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Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



Heritage Commission Meeting

November 2, 2022

Minutes

Location:
Alberni Valley Museum

Attendees:
Claudia Romaniuk
Colin Schult
Dan Washington
Don Mallon
Gareth Flostrand
Ken Watson
Pam Craig
Willa Thorpe (staff)

Regrets:
Bill Collette
Ed Ross
Penny Cote

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering/PW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks, Rec. & Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Development Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

File # 0360-20-AVMHC *RCM Dec 12/22* *Comm Summary*

Called to order: 7:03pm

1. Moved by Pam that the agenda of the November 2, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Don, seconded by Ken, that the minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business
 - a. Heritage Commission's engagement with City Council
 - i. Staff are exploring the Heritage Commission being a member of the Advisory Planning Commission. Staff are reviewing the bylaw, including committee composition, and will provide additional details when available.
4. Correspondence – none
5. New Business – none
6. Reports



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a. Regional District



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT AROUND OUR REGION

Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - September/October 2022

SEPTEMBER 7 SPECIAL MEETING

ACRD/PORT ALBERNI AQUATICS FEASIBILITY STUDY
The Board of Directors agreed to award the Aquatics Feasibility Study contract to HCMA Architecture and Design in the amount of \$92,010 over a 12- to 14-month term, commencing Nov. 1, 2022. The CAO will negotiate and execute the study on behalf of the Regional District. The study will address the current and future needs and options for an aquatic facility in the Alberni Valley.

SLVFD SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS
The Board exempted the purchase of 18 self-contained breathing apparatus from the ACRD's Purchasing Policy Request for Proposal process and authorized staff to take on the request for quotation process. They also delegated purchasing authority to the CAO, as long as it is within the budgeted amount of \$206,610.

SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING

UPDATE ON SPROAT LAKE MARINE PATROL (SLMP)
Mariona Locke, lead hand for the SLMP, presented an overview of the 2022 season and the results of the survey they conducted. She said the season was busy and went well. The survey results showed that most people saw the SLMP as an asset and their physical presence on the lake was most valuable. The biggest concern was the condition of the boat launch, but people were also concerned with an increasing amount of damage by boaters coming too close to shore. The Board supported the SLMP's application for a grant with Transport Canada - Boating Safety Contribution Program for a three-year term.

GOLF CLUBS GIVEN TAX EXEMPTION FOR 2023
The ACRD will offer the Alberni Valley Golf Club and the Long Beach Recreation Cooperative a permissive tax exemption for non-profit organizations offering public athletic or recreational services. This is granted under Bylaw No. F1156 for 2023 and is based on the contributions made to their community.

FIRESMART CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Mitigation Activities received approval from the Board to contract Watfree Property Protection Ltd. in the amount of \$55,050 over two months. The contract includes implementation of FireSmart improvements to the Beaver Creek North and Kiskadee Reservoirs, East and West Bamfield Fire Halls, and the Bamfield Water Treatment Plant.

OCTOBER 13 MEETING

SUPPORTING ALBERNI VALLEY DRAG RACING
The Board of Directors agreed to write a letter of support to the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association (AVDRA) for their formal proposal to Mosaic for a drag racing track at the Link Mill Site in the ACRD.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FUNDING
The Regional District awarded the Emergency Operations Centre Procedure, Training, and Exercises contract to Callan Ltd in the amount of \$36,661.06 over a nine-month term, commencing on October 21, 2022. The purpose of this contract is to deliver Emergency Operations Centre procedure development training and exercises to staff, First Nations, volunteers, and emergency agencies across the region.

PARTNERING WITH ALBERNI VALLEY BULLDOGS
The Board approved a 2022/23 Promotional Partnership Package with the Alberni Valley Bulldogs for marketing and community outreach. The cost of the promotional activities must not exceed \$10,600.

