



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## ALBERNI VALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014, 10:00 AM

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

### AGENDA

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<b>1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	
<b>Recognition of Traditional Territories.</b>	
<b>2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b> <i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i>	
<b>3. <u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u></b>	
a. <b>Alberni Valley Committee Meeting held August 27, 2014</b>	<b>3-5</b>
<i>THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley Committee meeting held on August 27, 2014 be adopted.</i>	
<b>4. <u>PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS &amp; PRESENTATIONS (10 minute maximum)</u></b>	
<b>5. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION</u></b>	
<b>6. <u>REQUEST FOR DECISIONS &amp; BYLAWS</u></b>	
<b>7. <u>REPORTS</u></b>	
a. <b>Administrative Memorandum</b>	<b>6-9</b>
Re:    Complaint regarding Rubber Removal at Alberni Valley Regional Airport.	
<i>THAT the Alberni Valley Committee receives this memorandum.</i>	
<b>8. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></b>	
<b>9. <u>IN-CAMERA</u></b>	
<i>Motion to close the meeting to discuss matters relating to:</i>	
i.     Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a Regional District service that are at their preliminary stages, disclosure of which the Board considers could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public.	

10. **RE-OPEN THE MEETING**
11. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA**
12. **ADJOURN**



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

Alberni Valley Regional Airport, 7400 Airport Road, Port Alberni, BC

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**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)  
Rob Cole, Alternate Director, Councillor, City of Port Alberni  
Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Teri Fong, Manager of Finance  
Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Pat Deakin, Economic Development Officer  
Ken Brett, Airport Caretaker

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

**The Chairperson recognized the meeting this afternoon is being held in the Hupacasath First Nation traditional territories.**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)*

*MOVED: Director McNabb*

*SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of the following late item: correspondence from Greenmax Resources regarding potential impacts due to the proposed airport expansion.*

**CARRIED**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4. **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (10 minute maximum)**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION**

**a. Greenmax Resources regarding Potential Impacts of Runway Extension**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of Greenmax Resources license at the Alberni Valley Airport. Greenmax Resources requests the Regional District consider their concerns regarding the proposed runway extension and consultation.

*MOVED: Director McNabb*

*SECONDED: Director Kokura*

*THAT a letter be forwarded to Greenmax Resources advising the Regional District recognizes their concerns regarding the proposed runway extension and potential impacts to their operations and they will be included in the consultation process.*

**CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS**

**a. Update on GPS & Runway Extension Studies (verbal report)**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided the Committee with an update on the Alberni Valley Airport GPS system and runway extension report. The runway extension report being conducted by Tetra Tech will outline three options for the extension including impacts and associated costs. The report will be completed in September.

*MOVED: Director Cote*

*SECONDED: Director Banton*

*THAT this verbal report be received.*

**CARRIED**

**7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS**

**a. Report - Coulson Group of Companies -Request for 2014 Runway Extension**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of Coulson Group of Companies request to the ACRD to complete a 500' runway extension in order that they may accommodate a contract for outfitting a C130 Hercules at their facilities at the airport in December 2014.

The Committee discussed possible funding options for the proposed runway expansion. The Economic Development Officer reported on possible use of ICET funds.

The meeting recessed at 12:26 pm to witness a C130 Hercules fly over the Alberni Valley Regional Airport.

The meeting re-convened at 12:29 pm.

*MOVED: Director McNabb*  
*SECONDED: Director Kokura*

*THAT the request from Coulson Group of Companies for an expansion to the Alberni Valley Airport runway be deferred until the Alberni Valley Airport Runway Extension report is received from Tetra Tech Airport Groups.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Cole*  
*SECONDED: Director Kokura*

*THAT a letter be forwarded to Mr. Wayne Coulson, Coulson Group of Companies thanking him for the tour of their operations and advising the ACRD is committed to long term investment and development at the Alberni Valley Airport and awaits the report for Tetra Tech to consider the runway extension options.*

**CARRIED**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Kokura*  
*SECONDED: Director Banton*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned 12:38 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Cindy N. Solda,  
Chairperson

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Russell Dyson,  
Chief Administrative Officer



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Alberni Valley Directors  
**From:** Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Manager of Finance  
**Date:** September 8, 2014  
**Subject:** Complaint Regarding Rubber Removal at AVRA

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The Regional District received various complaints regarding the impact that the rubber removal had on the Thunder in the Valley event after the event occurred this August. The majority of the complaints were received by telephone but attached is an emailed complaint with a response that was developed Mark Fortune, Airport Superintendent. This response was provided to the complainant.

