



**MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2013, 9:00AM**

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

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**MEMBERS**

Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair

**PRESENT:**

Darren Deluca, Port Alberni Port Authority, Co-Chair

Neil Malbon, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Bob Cole, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Bill Irving, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Mike Lang, Port Alberni Labour Council

Lucas Banton, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)

Rob Cole, City of Port Alberni

Harold Frechette, Western Forest Products

Ken Watson, City of Port Alberni

**GUEST:**

Mike Newton, Binnie Engineering

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Shelli Lyle, Administrative Assistant, ACRD

Russell Dyson, CAO, ACRD

Robert Gunn, Committee Secretariat

Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager, City of Port Alberni

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOVED: Rob Cole*

*SECONDED: Mike Lang*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the following changes:  
Item 6a preparation for January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting be moved to the last item  
to discuss.*

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**a. Transportation Committee Meeting held July 30, 2013.**

*MOVED: Rob Cole*

*SECONDED: Bill Irving*

*THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on*

*July 30, 2013 be adopted with amendments.*

**CARRIED**

**4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION**

**6. REPORTS**

**a. Preparation for January 15th Meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary Jordan Sturdy, MLA**

The meeting will take place January 15 @ 2:30 at the Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo, BC in the Malahat Room 8 – 10 people. The objective will be to put us on the radar for the connector and to gain a meeting with the Minister.

Planning is underway to prepare an agenda, a briefing binder which includes letters of support, studies, business cases, etc. and a 3-5 minute video. J. McLeman and D. DeLuca to finalize invite list 8-10 members.

**b. Member Updates (verbal)**

D. DeLuca reported the Trade mission to China was quite successful.

P. Deakin reported the results from the business survey demonstrate merchants are unanimous in thinking a second road would improve the business environment.

R. Cole reported Island Timberlands is definitely on side and want to continue working with the committee. Their priority is the connector and want to keep selling the whole plan, road network.

L. Banton reported to Cherry Creek Improvement District supports the ring road if the road is upstream of the highway there will be no issue however if its downstream of the highway there will be some challenges, need protection built into the plan so the costs aren't on Cherry Creek residents.

R. Dyson reported the ACRD is involved with a transportation study the AC Health Network is conducting. The Health Network is trying to improve the indicators of health, their number one priority in improving health is transportation. A contractor has been hired and will be conducting interviews of all stakeholders to determine synergies and opportunities. Results will be presented in late February early March with recommendations.

D. DeLuca reported a technical review of all studies will be conducted.

K. Watson reported the Harbor Road is still in planning stages.

**b. Presentation to the Comox Valley Mayors – Darren DeLuca (verbal)**

D. DeLuca reported he, J. McLeman and P. Deakin attended the Comox Valley

Mayors' meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> and delivered a presentation and gained support in principle for the proposed route

c. **PAPA Business Case Study 3 – Darren Deluca** (verbal)

D. Deluca reported a business case “Alberni Connector Highway 19 to Highway 4” -June 5, 2013 was prepared by Peter Lyle and will be released after the PAPA meeting Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

e. **Vancouver Island Transportation Strategy (VITS) – Darren Deluca/Jack McLeman** (verbal)

The purpose of this strategy is to assess the condition and performance of the existing Vancouver Island transportation system, identify key improvement priorities and opportunities and develop a series of short, medium and long term deliverable and achievable transportation initiatives for implementation over the next ten years.

Concern regarding the successful proponent, who is the project director and is this going to be a fair process we need to stay on top of who is involved, is there representation from health, economic development, employers, communities, etc.

f. **Draft Transportation Committee Stakeholder and Communications Matrix**

R. Gunn will maintain the Transportation Committee Stakeholder and Communications Matrix and distribute.

*MOVED: Rob Cole*  
*SECONDED: Bill Irving*

*THAT the Transportation Committee receives reports a – f.*

**CARRIED**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting will be at the call of the Co-Chairs.

9. **ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Rob Cole*  
*SECONDED: Bill Irving*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned 10:20 am.*

***CARRIED***