SUPPORTING GRAPPLER INLET WHARF TENURE
The Board approved supporting the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development in their application for tenure on approximately 0.605 hectares of Marine Crown Land in the vicinity of Grappler Inlet for the purpose of a public wharf expansion under the Bamfield Community Parks Service.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Inaugural Board of Directors Meeting - November 8, 1:30 pm, followed by the Regional Hospital District - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting - November 23, 1:30 pm - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting - November 30, 1:30 pm - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Alberni Valley and Bamfield Services Committee Meeting - November 30, 10 am - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

All meetings are held in the ACRD boardroom and virtually. Visit the Regional District website at www.acrd.bc.ca for further details on public participation in meetings. Input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Vice-Chair: John McNabb
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Director Bob Beckett
Electoral Area "A" Bamfield

Director Tanya Shannon
Electoral Area "B" Beaulieu

Director Ken Roberts
Electoral Area "C" Long Beach

Director Penny Cote
Electoral Area "D" Sproat 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

Councillor Tom Stern
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Councillor Rachelle Cole
District of Ucluelet

Councillor Kirsten Johnson
Toquaht Nation

Councillor Wilfred Coates
Uchuckelashat Tribe Government

Councillor Alan McCarthy
Yuuluzi'atsh Government

For more information, agendas for meetings, and official minutes from the Board of Director meetings, visit the ACRD Website (www.acrd.bc.ca) or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2700 or e-mail whomison@acrd.bc.ca.

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b. City Council

- i. The 60th Port Alberni city council came together for the last time on October 24, before the newly elected council begins their term. Mayor Sharie Minions thanked the four outgoing council members for their hard work and dedication to the city. "We had to take on some really big decisions," she said. "The Somass Sawmill early-on I said that I didn't want to do that with a 4-3 majority. We wanted to move forward on big decisions together. We took the time to get to agreement where everybody felt buy-in to how we moved forward, and I think we worked together really respectfully and that really made the term for me." Minions said she's looking forward to working with the new council members and developing priorities for the next 4 years. The new council will be sworn in on November 7 before their first meeting on November 14.
- ii. Somass Lands Council authorized Bowerman Construction to continue providing project management services to the City in relation to the Somass Lands and in particular salvaging efforts and identification of components for future sale, until December 31, 2022 pursuant to a Notice of Intent.

c. Historical Society

- i. A new member has joined our "working" volunteers. Laurie will be working on Wednesday afternoons. Welcome Laurie! We still have room for more. Any volunteers?
- ii. We received a donation of a Huff Store general ledger – from the early 1900's. Thank you to David Paterson.
- iii. Volunteer hours in October totalled 149 3/4 hrs. Way to go ladies!
- iv. Volunteers are in the Archives - Tues – Thurs, 11 am – 3 pm. Masks are mandatory!
- v. Public meeting on Nov. 17, 7pm at the Museum. Guest speakers will discuss the historic naming of local parks.

d. Maritime Heritage Society

- i. Annual General Meeting – the PAMHS AGM will be held on November 29th at 7pm at the Maritime Heritage Gallery (2900 Harbour Road). Please come out to the AGM to renew your membership and elect our 2023 Board. If you would like to put your name up for election to the Board, please let our secretary, Gareth Flostrand know (gflos@telus.net)
- ii. Facebook Posts – Our new Facilities Coordinator, Chris Johnson, has been putting up lots of very interesting maritime related posts on our Facebook page "Maritime Discovery Centre". Check them out if you are interested in



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- maritime history and please “like” and “share” them to your friends that might also be interested.
- iii. Lighthouse Roof Replacement – Roof installation is now complete. Thanks to the Port Authority and ACRD for financial assistance with that work. Repairs to damaged siding on the Lighthouse is ongoing in November.
 - iv. First Nations Canoe Exhibit – A new temporary exhibit is now being developed centering around the wonderful Tseshaht “Ladies Canoe” that is on loan at our Gallery This display will also include the beautifully carved first nation canoe model created by Tim Paul. This was recently presented to the PAMHS in recognition of hosting Tim and his fellow carver’s creation of the Language Revitalization Pole in our shipyard compound. Feel free to come in and take a look as this takes shape.
 - v. Photo Contest – We have received numerous submissions in response to our photo contest inviting folks to submit images they have taken of our Harbour, the Inlet and Barclay Sound. If you have some images you would like to submit please email them to Chris Johnson at portalbernimhs@gmail.com.
 - vi. Nahanni Restoration Project – The weekly work sessions are on Wednesdays at 10am are continuing restoring this WW 2 vintage RCAF crash boat. If you would like to get involved with this project there is lots of opportunity to roll up your sleeves and participate. Thanks to Lawrence Charnell for being the leader on this project and thanks as well to Dave Cox, Pete Geddes, Don Jones, and Ken McKinnon for their work on this project.
 - vii. Open Hours – We are now open 4 days a week, Thursdays to Sundays from 11am to 4pm.
- e. Chamber of Commerce
- i. During the first week of October the Chamber hosted three successive evenings of the All-Candidates forums. For the first time ever, we included both the ACRD and SD70 applicants.
 - ii. We have purchased a Remembrance Day flag which will be flying as of Tuesday, November 1st staying up through the Remembrance Day long-weekend.
 - iii. The Chamber is thrilled to announce that our Community Guide, formally known as the Adventure Guide, is now in our hands. We are supported on this project by more than 110 local businesses who have advertised with us. This guide is the preferred option for visitors coming to Port Alberni.
 - iv. We are equally thrilled to confirm that we have received positive news on a recent grant application. The program applied for is under the Indigenous Learning and Projects Grant for Visitor Services. This grant will provide some



