



Gateway to the Wild West Coast

# Village of Port Alice Council Agenda Package



**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

*We are privileged to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Quatsino First Nations.*

**(2) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING (6:30 pm)**

*THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:*

*Section 90 (1) (c) Labour relations or other employee relations;*

**RECONVENE**

**(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

*THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 6, 2019, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.*

**(4) DELEGATIONS: N\A**

**(5) MINUTES:**

a.) *THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2019, be adopted.*

b.) December 5, 2018 Public Works & Recreation Meeting Minutes

c.) November 26, 2018 Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**(6) OLD BUSINESS: N\A**

**(7) COMMUNICATIONS:**

a.) Request to serve on Tourism Committee  
January 23, 2019 Request from George Fraser

**(8) NEW BUSINESS: N\A**

**(9) REPORTS:**

a.) Vancouver Island Regional Library January 19, 2019 AGM  
January 20, 2019, Report from Councillor Bruce Lloyd

b.) Land Sale Proposal  
January 27, 2019, Report from Councillor Angela Yunker

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT staff be asked to prepare a report for a future Council meeting outlining the steps required to enable the Village to sell waterfront property for a commercial accommodation development.*

c.) Oscar Hickes Tournament

January 30, 2019, Report from Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

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**(10) BYLAWS: N\A**

**(11) QUESTION PERIOD:**

**(12) ADJOURNMENT:**

*THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held February 6, 2019, be adjourned.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. January 22, 2019, Letter from the BC Community Forest Association, including a copy of Community Forest Indicators 2018, Measuring the benefits of Community Forestry (on table), from Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director
2. January 25, 2019, News Release, VIRC Board of Trustees welcomes 28 New Trustees, elects Executive Committee, and Officers of the Library Board at 2019 AGM.

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23, 2019  
IN THE PORT ALICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



**Present**  
Mayor Kevin Cameron  
Councillor Holly Aldis  
Councillor Warren Beatty  
Councillor Bruce Lloyd  
Councillor Angela Yunker

**Staff**  
Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm**

Mayor Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

05/19  
Adoption of  
Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Beatty / Seconded by Councillor Aldis

*THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for January 23, 2019, be approved AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.*

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS: None**

**MINUTES:**

06/19  
Minutes  
Jan 9, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Beatty / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

*THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2019 be adopted.*

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) Letter from Polly Steele re Informal Population Count in Port Alice  
January 4, 2019, Letter from resident Polly Steele

07/19

**REPORTS:**

- a) Population Counts

January 16, 2019, Report from Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd / Seconded by Councillor Beatty

**THAT** a letter be sent to Polly Steele thanking her for her offer and declining permission for an informal census.

CARRIED

- b) February 13, 2019 Council Meeting

January 17, 2019 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO

08/19  
Meeting Date

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd/ Seconded by Councillor Yunker

That the February 13, 2019 Council meeting be moved to February 6, 2019.

CARRIED

c) Summary of Revenue & Expenses for December 2018

January 17, 2019 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

d) Accounts Payable Listing for November 2019

January 17, 2019 Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

e) Fire Chief's Monthly Report – December 2018

January 2019, Report from Acting Fire Chief, Gerry Rose

f) Rural and Norther Communities Infrastructure Grant

January 17, 2019 Report from Acting CAO, Bonnie Danyk

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

***THAT** the Village of Port Alice apply to the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure program for funding to rehabilitate the Mill Road, Marine Drive and the bridge adjacent to Alderwood Acres trailer park for a total project cost of \$5,640,000, and **FURTHER THAT** the Village of Port Alice Council supports the project and understands that the Village of Port Alice will be responsible for any costs in excess of the grant funding.*

CARRIED

g) 2019 Elected Officials Seminar, Februray 13-15, 2019 in Parksville

January 8, 2019, Conference Agenda

h) Fourth Quarter Finance Report- October –December 2018

January 17, 2019, Report from Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Lloyd / Seconded by Councillor Aldis

***THAT** the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held January 23, 2019, be adjourned at 7:15 pm*

CARRIED

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held January 23, 2019.

