

# ALBERNI CLAYOQUOT WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE POVERTY PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

WE INVITE YOU TO ASSIST TO PLAN AND TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE POVERTY IN THE ALBERNI CLAYOQUOT REGION BY SIGNING AND ADDING YOUR VOICE.

Whereas the World Health Organization has determined poverty to be the single most significant determinant of health; and

Whereas the population of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) experiences a high degree of both poverty and poor health with the fourth highest rate of poverty of 29 Regional Districts in BC and a child poverty rate of 32.2%; and

Whereas the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network (ACHN) is devoted to improving the health of communities in the ACRD by addressing the social determinants of health;

Be it resolved that the undersigned bodies will collaborate to:

1. Actively participate in the ongoing development of the 'Working Together to Reduce Poverty Theory of Change' with the ACHN and other community organizations;
2. Assist to organize events and campaigns to support initiatives directed at, and raise awareness of, the challenges our communities must overcome to reduce poverty;
3. Where possible, access and lobby for resources to assist identified actions;
4. Always consider the innate connection between poverty and health outcomes when formulating policy, planning for the future of our communities, and in our everyday activities as leaders in the ACRD.

This protocol shall be formally reviewed at least every three years, using the 'Working Together to Reduce Poverty Theory of Change' to evaluate benchmarks and set priorities.

***Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of April, 2017 in Port Alberni, BC***

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***Gord Johns***  
***Member of Parliament***  
***Courtney –Alberni***

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***Scott Fraser***  
***Member of the Legislative***  
***Assembly of BC***  
***Alberni – Pacific Rim***