



Wednesday, November 3, 2021
7:00pm → Rollin Art Centre
Minutes

Attending:

Bert Simpson
Bill Collette
Colin Schult
Dan Washington
Gareth Flostrand
Ken Watson
Nancy Blair
Pam Craig
Penny Cote
Willa Thorpe (staff)

Regrets:
Ed Ross

Called to order: 7:03pm

1. Moved by Pam that the agenda of the November 3, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Ken that the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business
 - a. Train Station
 - i. Awaiting class B cost estimate for the construction work
 - ii. RFP for a Construction Manager is live
 1. Closes on November 5
 2. Awarding contract on November 12
 - iii. RFP for prospective tenants is being drafted by the Economic Development department; no timeline yet on distribution/closing dates
4. Correspondence – none
5. New Business – none
6. Reports
 - a. Museum
 - i. Exhibits:
 1. Body Language: Reawakening Cultural Tattooing of Northwest Coast – circulated by the Bill Reid Gallery – offering school programs starting October 8; exhibit closes December 11.
 2. Our next exhibit is Snapshots of Canada an exhibit from the Canadian Museum of History. Paul Henderson scores the winning



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goal in the 1972 Summit Series. A little boy runs after his father marching off to war. Terry Fox is silhouetted by headlights of a police cruiser on his Marathon of Hope. Exploring unforgettable moments in our history, the travelling exhibition Snapshots of Canada pairs compelling images with texts by well-known authors, journalists and historians. Images ranging from high drama to simple joy are tangible reminders of the triumphs, failures and sacrifices that have shaped our country. This exhibit runs January to April, 2022.

- ii. Christmas Zocial – our second virtual Christmas Social will be held virtually on Wednesday December 8, using a similar format to last year. We are planning on adding Heritage Awards this year.
- iii. Plymouth Locomotive – the locomotive was moved to Ladysmith on Saturday, October 30th – thank you so much to IHS members in working hard to make the go smoothly. This is a five-year loan with an option to renew.
- iv. Museum Upper Gallery re-opens Tuesday, November 2 – all of the catalogue books have been re-installed throughout the museum.
- v. The first working meeting with the team developing the Alberni Residential School Survivor Memories of George Clutesi project was held October 15th with representatives of the Clutesi family, local residential school survivors' group, University of Victoria, Royal BC Museum, the Bateman Gallery and AV Museum staff. The exhibit will open in June 2022 at the Bateman Gallery and in Port Alberni the following spring.
- vi. Museum staff have all been attending the virtual BC Museums Association conference – virtual sessions have been held every Thursday in October.
- vii. Staff will be attending a virtual conference with the Toronto Film Circuit to re-start Film Fest and we are still targeting a January or Winter 2022 start
- viii. Programs: tours for the Body Language Exhibit and our Pioneer Christmas school program will be offered and some public programming and will look to having more in place in the new year.
- ix. Continuing to work with the Nanaimo Museum and Darrell Ross in repatriating the artefact back to this community.
- x. Promotional Material for Museum programs and 2022 Heritage Fair going out soon.



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b. School District

- i. The K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policy has been received in SD70 Pacific Rim from the B.C. Public Sector Employers Association. The Board will be discussing it at our next Board meeting on Nov 9 at the in-camera meeting. A vaccine policy is a workplace health and safety measure and must allow time for consultation with all partner groups. This is a very complex matter to consider and it will take time.
- ii. The seismic upgrades at UES and USS in Ucluelet are on time and on budget. There have been minor issues with getting supplies out to the coast given the road construction as well as shortages of steel. The changes are very impactful to see as the new school is taking shape visually.
- iii. The new day care at Tsuma-as Elementary is about half done with opening still scheduled for January 2022.
- iv. A new Outdoor Play Space was opened Oct 26th at EJ Dunn. A \$50,000.00 MCFD Rapid Renovation Grant was received by AV Learning Lab Preschool at EJ Dunn Elementary. Students will be spending lots of time outside which has a huge effect on everyone's Mental Health and especially young students.

c. Community Arts Council

- i. Rollin Art Centre hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ii. CURRENT EXHIBIT
October 5 – November 6, 21: CAC Invitation exhibit – various local submissions showcasing works created during the Pandemic time in 2020.
- iii. UPCOMING EXHIBIT
November 13 – December 24 – ARTisan/Mistletoe Market – assorted artists and crafters.
- iv. FINANCES
The federal government has halted the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy that kept us going this past year. We continue to search for new grants.
- v. RAFFLES
Draw for the travelling quilt raffle is November 15. Tickets for our Christmas raffle basket will go on sale soon. Christmas baskets for raffle will be available soon.
- vi. RAC GARDEN
We no longer have our certified professional landscaper/horticulturalist. We are on the lookout for new help in the new year.
- vii. CHILDCARE CENTRE
We've met a couple times with the architect to discuss how to reconfigure our upper floor to accommodate the required new entrance and the new



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sprinkler systems. Building permit will be applied for next week. It is hoped ground can be broken in January. We are hoping the City will agree to proceed with a grant application through Canada Cultural Spaces that will provide funds so we can renovate the ground floor of Rollin which is currently unsuitable for programming.

viii. **NEW WEBSITE**

New website funded through Launch Online is up and running but still a work in progress. We are very pleased with the site map and visuals but still have lots of content photos to add/update. We now have Shopify and members should be able to automatically renew their memberships from year to year.

ix. **2022**

Planning now for new year closure and strategic planning, inventory, etc.; will close December 23 and reopen to public February 1.

d. **Maritime Heritage Society**

- i. 1964 Tsunami Exhibit – The update to this permanent exhibit is still underway and nearing completion. It will be a great improvement to the original. Thanks again to the AV Museum staff for their help.
- ii. Nahanni/Pelican Project – Weekly work sessions have re-commenced on Wednesdays 10am to 2pm on this vessel's restoration. Interpretive signage regarding this project has now been installed. Come on out to help if you would like to work on this historic WWII boat.
- iii. Teak Lady – This heritage vessel which has a colourful history both in the far east and the Alberni Valley is now in our compound. We are pursuing a permanent shelter for this vessel.
- iv. Lighthouse Siding Repairs – this iconic facility is now over 20 years old and a combination of weather and vandalism has caused considerable damage to the building's "shingle" siding. Particularly on the water side. We have preliminary quotes of approximately \$75,000 to undertake this work. We are investigating repair options and potential fundraising sources to undertake this needed work.
- v. AGM – The date for our Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7 pm at the Gallery. Everyone welcome. We are looking for one more Board Member so if you are interested please let me know.
- vi. Facility Hours – The Gallery and Lighthouse are currently open Thursday – Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Vaccination passport protocol & masks are mandatory.



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e. Regional District



Around our Region

Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meetings - October 2021

OCTOBER 13TH MEETING

ACRD & TSESHAHT FIRST NATION GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE SIGNING GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT ACCORD
A joint press release was issued announcing the formal arrangement between the Tseshaht First Nation and the ACRD. The purpose of this Accord is to enter into a formal arrangement with respect to establishing and maintaining a long-term cooperative and collaborative government to government relationship through effective communications.

ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS – CELLULAR TOWER AT WEST COAST LANDFILL
The Board authorized an agreement with Rogers Communications to permit the construction of a cellular tower at the West Coast Landfill and improve cellular reception for the west coast area. Roger's may now proceed with the consultation process as outlined by the Industry Canada's Default Public Consultation Process, including public consultation, prior to construction.

BURNING REGULATION BYLAWS
The Board adopted Bylaw R1030, Solid-Fuel Burning Appliance Emission Regulation to regulate wood burning appliances and Bylaw R1032, Outdoor Burning Smoke Control Regulation to regulate open burning in the six Electoral Areas of the ACRD. Both bylaws will take effect November 1, 2021. For more information visit www.acrd.bc.ca/burning-bylaw-review

OCTOBER 27TH MEETING

LETTER OF SUPPORT – DISTRICT OF TOFINO
The Board will provide a letter of support to the District of Tofino for their application to the Province of BC for a five-year renewal of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) at a rate of three percent. The MRDT program is intended to primarily fund tourism marketing, programs and projects, and affordable housing.