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Mayor

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Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday December 5, 2018  
Village Office Council Chambers  
Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting



Present

Mayor Kevin Cameron  
Councillor Holly Aldis  
Councillor Warren Beatty  
Councillor Bruce Lloyd  
Councillor Angela Yunker

Staff

Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer  
Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman  
Louisa Moore, Acting CC Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

PWR 36/18  
Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Beatty / Seconded by Councillor Lloyd

*THAT the Agenda for the Public Works and Recreation Committee be approved; AND  
THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be  
received for information.*

CARRIED

**MINUTES:**

PWR 37/18  
PW/Rec Minutes  
2018-11-07

MOVED by Councillor Beatty / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

*THAT the minutes of the Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting held  
November 7, 2018 be adopted.*

CARRIED

**REPORTS:**

Community Centre Coordinator Monthly Report – November  
November 30, 2018, Report from Louisa Moore, Acting CC Coordinator

Public Works Foreman's Monthly Report – November  
November 30, 2018, Report from Jason Yunker, Public Works Foreman

PWR 38/18  
Fire Pits

MOVED by Councillor Beatty / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

***THAT** Fire Pits be installed at Lions Park with appropriate signage.*

CARRIED

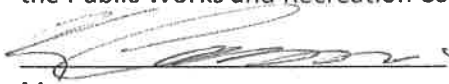
**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Councillor Beatty/ Seconded by Councillor Yunker

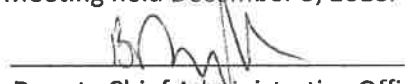
*THAT the Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting of the Village of Port Alice held  
December 5, 2018 be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.*

CARRIED

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Public Works and Recreation Committee Meeting held December 5, 2018.



Mayor



Deputy Chief Administrative Officer



**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday NOVEMBER 26, 2018  
Village Office Council Chambers**



Present                    Rose Klein-Beekman  
                              Councillor Angela Yunker  
                              Louisa Moore  
                              Mayor Kevin Cameron

Staff                        Bonnie Danyk, Finance Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rose Klein-Beekman called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

TAC 06/18  
Agenda

MOVED by Louisa Moore / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

*THAT the Agenda for the Tourism Advisory Committee be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.*

CARRIED

TAC 07/18  
Minutes

**MINUTES:**

MOVED by Councillor Mayor Cameron / Seconded by Councillor Yunker

*THAT the minutes for the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held on August 13, 2018 be approved.*

CARRIED

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Review of Committee Membership and Responsibilities

- i) Tourism Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- ii) Committee Structure Policy

b) Ned Frigon Display

c) 2019 Tourism Merchandise

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) November 8, 2018 Letter from Blair McLean and George Fraser  
Sea Otter Tourism

MOVED by Councillor Councillor Yunker / Seconded by Louisa Moore

TAC 08/18

*THAT the Village of Port Alice Mayor and Council proclaim the Village of Port Alice as the "Sea Otter Capital of Canada"*

CARRIED

- b) Visitor Profile- Vancouver Island North – Summer 2018

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Heritage Information at Tourism Centre

It was agreed that the Committee would try to Co-ordinate with Evelyn to move some Heritage information to the CC and set up some displays.

b) Hoomak Lake Signs

Bonnie distributed some photos of the signs and advised that the Regional District of Mount Waddington has no plans presently to replace them.

Rose Klein-Beekman announced that she would be resigning from the Tourism Advisory Committee and that she is not interested in continuing as the VINTAC appointee due to personal time commitments.

It was noted that the Tourism Advisory Committee should advertise for new members in 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*THAT the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held November 26, 2018 be adjourned at 5:37 p.m.*

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting of held November 26, 2018.

