

**SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
DISTRICT OF TOFINO AND DISTRICT OF UCLUELET**

**January 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Ucluelet Community Centre, Main Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **District of Tofino**
Mayor J. Osborne
Councillors Anderson, Chalmers, McQuade, Stere
Robert MacPherson, Chief Administrative Officer
Ellyse Goatcher-Bergmann, Manager of Corporate Services

District of Ucluelet
Mayor M. Noël
Councillors Cole, McEwen, Kemps, Hoar
Mark Boysen, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Monteith, Director of Finance
Joseph Rotenberg, Manager of Corporate Services
Bruce Greig, Manager of Community Planning
Nicole Morin, Corporate / Planning Clerk

ABSENT: District of Tofino Councillors McMaster and Law

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 District of Ucluelet Mayor Noël called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and acknowledged the Yuułu?i?ath First Nation, on whose traditional territory the meeting was being held.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet Council to Council Meeting
(9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

1. Introductions:

District of Ucluelet Mayor Noël facilitated a round of introductions of elected Council members and staff from the Districts of Ucluelet and Tofino.

2. Strategic Plan Review and Alignment (i.e. Housing Affordability, Health Services, Communications):

- District of Ucluelet Mayor Noël introduced and summarized each of the initiatives listed in the District of Ucluelet 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, including key upcoming projects such as the OCP, an Asset Inventory, new Community Health Centre and Housing Needs Assessment.
- Bruce Greig, Manager of Community Planning for the District of Ucluelet, provided an overview of common initiatives where the Districts of Ucluelet and Tofino staff have worked together, including single-use item regulations, emergency preparedness, childcare planning and land use analyses.
- District of Tofino Mayor Osborne highlighted key themes in the District of Tofino 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, and noted that Council was set to update the Plan in the coming months due in part to the recent by-election of Councillor Dan Law. The Mayor noted waste water and emergency preparedness, and a renewed emphasis on community health and well-being through initiatives like an alcohol policy and childcare service review. Mayor Osborne concluded with a desire to see more conversation about a combined, regional destination marketing organization.

Group discussion included an overview of how each community runs its Harbour Authority, and priorities for conversations about Highway 4 with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at the 2020 UBCM Convention.

3. ACRD Regional Services:

Councils recessed at 11:00 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The group discussed regional approaches to several projects such as:

- Alignment between Tofino, Ucluelet and ACRD Housing Needs Assessments;
- Communication about the regulation of short term rental operations across the West Coast region (including electoral areas);
- How each municipality participates in ACRD regional planning services for Area 'C';
- Maintenance, standards and costs of regional trail systems (Tofino Multi-Use Path (M.U.P.), Pacific Rim National Park Reserve ʔapsčiiik ʔašii, Ucluelet M.U.P., ACRD connector M.U.P.)
- Sub-Regional emergency coordination service for the West Coast.

Kel Roberts, ACRD Area 'C' Director, and Doug Holmes, ACRD CAO, joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

ACRD CAO Doug Holmes updated the group on non-treaty First Nation participation in regional district governance and offered to bring the idea of ACRD sub-regional emergency coordination to the West Coast Committee for consideration.

2.2 **Lunch**
(12:00-1:30 p.m.)

- 2.3 West Coast Elected Officials Meeting: Representatives from the ACRD, Area 'C', District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet, Yucluthaht Government, and Toquaht Government (1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

President Charles McCarthy of the Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭ Government welcomed the group to Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭ territory.

Introductions of Newly Arrived Attendees:

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

- Chief Moses Martin

Toquaht Nation Government

- Member of Council Naomi Mack
- Member of Council Noah Plonka
- Member of Council Kirsten Johnsen
- Director of Operations Angela Polifroni

Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭ Government

- President Charles McCarthy
- Member of the Legislature Al McCarthy
- Director of Operations Suzanne Williams

School District 70

- Sandra Leslie

Discussion:

District of Ucluelet Mayor Noël delivered an overview of the morning's meeting between the two municipal Councils and opened a round-table for representatives to speak to regional priorities.

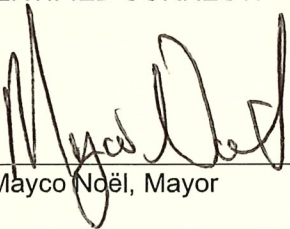
Topics included emergency planning, Kennedy Lake as a water source, housing needs assessments, and the regional concern about a lack of cellular coverage in some communities and along Highway 4.

- The group discussed sending a joint letter or coordinating a lobbying effort to private industry and the provincial government for improved cellular service along Highway 4.
- Representatives from the District of Tofino offered to contact TELUS to propose the idea of increasing cellular coverage and reviewing the tactics used to lobby for fibre-optic internet.

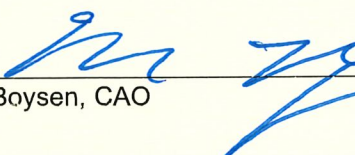
3. ADJOURNMENT

- 3.1 The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayco Noël, Mayor



Mark Boysen, CAO