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initial funding toward signage that we plan to erect at the Visitor Centre identifying some of the many Indigenous locations in the Alberni Valley. Both Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations have confirmed their intent to work with us for the development of this map/sign. Project is to be complete by the end of 2023.

- v. The Chamber is especially proud of its role in securing approval for the Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) that will become effective in Port Alberni and the nearby regional districts as of February 1, 2023. The Chamber took the lead role in securing the necessary signatures required to make this happen. We have also led the way with the development of a new board of directors for Alberni Valley Tourism (AVT). It is estimated (rather conservatively) that funds raised through the collection of the MRDT in the Alberni Valley will exceed \$200,000.00 per year. Chamber CEO – Bill Collette is the Vice Chair of AVT.

f. McLean Mill

- i. We are pleased to confirm that Elliot Drew has taken over as our Director of Operations and Opportunities for the McLean Mill National Historic Site. Elliot worked with us throughout 2021 during which time he gained some valuable experience at the McLean Mill. Elliot started with us October 11, 2022.
- ii. We had planned on an Oktoberfest event for mid-October but due to challenges in securing live music coupled with ongoing staff shortages we opted not to proceed. Hopefully in 2023.
- iii. We did host an event with ADAPS set up as a needed fundraiser for that important organization. The event attracted more than 1,100 people to the site on Saturday, October 29th. More than 40 volunteers assisted for the one-night event.
- iv. We are pleased to confirm that Hupacasath First Nation are our Title Sponsor for this years' Heritage Christmas Village which we will co-host alongside the Festival of Trees – a fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Current plans call for the site to be open for the FOT during most days of the week starting on December 1st and through to the 19th. The evening portions – the Heritage Christmas Village will be open evenings 5pm to 9pm on each of Dec 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18.
- v. The HCV will include beautiful light displays throughout the Historic and Non-Historic areas of the site, Live Music, Santa pictures, Free Hot Chocolate (courtesy of Tim Horton's) and more.
- vi. We are currently looking for sponsors for the trees. Last year we had 18 trees sponsored at a donation amount of \$200.00 per tree. The trees are



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provided to us by the BCCHF and they include LED lights. Sponsors are required to decorate the trees. Please note that tree decorations are planned for the last few days of November. All trees must be decorated and ready to go for December 1st – soft opening of the FOT.

g. Community at Large

i. November Activities Around Town

West Coast Getaways Raffle in support of AV Hospice Society \$10/ticket,
draw date November 30th

3 – Mount Klitsa Garden Club GM – 7pm @ Dogwood Room Echo Centre

5 – Meet and Greet with Beaufort and Beaver Creek's new Regional
Directors @ BC Comm Hall @ 5pm

5-6 – Holiday Winter Market @ Glenwood Centre 10-5/10-4

6 – Celtic Chaos @ Capitol Theatre 2pm

8 – AV Nature Club presents Rivers of VI by PA based hydrologist David Reid
@ 7pm

10-17 – AV Lions Club 50th Anniversary Auction (on-line) bidding online
between 10-17th

11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony @ Glenwood Centre 1030am

11-13 – Christmas in the Valley – 50th Anniversary @ Alberni Athletic Hall

14-19 – Pack a Shoebox sponsored by Elim Tabernacle – drop off between
14-19

15 – Art Throw Down – Community Arts Council and Art Rave

16 – Sunshine Club Open House 1230-230 @ Echo Centre

17 – Literacy Alberni AGM – 5100 Tebo 6pm – also via Zoom

18-20 – The Merry Makers Craft Fair @ RCL (2-7/10-5/11-4)

19 – Christmas Tea and Bake Sale 1-330pm put on by AV United Church
Bookstore

23 – Alberni Climate Action 7pm @ Char's Landing – experts with answers to
questions on how to manage Heating Costs (Programs/Rebates/Heat saving
tricks)

26 – Mistletoe Indoor Market 10-6 @ BW Barclay Ballroom

26 – Alberni Clayoquot Metis Society – Louis Riel Day celebrations @ RCL
12pm

h. School District

- i. AV Children & Youth Network "Nourish Fair" "Well-Being for Families" Nov
17 - 3pm to 6pm at Glenwood Centre. A free fun event for families. First
200 families receive a 'make your own soup kit'. Families can meet local
community family service providers.