  
Chair

  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

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**D. George Fraser**

**PO Box ,672, Port Alice B.C.**

**1-250-851-4347**

**To Whom It May Concern**

**This letter to inform council of my interest in serving on the tourism  
commission**

**Thank You**

**D. George Fraser**

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The VI Regional Library AGM was a very pleasant affair wherein we elected a new board to be chaired by Strathcona Regional Director Brenda Leigh, an old friend of mine whom I had the pleasure of sitting with before her taking the chair. Another friend, Port McNeill Mayor Gaby Wickstrom was elected Vice Chair so I am happy and confident we are in good political hands. I met seemingly all the very pleasant and helpful staff who run the VIRL from above. As one who has been a long time frequent patron of the library over the years and a close friend of the local librarian I am privileged to be part of this very important system which brings an extremely valuable service to our community.

Having said all that, I had intended to do battle with the technical department first thing given our local library's struggle to keep it's internet service up and running as has been the case numerous times over my quarter century here. Indeed, as a councillor in past and even as a private citizen complaining, I had engaged the central – island based tech department on a couple of occasions wherein it seemed unreasonable that we should have our service either down for extended periods or so slow that it was ludicrous in the extreme. The proffered answer was always our more unusual situation with service providers etc. However, just as I took office the parts were provided and our local technician repaired the system! So for now our service is back in operation. I will be sure to monitor it in ongoing manner and do trust that our woes here are behind us.

Plans are slowly going forward for both the Sayward and Woss branches to build new facilities and that is good news for our region. Tahsis as well is moving forward in it's pursuit of new siting etc. Masset and Queen Charlotte (City) both are getting the attention deserved as well.

All in all I enjoyed the chance to see many old colleagues and look forward to the future meetings. I will however try to get my alternate to go to the next one so that she will be grounded in our joint duties to ensure that we continue to have an ongoing positive relationship with our valued service provider.

Sincerely,  
Councillor Lloyd

PS I have attached the VIRL Travel Expense Sheet etc. for use in budget deliberations.





## Amendment to Meals and Accommodation Rates

### Recommendation

The Director of Finance recommends:

That the *Amendment to Meals and Accommodation Rates Report* be received by the Board of Trustees; and

That the Board of Trustees approve:

- The maximum breakfast rate be increased from \$12 to \$13;
- The maximum dinner rate be increased from \$25 to \$27;
- The incidentals rate be increased from \$12 to \$13; and
- The kilometer reimbursement rate be updated each year to match the current year's reasonable allowable rate as posted by the Canada Revenue Agency.

### Background

Approximately every two years Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) reaches out to the municipalities and regional districts included in VIRL's service area, to determine whether our reimbursement rates are comparable to others. Based on this information, recommendations are made to the Board to change travel and mileage reimbursement rates accordingly.

### Results of the Survey

Information was requested and received from all of VIRL's 38 municipalities and regional districts. In comparison, VIRL's meal rates, mileage rates, and private accommodation rates were shown to be below average but the incidental rates were comparable.

	VIRL	Average	Difference
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$12.00	\$13.59	\$1.59
<b>Lunch</b>	\$19.00	\$18.34	(\$0.66)
<b>Dinner</b>	\$25.00	\$27.59	\$2.59
<b>Incidentals</b>	\$12.00	\$13.19	\$1.19
<b>Private Accommodation</b>	\$35.00	\$35.67	\$0.67

#### *Meal rates*

Lunch rates are in line with the average rate. However, breakfast and dinner are below average. Therefore, it is recommended to increase the breakfast amount by \$1 to \$13, and the dinner rate by \$2 to \$27.

*Incidentals*

Incidentals are meant to cover additional miscellaneous costs incurred as a result of overnight travel. Incidentals cannot be claimed where there is no overnight stay.

Incidental rates were found to be below average as compared with the other organizations surveyed. Therefore, it is recommended to increase the incidental amount by \$1 to \$13.

*Private accommodations*

Private accommodation rates were in line with the average so no changes are proposed.

*Mileage*

	<b>VIRL</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Mileage</b>	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.54	\$0.04

Mileage rates were slightly lower than the average. On an annual basis, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) posts the rate that they consider reasonable to reimburse business travel in a private vehicle. Of the 38 organizations surveyed, 30 used the 2018 CRA rate of \$0.55 per kilometer. It is therefore recommended that VIRL update the mileage rate on an annual basis to match the posted CRA rate.