MOU BETWEEN ACRD & ALBERNI DISTRICT FALL FAIR, SUPPORTING EVACUEES WITH HOBBY FARM ANIMALS
The Board will sign an MOU with the Alberni District Fall Fair to support evacuees with hobby farm animals during an emergency or disaster. This MOU with the Alberni District Fall Fair formalizes their involvement and long-standing support of the emergency program and recognizes their contribution.

ACRD HIRES NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Mr. Daniel Sailland will join the ACRD on November 22, 2021 as the new CAO. Mr. Sailland comes to the Region with over 15 years' experience as a CAO with senior management experience with Local Governments, First Nations as well as the private sector. His experience includes the implementation of a wide range of initiatives, capital projects, policies and programs in the areas of housing, economic development, strategic planning, health, procurement and social development.

Board of Directors

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(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

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Beaver Creek)

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(Electoral Area "A"
Barnfield)

Director Tanya Shannon
(Electoral Area "B"
Beaufort)

Director Kel Roberts
(Electoral Area "C"
Long Beach)

Director: Penny Cote
(Electoral Area "D"
Sprout Lake)

Director Dianne Bodnar
(Electoral Area "F"
Cherry Creek)

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(City of Port Alberni)

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(City of Port Alberni)

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(District of Tofino)

Councillor Rachelle Cole
(District of Ucluelet)

Councillor Kirsten Johnsen
(Taqwaht Nation)

Councillor Wilfred Cootes
(Uchucklesaht Tribe
Government)

Councillor Alan McCarthy
(Yuułu?i?Path Government)

2021 Wood Stove Exchange Program

There is still time to receive up to \$1300 in savings and rebates.

Visit www.acrd.bc.ca for more information.



UPCOMING MEETINGS – input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

Electoral Area Directors Committee – November 3rd, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors – November 10th, 1:30 pm, followed by the **Regional Hospital District**; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

AVRA Advisory Committee Meeting – November 16th, 1:30 pm; AVRA, 7400 Airport Rd.

West Coast Committee Meeting – November 17th, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors – October 27th, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

This is not the official minutes, but an information report summarizing the Regular Board of Directors Meeting.
For more information visit the ACRD Website at www.acrd.bc.ca or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2706 or e-mail whomson@acrd.bc.ca.



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f. Chamber of Commerce

- i. The Chamber is leading a Shop Local program for the West Coast. We are applying for a grant that will offset all costs and enable us to really elevate the Shop Local concept including professional video and more. By the time of the meeting the grant should have been submitted.
- ii. The Chamber continues to push for the MRDT program, and we are seeing progress.
- iii. The Better Buy Port Alberni site continues to grow now showing 56 businesses on the site.
- iv. The Chamber has opted out of the Paper Chase 15k run for 2022. This is because of continued uncertainties surrounding the rules in place for events and activities.
- v. Community Excellence Awards: June 17/22. This past week we secured a Title Sponsor for the event – Robbins and Co.

g. McLean Mill

- i. We have initiated plans to remove the Superior Propane tanks from the property and replace with smaller tanks from Federated Co-Op.
- ii. We are looking at some electrical upgrades and consulting with the City on these plans.
- iii. The Heritage Christmas Village is coming together nicely. We are still looking for Tree Sponsors for the Festival of Trees portion of the event. The event is scheduled to run 9 nights in December including the first three Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We are currently planning to place Christmas Lights through the site once again. The light-up will be part of the Heritage Christmas Village experience.

h. City Council

- i. Chairman, Jim Sears, Directors Bob Cole, Chris Duncan, Gary Swann and Manager Chris Law presented a dividend cheque from the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation in the amount of \$300,000. Council expressed their sincere thanks for the Corporations work, and continued support. These contributions have assisted in numerous City initiatives including the \$2 million contribution that was utilized in the recent purchase of the Somass lands.
- ii. Council appointed Mayor Minions and CAO Pley as City representatives to the Connect the Quays Pathway Advisory Working Group. The Group, which also includes two representatives each from the Tseshaht and Hupacasath Nation, will provide project input and assist in identifying opportunities to



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celebrate and educate with regards to First Nation language, culture and history.