Submitted by:   
Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Manager of Finance

## Teri Fong

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**From:** Teri Fong  
**Sent:** September-08-14 2:15 PM  
**To:** 'lgschley@shaw.ca'  
**Subject:** FW: Past racing at Airport  
**Attachments:** Drag Racing and the Alberni Valley Regional Airport.pdf

Hi Gary,

We appreciate the time you took to convey your concerns regarding the maintenance at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport and the impact on the Thunder in the Valley event. Please find attached a response that was developed by our Airport Superintendent that will be provided to the Alberni Valley Directors at their next meeting. If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Regards,

*Teri Fong, CPA, CGA*

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**From:** Cindy Solda <[cindysolda@me.com](mailto:cindysolda@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 11:23 PM  
**To:** Russell Dyson; Wendy Thomson; Penny Cote  
**Subject:** Fwd: Past racing at Airport

Cindy Solda  
City Councillor  
Port Alberni

City or ACRD  
Email  
[Cindy\\_Solda@portalberni.ca](mailto:Cindy_Solda@portalberni.ca)

Personal Email  
[cindysolda@me.com](mailto:cindysolda@me.com)  
250 731-6715

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laurie Schley <[lgschley@shaw.ca](mailto:lgschley@shaw.ca)>  
**Date:** August 13, 2014 at 8:17:41 PM PDT  
**To:** [cindysolda@me.com](mailto:cindysolda@me.com)  
**Subject:** Past racing at Airport

Hi, Cindy;

I was in attendance at the races at the Airport last weekend and find it necessary ( not like me ) to let you know how disappointed I was with whomever was responsible in removing the rubber from the runway.

I don't know if it was by not knowing how dangerous the out-come , or intensional it was but I know as a Racer of 40 yrs. the possible disaster that could have been.

I was a resident of 28 years in P.A. , am 62 years old & race a 8 second car at 162 miles per hour . There was 25 of us racing in our class (some faster ) , only 12 wanted to try opening up their cars due to track conditions.

Very likely they will not be back as well as many more including myself as it took 13 years to put that rubber down so our faster cars could come here & it won't change now for many more. Truly a shame for P.A.

This could be the beginning of the end for this event that many of us had such high hopes for and such a shame as I am very aware of what kind of revenue it generates for your City.

You may not know but this could have escalated into a 5-8 time per year event if handled properly,.....I'm sure we all can do the math.

This could have been done in a much safer way if the Race Club had of been involved. If it was to make the white lines more visible there is a paint that will stick to the rubber.

Just so you know (if you didn't ) the track offered the racers that never wanted to continue racing an additional \$400.00 to offset the cost to come here. (PER VEHICLE ) To my knowledge there was 10 in our class.

I'm not sure how this can be fixed but I sure see the damage that was done.....SAD DAY IN PORT ALBERNI !! .....I am very happy that the people racing took extra precautions going down the track.

Regards ,

Gary Schley.

250-741-4100

## **Drag Racing and the Alberni Valley Regional Airport (CBS8)**

September 8, 2014

The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has received some complaints regarding the maintenance performed at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport (AVRA) from members of the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association and attendees to the Thunder in the Valley Drag Racing event related to the removal of rubber from the runway.

The following highlights the ACRD activities conducted in 2014:

- Concerns were identified by aviation patrons regarding the excessive amount of rubber build up at the threshold of runway 30. This build up poses a danger to turbo fan (jet) operations and therefore increases the liability risk to the ACRD.
- 13+ years of Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association (AVDRA) rubber deposits had created over ¼" loose and flaking rubber patches. Much of the deposit originated from when the burnout box was on the runway – before the AVDRA constructed the concrete burnout box now used. No maintenance program had been in place to remove or address this build up.
- The ACRD initiated a maintenance program to return the runway surface to its pre drag racing condition and to maintain the runway surface in a safe condition for airport operators.
- Specialized rubber removal technology utilized on other airfields was mobilized to remove the years of rubber deposits, especially within the first 500' of the runway threshold.
- Upon rubber removal the runway wear surface was found to be damaged due to heat transfer (rubber depositing). Seal coating of damaged areas was carried out and runway markings were re-established by the ACRD.
- A maintenance program has now been established to correct any deficiencies arising from the AVDRA use of the AVRA. As part of the new maintenance program an inspection of the runway surface was performed post event. Moderate rubber deposits to the runway surface were identified requiring the replacement of two threshold markings and associated paint touch-ups.
- The ACRD permitted the Alberni Valley Drag Race Association to conduct a test and tune event July 30 and was in communication with the AVDRA throughout the above operations at the AVRA.

If the current rate AVDRA rubber deposits to the AVRA remain consistent, future rubber removal may be required on a five year cycle. This schedule is open to change as the ACRD responds to requests for changes in infrastructure and service levels at the airport including the upgrades that are currently being considered for the Airport. While the Board of Directors of the ACRD have been supportive of the AVDRA use of the airport, runway / aviation operational environment takes precedence at the AVRA.

Mark Fortune  
Alberni Clayoquot regional District  
Airport Superintendent