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Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, February 3, 2015
Time 7:00 PM
Place Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

- Present** Mayor Jude Schooner
Councillor Louis VanSolkema
Councillor Randy Taylor
Councillor Kathy Bellanger
Councillor Brenda Overton
- Staff** Doug Chapman, Corporate Officer
April Roth, Finance Assistant
Amit Sharma, Deputy Director of Finance
- Regrets** None
- Public** 7 members of the public
- A. Call to Order** Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht / Muchalaht Traditional Territory. Mayor Schooner also welcomed the new Deputy Director of Finance, Amit Sharma and stated that a press release would be sent out.
- B. Introduction of Late Items** None
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the Agenda for the February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended with the subject line of Correspondence item #8 being incorrect.
- CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mr. Dan Dahling spoke about the News Release from John Duncan's office listed under correspondence. Mr. Dahling stated that he would like to see something like this in our area and wishes the government would carry on with their momentum on new trails.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- Regular Meeting - January 20, 2015 /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 20, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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Committee of the Whole January 19, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the Minutes of the January 19, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

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Committee of the Whole January 26, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the Minutes of the January 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

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G. Rise and Report

H. Business Arising

I. Unfinished Business

1. Tourism Feasibility Study
2. Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – infrastructure funding applications available (October 21, 2014 meeting)

J. Council and Administrative Reports

Mayor Schooner
(written report)

Good evening,

At the Strathcona Regional Board meeting on January the 22nd, the Board received a verbal report from Chair Jim Abram who has met with the British Columbia Federal Conservative Caucus to discuss federal funding opportunities for BC Ferries. Director Abram reported that he was well received by the Conservative Caucus. Chair Abram also announced that due to executive vacancies for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, his name had been put forward and he advised the Board that he had been appointed as UBCM Director at Large. I am pleased that this SRD Electoral Area Director for Quadra Island will have a voice on the executive.

There was a report on the possibility of creating a Community Health Network (CHN) with the SRD. At this point the Regional Board is in the process of determining how it could support the creation of a CHN and what form that would take, including the development of a service. This will be discussed at the 2015 Strategic Priority session scheduled for February 13th along with the Regional Tourism service option.

Campbell River Councillor Charlie Cornfield brought forward a resolution to go to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC), which received the SRD Board's approval: 'THAT AVICC petition the Provincial Government to Renew the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T) by recapitalizing the Trust to its original level.'

Also, of note, at the meeting, Director Whalley provided a verbal report on the proposed increase of herbicide usage by Western Forest Products Mid Island Forest Operation. The following motion was carried: "THAT the Chair write a letter of support to WFP Mid Island Operation and the Chair of the Mid Island Forest Land Advisory Group Committee stating that the Regional District is opposed to an increase in their use of herbicide about that indicated in the Sustainable Forest Management Plan. The mid-island forest operation was at 57% usage in 2013 and 70% usage in 2014." I am currently trying to ascertain the amount of herbicide used within TFL 19 and whether it is in compliance with the Proposed Management Plan containing the target of 20% usage of herbicide.

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So that brings me to our time at the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) seminar held in Parksville. I am sure that the participating councilors will be reporting on this tonight so I will keep my analysis brief. I was very appreciative of keynote speaker; George Abbott's take on holding office, coming away with the true knowledge that there is a whole other human being behind the one whose voice is governed by the policies and decision making of various levels of government. This was my third time at the academy and the refresher was greatly appreciated. I especially enjoyed Jerry Berry's workshop on financial management, and the clinics on citizen engagement, as well as, the workshops on communications and media. The highlight of the seminar, for me, was the moving clinic on Local Governments and First Nations: Working Together. It was very moving, to say the least.

Councillor Overton
(written report)

Last week with Council and Mayor I attended the Local Government Leadership Academy in Parksville, I travelled and shared accommodation with Councillor Bellanger. We realized after our first night our husbands are right we both snore, don't tell them we will deny it. I attended all the various workshops, I won't go on in detail I am sure the rest of council and Mayor will be reporting and I know nobody wants repetition. I will tell you what I got out of it, a reinforcement of my belief that we are here for our community and they are who we work for. How better to engage our community in our decisions that affect those who live here, how important it is to get all the facts and how to find them, how important it is to show appreciation to our staff, and mutual respect at this table is how to get things done, and going with my gut will never steer me wrong. If something doesn't feel right investigate until I have the answers.

I am looking forward to see what progress we can manage for Tahsis in the four years we are here. That is all I have to report at this time.