**Economic Impact**

The economic impact of this on Board expenditures would be less than \$500 annually which can be accommodated within the existing budget. There would be no impact on the budget for staff travel expenditures, as staff members are expected to stay within their budgeted amounts and the operating budget for 2019 is adequate for staff travel needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Adams, CPA CA  
Director of Finance

Rosemary Bonanno, BA MLS  
Executive Director



<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Travel Expense</b>	<b>CODE:</b>	<b>5.2.b</b>
<b>APPROVED BY:</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED:</b>	<b>October 12, 2016</b>
	<b>Min 235/16</b>	<b>AMENDED:</b>	

## **POLICY**

The Village of Port Alice Council recognizes the importance of conferences, conventions and professional development opportunities. Council members and staff shall be reimbursed when engaged in Village business or attending conferences, courses or meetings as a representative of the Village of Port Alice.

## **PROCEDURE**

### **1 EXPENSES INCURRED**

- a) The Mayor and each Member of Council shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred when representing the Municipality beyond municipal boundaries, including, but not limited to Meetings and Conventions.
- b) The Mayor and each Member of Council shall submit to the Finance Officer evidence of expenditures made or expenses incurred.

### **2 PER DIEM**

- a) The Mayor and each Member of Council shall receive a daily allowance of ninety dollars (\$90.00) when representing the Municipality beyond municipal boundaries, for meals, gratuities, and incidentals, as follows:
 

i) Breakfast	\$15.00
ii) Lunch	\$20.00
iii) Dinner	\$40.00
iv) Miscellaneous	\$15.00
- b) The allowance for breakfast, lunch, or dinner will be deducted on a per day basis if the applicable meals are provided at the event.
- c) This Policy applies to all municipal employees traveling on Village business.

### **3 QUALIFYING EXPENSES**

- a) Hotel costs including parking expense.
- b) Transportation
  - 1) By way of Members' own vehicles.
  - 2) Other than by way of Members' own vehicles.

- c) Meals and gratuities.
- d) Telephone and/or facsimile communication
- e) Miscellaneous – cell phone use, coffee/tea, newspaper and miscellaneous tips i.e. doorman.

#### 4 LEVELS OF PAYMENT

- a) Actual hotel costs including parking if applicable.
- b) For use of own vehicle, the Canada Revenue Agency per-kilometre allowance rate will be used.
- c) For other modes of transportation including, but not limited to airplane, bus, taxis, and ferries, actual costs.
- d) Actual meals and gratuities costs will be reimbursed upon completion of the TRAVEL EXPENSE FORM and submission of receipts.

#### 5. Registration Fees

- a) All fees for workshops, conferences and other events that are approved will be paid.
- b) Fees for registration for training sessions, seminars, conferences etc. shall be paid in full for each authorized and approved registrant, in advance and directly to the sponsoring organization where time permits.

#### 6. Cost Not Eligible

- a) Overnight accommodation within the immediate local area (Port Alice)
- b) Traffic fines or parking tickets.
- c) Vehicle repair, towing or accident costs.
- d) Costs reimbursed by another organization or source
- e) Spouse or partner travel and/or meal costs
- f) Hotel room fines

# 1. Travel in Canada

## 1. Travel in Canada

Canadian \$ (taxes included)

Canada (all  
Provinces)  
&  
USA (except  
Alaska)

Yukon &  
Alaska

Northwest  
Territories

Nunavut

### 1.1 Meal allowances

Breakfast	19.45	19.65	24.45	26.20
Lunch	19.20	21.20	27.65	33.75
Dinner	48.15	58.50	60.30	89.65
<b>Meal allowance total</b>	<b>86.80</b>	<b>99.35</b>	<b>112.40</b>	<b>149.60</b>
<b>1.2 Incidental Expense Allowance</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>17.50</b>

### 1.3 Weekend travel to the residence transportation allowances

Two-day weekend	308.60	333.70	359.80	434.20
Three-day weekend	462.90	500.55	539.70	651.30
Four-day weekend	617.20	667.40	719.60	868.40

### 1.4 Private non-commercial accommodation rate

50.00 per night



**Land Sale Proposal:**

This proposal for Council to consider is for the sale of a waterfront Lot which we own for the purpose of attracting the development of a Hotel/Resort on our waterfront. Having a hotel or resort here will greatly help tourism in that people will have a place to stay. Also, the business spin offs for local charters, like fishing, sight seeing, our food and liquor stores will be much welcomed. We would also likely see employment opportunities for our local people here in town as such operations usually run with staff. Hopefully we may even see a restaurant built into the resort.