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- ii. SD70 Ministry of Education and Child Care "Student and Family Affordability Fund" Distributed to the schools. SD70 received \$427,000 which must be distributed by June 2023. Consultation was conducted with district staff, students, PACS and DPAC and First Nations.
- iii. October 15 Election results: Re-elected - Pam Craig, Chris Washington and Larry Ransom; Elected - Helen Zanetti, Cherilyn Bray and Janis Joseph; Acclaimed – Cynthia Orr. Inaugural meeting is Nov 8, this will be a short meeting by invitation - for Oath of Office and Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair, plus Committee Chairs and Board committee Reps. Re-elected Trustees and Trustee Elects have met for one full day of orientation with a second day on Nov 5th.
- i. Industrial Heritage Society
 - i. Currently tidying the Industrial Heritage Center, discarding accumulated merchandise from around the building and discarding oil and greases that have been donated to society over the years.
 - ii. The Steam Donkey officially has been winterized and the Logging Show demonstration site has been secured for the winter.
 - iii. On October 23, we had the American Trucking Historical Society visit us at the IHC and held a meeting.
 - iv. The IHS will be donating a variety of materials for ADAPS' Halloween event at McLean Mill, including chain saws, log hooks, crosscut saws, blocks and tackle, and portable stretchers.
 - v. Dec. 10 – Christmas market event at the Industrial Heritage Center.
- j. Community Arts Council
 - i. New location – Melissa has done a great job of setting up our new location at the Quay. The gallery and the gift shop look very good. The space is working out well so far, lots of interest from people at the Quay. We are very happy with the work done by the City. Melissa has been working with the other merchants there, especially in regard to Christmas activities, such as the Light Up event scheduled for December 2.
 - ii. We are tentatively planning a membership open house early in the new year.
 - iii. Exhibits
Current: Kate McKinley, Playing with Fire (pottery, Raku and Obvara)
November 15 to December 23: annual Mistletoe Market
 - iv. We are open late (8pm) on Friday, December 2, 9, and 16, with membership appreciation day Friday, December 2.



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- v. Art Throwdown: November 15, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, at Alberni Brewing. We have some really great prizes that have been donated. Registration for an artist is \$10.00
- vi. Conversation cafes: November 3 at Gordon Dick's gallery. These discussions with artists and members of the public take place at various venues and are on a range of topics.
- k. Museum
 - i. Exhibit: Marvellous Mushrooms – Opened October 6 – and is getting great attendance. The opening event went really well; we sold out of the book and have since restocked, so still available for purchase at the shop. We are working with Andy and Kem to set up some guided mushroom walks.
 - ii. Hours: We returned to our pre-COVID hours on October 11 – Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm and to 8pm on Thursdays.
 - iii. Film Fest: the first two fall films have sold out and have had wonderful comments from folks excited to have the Film Fest back. Our next film Peace by Chocolate is November 27 and there are limited tickets available. The Museum is now selling an assortment of chocolate products from the Peace by Chocolate company, who donate a percentage of their sales to assist refugees and other social justice initiatives.
 - iv. Museum Shop: there are new items in the shop for the fall including various mushroom-themed items and new stock for Christmas.
 - v. School and public programs are running again with core school programs and a new Mushroom program. Birthday parties have returned and we delivered a Halloween program in partnership with library. Programs in development include a school program for the Suitcase Project exhibit, some Christmas programs and activities and another joint library/museum program.
 - vi. The Clutesi Exhibit is well in progress and will open at the Alberni Valley Museum on March 16, 2023. Planning, research and design is underway with two contract Curators meeting and working with us the week of November 7.
 - vii. Discussions are ongoing with members of Huu-ay-aht regarding repatriation our next meeting will occur the week of November 7 with members and their contract Curator.
- l. Hupacasath First Nation – no report
- m. Tseshaht First Nation – no report



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7. Next Meeting
 - a. Wednesday, December 7 → 7pm (McLean Mill)
8. Adjourn
 - a. Moved by Colin to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm