council regarding Future of Air Quality Council and Options for a Regional Role.**

R. Dyson advised that Ms. Wyton will be stepping down as Chair of the Air Quality Council. Ms. Wyton is here today to discuss the future of the Air Quality Council.

The Chair thanked Ms. Wyton for her hard work and dedication with the Air Quality Council. Ms. Wyton indicated that although she is stepping down she

will be available as a resource. Director McNabb, as the Regional District representative on the Council, thanked Ms. Wyton. Mr. McNabb indicated that it was going to be extremely difficult to replace Ms. Wyton and told Ms. Wyton she was highly respected in environmental issues not only in our community but outside our community as well.

Ms. Wyton thanked the Alberni Valley Committee for meeting with her. The Air Quality Council would like Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Director's support and requests the Board actively assist the Council in continuing their work. Without the operating body there would be no control or direction within our air shed. The working group is highly respected outside the region by many groups including the Ministry of Environment. A coordinator position is proposed. This could be a part time position for 2014. Most of the work is throughout the winter. Ms Wyton suggests the position could be for five or six months, two to three days a week. There may be a possibility of some funding from the Ministry of Environment. The ideal candidate should have a science background and an environmental background would be perfect.

Ms. Wyton discussed air shed planning management. There are many issues to facilitate in air shed management. The air quality monitoring station at Alberni Elementary has been extremely helpful to the community. Air has no boundaries so it makes sense to harmonize planning in the Alberni Valley between the Regional District and the City of Port Alberni. Air shed management would be a good process to involve the Alberni Valley First Nations in.

*MOVED: Director McNabb*

*SECONDED: Director Banton*

*THAT the Alberni Valley Committee support the future of the Air Quality Council and the City of Port Alberni be consulted to discuss options for the continuation of the Air Quality Council.*

**CARRIED**

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION**

## **6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS**

- a. Request for Decision regarding Tsunami Warning System – China Creek Marina and Campground** (Referred October 9, 2013 Board Meeting).

*MOVED: Director McNabb*

*SECONDED: Director Banton*

*THAT the Alberni Valley Committee refer the City of Port Alberni's offer to make available to the ACRD used Tsunami Warning System (TWS) components*

*adequate to assemble a five-stack TWS station to be installed at China Creek Marina and Campground to the Port Alberni Port Authority for consideration of funding.*

**CARRIED**

**7. REPORTS**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. LATE BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Kokura  
SECONDED: Director McNabb*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Certified Correct:

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Cindy N. Solda,  
Chairperson

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Russell Dyson,  
Chief Administrative Officer