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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District celebrates 10th anniversary since Huu-ay-aht and Yuułu?it?ath joined the Board as full voting members

PORT ALBERNI – On April 12, 2012, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) made history in British Columbia by becoming the first regional district to include First Nations representatives as full voting members to their board.

The ACRD marked this important anniversary today, celebrating 10 years of working together with the first two nations to join – Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Yuułu?it?ath.

Five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations began to implement the Maa-nulth Treaty on April 1, 2012. Four members of this treaty – Uchucklesaht, Toquaht, Huu-ay-aht, and Yuułu?it?ath – are located within the geographic boundary of what is now the ACRD. As part of their treaty, they were given the opportunity to become full voting members of the Board. All four nations are now on the ACRD Board, as Uchucklesaht and Toquaht join in 2014 and 2016, respectively.

“This is a significant milestone for the ACRD, Huu-ay-aht, and Yuułu?it?ath,” explains ACRD Chair John Jack. “By working together, the Region and the Maa-nulth Nations have built stronger relationships as we collaborate on a shared vision for the future.”

By working together, the ACRD Board can better address issues that affect the communities.

“Huu-ay-aht is very proud to have an extremely good working relationship with the ACRD,” explains Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. “We will continue to work on initiatives that support each of our community’s development. Moving forward we look forward to jointly working on the K-12 issue.”

Ten years ago, Huu-ay-aht Councillor John Jack and Yuułu?it?ath Councillor Al McCarthy began representing their Nations on the ACRD, and they continue to hold this role.

“On behalf of the Yuułu?it?ath Government, we are pleased to have unified, historically, as voting board members with the ACRD, 10 years ago this year,” explains Charles McCarthy President, Yuułu?it?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation. “We are honoured to acknowledge Alan McCarthy, for his time and representation on behalf of the Government, for the duration of this time, and we look forward to working together for many more years. ʔeekoo.”

The ACRD appreciates the voice these two nations bring to the table and look forward to continuing to work together as we implement our new strategic plan.



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