Councillor Van
Solkema
(verbal and written
report)

I did miss a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

January 28, 2015 – today's Harvest Allocation meeting went well – always a lot of topic and substance to get through. The morning was spent discussing the Terms of Reference, some of which has been worked out at other similar workshops in neighbouring areas. (A link to terms of reference is available upon request). It should be pointed out that the terms of reference have a section on accountability which requires the member to represent the constituents wishes, as well as informing them of all committee decisions. The Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans having the final say. There are considerable weighty decisions being made regarding harvest allocations, First Nations, Fisheries, International agreements with the US/Alaska commercial sector, that while we don't have a lot of say in these areas, we should be aware of. Considerable dialogue is spent on the wild stock issue. Much data is being produced to suggest that the big fish hatcheries such as Conuma or the Roberts Creek Hatchery in the Port Alberni area, are having a significant impact on almost all other Vancouver Island westcoast wild fish stocks. Interestingly, the Kyuquot

Sound north of us and the Clayquot Sound to the south have been suggested to be wild stock producing areas thereby being designated as major hatchery free zones. You might think that their returns would be exceptional but the fact is the returns are dismal. Much work remains to be done to get even a glimmer of historical production.

Councillor Bellanger
(written report)

Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council.

The past 2 weeks have been busy for me but I did have the time to go see our children perform in Aladdin on January 24. I have to say they did fabulous, not sure how they can remember all their lines as I'm sitting here reading off my paper hoping not to forget anything. On January 26 we met with the economic development strategy and I was happy to see it take form and looking forward to the next town meeting to share their strategy and listen to input. On January 28, 29, 30, I attended the LGLA (Local Government Leadership Academy) and it was very informational as they crammed a whole lot of information in a short time, I think my brain still hurts. I did take notes and hoping to put them to use.

Councillor Taylor
(written report)

Good evening.

On January 24th I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Island Library Board. The agenda included a fairly extensive trustee orientation. A general overview was presented by Rosemary Bonanno, the Executive Director, and a financial overview was given by Steve Hurcombe, divisional Manager of Finance. The Director of Human Resources spoke on Staff Development and Training.

Elections of Chair and Vice chair were held as well as election of the Executive Committee. All nominees were elected by acclamation. A financial report was given and monies earmarked for Tahsis Branch in 2014 have been carried over to this year. I did question the report and was quoted a carry over amount of \$200,000 by the Executive Director for the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The 26th of January I attended a Committee of the Whole where a presentation was made by George Penfold and Randy Sunderman on the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

Along with the rest of Council I attended the Local Government Leadership Academy, January 28th through the 30th. I recognize the positive aspects of such seminars and truly enjoy some of the presentations. There is no doubt that I take away something worthwhile at the end. Having said that I still feel that the cost benefit to the community is marginal except for newly elected candidates and sending only one re-elect delegate along would have made far better sense for a community with such limited discretionary funds.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the Council reports be received for information. CARRIED

Administrative Reports

Administrative reports are provided at the second meeting of the month.

- CAO/CFO/CO)
- Public Works)
- Recreation) Provided at the second meeting of the month
- Fire Department)
- Daycare)

K. Bylaws

None

L. Correspondence

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Overton that the correspondence items #3, #6, #7, and #8 be received, excluding items #1, #2, #4, #5 and #9. CARRIED

AVICC – second call for resolutions

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Councillor Taylor offered assistance to any council members who wished to submit a resolution to the AVICC.

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that this item be received. CARRIED

Canadian Union of Postal Workers – support to save Canada Post

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the Village of Tahsis send the resolution as suggested by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. CARRIED

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UBCM – MMBC Advisory Committee

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that this item be received. CARRIED

Donna Barnett, MLA –
thank you letter

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Councillor Taylor wished to go on record as stating that he felt the letter was a rebuff. This letter may be brought back at a later date.

Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that this item be received.

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Smart Meters

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that a resolution be submitted to AVICC and UBCM regarding smart meters. Councillor Van Solkema and Councillor Taylor will prepare the resolution.

CARRIED

M. New Business

Prime Minister's
Awards for Teaching
Excellence

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that this item be received.

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N. Public Input #2 Mr. Battista Bertoia had a suggestion regarding solid waste. He felt that the Village of Tahsis should do something with organic waste, and that this would benefit the community. The Village of Tahsis could make money. Europe has dealt with solid waste for a long time. Mr. Bertoia stated that he looked forward to see something happening.

Ms. Anne Cameron spoke regarding smart meters and that a person still has to come into Tahsis to read the numbers, and that the smart meter system does not work in Tahsis.

O. Adjournment **/2015**
Moved by Councillor Van Solkema/Overton that the meeting adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
17th day of February, 2015

Corporate Officer