We of course would zone the Lot commercial however we should have some covenants or rules placed on the Lot. First of course the Lot is slated for a Hotel/Resort only. The next we make it so that you have to build within three years of purchase or the Lot reverts back to the Village. This would discourage Lot flipping or someone buying the Lot and simply sitting on it. Height restrictions etc we could discuss if this idea moves ahead. We have valuable land that is sitting there doing nothing, we should move ahead and get this land doing something for the benefit of our Village.

**Plan A:** Is we could subdivide Lions Park. Lions Park is a good location in that half of the Park is unusable due to the terrain. This location is central and right beside our Marina making it ideal for fisherman. The Village currently cares for this unused land so it would save us on maintenance costs.

**Plan B:** Councillor Aldis pointed out a good spot. We sell the old senior centre Lot. This location is smaller however the Lot is level and we do have some services already in the area for sewer and water. The lot has access to the water so the Hotel/Resort could build their own dock if they wanted.

**Plan C:** We sell the Overflow Marina parking Lot adjacent to the Marina creek. This Lot is larger and has access to the water. Again, the purchaser has the option of possibly building their own dock however the location is right beside our Marina as is.

These are the three main potential sites that have promise. We need to give some options for potential investors to look at. Currently Port Alice is all bought up with no room for opportunities to grow and therefore our Village unfortunately remains stagnant.

Thank you

Angela Yunker



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PLAN C





## VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**To:** Mayor & Council  
**From:** Bonnie Danyk, Acting CAO  
**Date:** January 30, 2019  
**Subject:** Oscar Hickes Tournament

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At its meeting on January 9, 2019 the Public Works and Recreation Committee made the following motion:

***THAT** the request for arena use for the Oscar Hickes Tournament be approved on the condition that the Port Alice Arena Society pays for the installation and removal of the ice and the staffing for the tournament, and **FURTHER THAT** a 50% deposit of the budgeted cost be paid in advance.*

I have calculated the cost install the ice and open the Arena for this tournament to be \$12,000. I advised Patrick Murray, who sent the request to the Village and let him know that we would require a \$6,000 deposit.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Oscar Hickes Hockey Tournament is scheduled to take place on March 28-31, 2019.

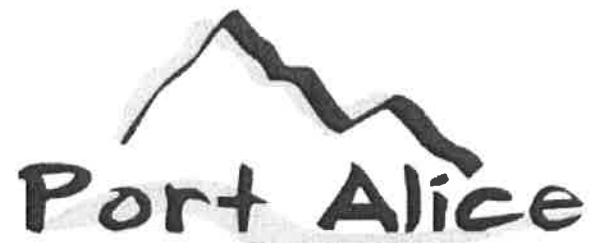
Respectfully submitted,



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Bonnie Danyk  
Acting CAO





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# INFORMATION ITEMS



January 22, 2019

Mayor Kevin Cameron and Council  
Village of Port Alice  
1061 Marine Drive  
Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0

Dear Mayor Cameron and Port Alice Village Council,

The BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) is a member-based network representing Community Forest Agreement (CFA) holders just like you. The BCCFA serves as a unified voice for the interests of community forests and the communities that live, work, and play in them. The BCCFA currently represents over 90 Indigenous and rural communities around the province.

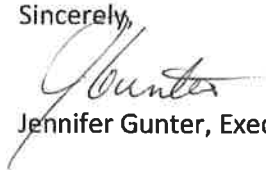
One of BCCFA's biggest contributions every year to advocacy at the provincial level for community forests is our Community Forest Indicators Report. The 2018 Report (<http://bccfa.ca/Indicators2018>) is the fourth annual survey of operating community forests, documenting benefits that community forests generate for their communities and the province. These economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits, including the important role that community forests play in proactively reducing the threat of wildfire, are the reasons the BCCFA has recently recommended to the provincial government that we expand the community forest program. The Abbott/Chapman Report (<http://bccfa.ca/AbbottChapman>) and the Union of BC Municipalities (<http://bccfa.ca/UBCM>) echo this recommendation.

Additionally, BCCFA is currently involved in discussions with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, Rural Development about potential changes to the Forest and Range Practices Act, the legislation that governs forestry operations in BC. This advocacy for the specific interests of Indigenous and rural communities and Community Forest Agreements creates benefits for all community forests, members and non-members.

We would like to extend an invitation for your community to join the BCCFA. We invite you to join the network, to reap the benefits of a connection with colleagues and shareholders striving to get the most out of their community forests. You can find more information about the benefits of being a member of the BCCFA at <http://bccfa.ca/membership>.

We invite you to attend our annual general meeting and conference, taking place from June 12-14 in Mission, BC. You can also join our newsletter by subscribing at <http://bccfa.ca/subscribe>.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director

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## Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **VIRL Board of Trustees Welcomes 28 New Trustees, elects Executive Committee, and Officers of the Library Board at 2019 AGM**

*Friday, January 25, 2019, Nanaimo, BC* – On January 19, 2019, the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board of Trustees held its Annual General Meeting and elected its officers and Executive Committee members for the year.

Brenda Leigh, who represents the Strathcona Regional District and has been on the Board for three years, was elected as Board Chair. Mayor Gabriele (Gaby) Wickstrom, from the Town of Port McNeill, was elected as Vice-Chair. This is Wickstrom's second appointment to the Board. Both Leigh and Wickstrom will lead the Executive Committee as part of their duties.

The following nine members at large were also elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

- Penny Cote (Alberni Clayoquot Regional District)
- Manno Theos (City of Courtenay)
- Daniel Arbour (Comox Valley Regional District)
- Mary Marcotte (Cowichan Valley Regional District)
- Rob Johnson (Town of Ladysmith)
- Erin Hemmens (City of Nanaimo)
- Evan Putterill (North Coast Regional District)
- Debra Toporowski (Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Fred Robertson (District of Port Hardy)

As a reflection of the significant change ushered in by the 2018 municipal elections in BC, 28 Trustees are serving in their first term with VIRL, or are returning to the Board after several years away. They are:

- Nicole Minions (Town of Comox)
- Vickey Brown (Town of Cumberland)
- Brenda Patrick (Village of Gold River)
- Rob Johnson (Town of Ladysmith)
- Jamie Wilson (District of Lantzville)
- Terry Carty (Village of Masset)
- Erin Hemmens (City of Nanaimo)
- Debra Toporowski (Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Jack McClintock (District of North Saanich)
- Teresa Patterson (City of Parksville)







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- Ron Paulson (City of Port Alberni)
- Bruce Lloyd (Village of Port Alice)
- Ian Gould (Village of Port Clements)
- Gabriele Wickstrom (Town of Port McNeill)
- Adam Walker (Town of Qualicum Beach)
- Jesse Embree (Village of Queen Charlotte)
- Joyce Ellis (Village of Sayward)
- Barbara Fallot (Town of Sidney)
- Jeff Bateman (District of Sooke)
- Lynda Llewellyn (Village of Tahsis)
- Duncan McMaster (District of Tofino)
- Penny Cote (Alberni Clayoquot Regional District)
- Jayme Kennedy (Central Coast Regional District)
- Daniel Arbour (Comox Valley Regional District)
- Andrew Hory (Mount Waddington Regional District)
- Vanessa Craig (Nanaimo Regional District)
- Evan Putterill (North Coast Regional District)
- Andrew Fall (qathet Regional District)

The Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees, which is comprised of elected representatives from 28-member municipalities and 10 regional districts, administers a budget of more than \$38 million.

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