- iii. Following the return to in-person Council meetings, the City continues to be committed to following the direction of the Provincial Health Officer and the Province of BC to ensure the health and safety of members of Council, staff and the public. Members of the public who wish to attend meetings of Council are required to wear a mask.
- iv. Council authorized the request from the Alberni Clayoquot Metis Society to fly the Metis flag at City Hall on Monday, November 15, 2021 in recognition of Louis Riel Day.

- v. The City is inviting applications from interested individuals for the following:

- 1. Alberni Valley Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission advises City Council on matters related to heritage issues in the region, as well as provides community input to the staff of the Museum and the Heritage Network; acts in a coordinating role to integrate community priorities with volunteers and staff; and provides a forum for the exchange of information between the various community heritage organizations. Composition of the Commission includes representation of organizations from throughout the Alberni Valley and includes that of a youth representative.

- 2. Advisory Planning Commission

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) is an advisory committee that makes recommendations to City Council respecting land use issues in the City and is empowered by the Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw and the Provincial Local Government Act.

- 3. Board of Variance

The Board of Variance is an autonomous body with the power to vary Zoning Bylaw regulations in situations where compliance with respect to the siting, dimension or size of a building or structure would cause a person undue hardship.

- 4. Community Investment Program

This Committee reviews the grant applications from not-for-profit community service, multicultural, and recreation/amateur sport organizations, based on the priorities established by City Council.

- a. Detailed information about each of the above Commissions/Committees/Boards and their specific roles can be found on the City's website at portalberni.ca
 - b. Residents interested in volunteering their time to sit on any of the above-noted Committees, Commissions or Board are



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invited to submit a letter of application outlining your occupation, community involvement, relevant history, technical or special expertise. Please submit your application by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 to the attention of:

Director of Corporate Services City of Port Alberni, 4850
Argyle Street, Port Alberni BC V9Y 1V8
Email: twyla_slonski@portalberni.ca

i. Historical Society

- i. Research requests are coming through weekly. Some of the answers are easy to find, therefore the replies are quick. Others take a bit more time. We get there eventually! A request a few weeks ago was “Where & what year(s) was the Red Caboose Drive-In?” Do you remember?
- ii. A couple of members are being trained for new jobs. Marta is learning how to classify items, how to enter in “In-Magic”, give the item(s) tag names & where to store them. Gareth is learning the Treasurer’s job.
- iii. Archive hours are Tues-Thurs, 10 am – 3 pm for volunteers only. No public researchers as yet. Masks are mandatory!

j. Industrial Heritage Society

- i. Outdoor compound at IHC is complete
- ii. Equipment at all sites is being winterized
- iii. Plymouth locomotive has been sent to Ladysmith heritage group
- iv. Lucas Banton has been retained to assist the railroad group to get running.
- v. David Hooper has the newsletter completed.

k. Community at Large

i. November Activities Around Town

- 2nd Bread of Life AGM 7pm
- 3rd Connect the Quays – Open House #2 – Echo Community Centre 4-730pm
- 6th Knit your first pair of socks – Coastal Flow Creative – 4-week class – Elizabeth St
- 6/7th Holiday Winter Market – Glenwood Centre 10-5 & 10-4, Santa on Saturday 1-3
- 12/13/14th Christmas in the Valley 49th Annual – 3-7; 9-5; 10-3 Alberni Athletic Hall
- 16th Canadian Blood Services – Best Western Barclay Hotel – 2-645pm



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20th Christmas in the Country Craft Fair – Cherry Creek Community Hall –
10-4pm

27th CWL Craft Fair – Holy Family Notre Dame Parish Hall Burke Rd – 10-
3pm

l. Hupacasath First Nation – no report

m. Tseshaht First Nation – no report

7. Next Meeting

a. Wednesday, December 1 → 7pm (McLean Mill)

8. Adjourn

a. Moved by Colin to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm.