



MINUTES

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

- Present** Mayor Jude Schooner
Councillor Louis VanSolkema
Councillor Randy Taylor
Councillor Kathy Bellanger
- Regrets** Councillor Brenda Overton
- Staff** Doug Chapman, Corporate Officer
Amit Sharma, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- Public** 10 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.
- B. Introduction of Late Items** The following items were introduced as late items under New Business:
#2 – Date to be set for Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding Economic Development Strategy and Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation AGM Meeting being held March 28, 2015
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the Agenda for the March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mr. Dan Dahling spoke regarding the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation and applying for a community forest licence.

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Ms. Judy Burgess stated that she was very impressed by the Economic Development Plan but that she had a few concerns regarding the plan, such as: that the academic language could be off-putting to some people, and that the community's role was not clearly defined. Ms. Burgess also inquired if Council would be inviting some community members to participate in their next Economic Development meeting.

Ms. Anne Cameron expressed her concern over herring fishing being allowed on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Ms. Cameron would like to find a way to support the Nuu-chah-nulth people on this issue.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that Council send a letter to the Ministry regarding herring fishing on the west coast and stating that Council is in support of the Nuuchahnulth people.

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Ms. Stephanie Olson stated that she was also pleased with the Economic Development meeting and said that she would like to see task forces set up for Recreation Centre revitalization and for food production.

Mr. Battista Bertoia expressed his concerns regarding vehicles around Tahsis with expired licence plates (abandoned vehicles).

F. Adoption of the Minutes

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February 17, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 17, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

None.

J. Unfinished Business

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

J. Council Reports

Mayor Schooner

Good evening,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillors Bellanger and Overton for joining me at CMES to serve lunch to the students. Also I would like to thank council for their participation in the Tahsis Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan open house.

I am sure that council joins me in a big thank you to the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nations, Chief Larry Andrews, Chief Patrick James and CAO Michael McGee in taking time out of their busy schedules to visit Tahsis and talk about their challenges and their opportunities for success. Their presentation at the open house was well received and I would consider it a privilege to work and stand with their community whenever needed.

At the SRD Municipal Services Committee meeting I was pleased to be elected as Chair for the upcoming year. Agenda items included a desire to continue to look at regional tourism options with participation of municipalities, dialogue regarding rural outpatient accommodation, and the focus of the Committee in the upcoming year. Please let me know if you have anything of concern that you would like addressed by the MSC and I will take that forward as Chair.

That afternoon at the SRD Board budget amendments were made. Unfortunately, the amendments to increase funding to the Regional Emergency Preparedness Program did not go forward. The SRD board has listed amongst its strategies to advocate for greater internet connectivity for rural areas, to strengthen relationships with First Nations, and to continue to lobby for quality ferry services for coastal

communities. Other priorities that have made the "A" list are a Regional Community Health Network and the development of an Asset Management Plan.

Councillor Overton Absent

Councillor Van Solkema Good evening Mayor and Council and members of the public.

I attended the public meeting on Feb. 24th wherein George Penfold and company presented the final draft of the Tahsis Economic Development Plan. It was good to hear the presentation by Michael Mghee on behalf of the Mowachat/Muchalat tribal council. It will be interesting to see how our collective plans might come together.

I also attended a Nootka Sound Watershed Society AGM, in the big meeting hall at Tsaxana. Mike Wright and Miranda Devisser gave a presentation of the stream assessment progress to date. They plan on being in Gold River again on March 25th at Tsaxana to introduce the Risk Assessment Workshop Process. This meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. for anyone interested and should help us prioritize where future efforts would best be applied. Our local Salmon Enhancement Society were able to voice their opposition to the Esperanza/Hecate sportfishing openings as they were last year based on poor returns to local rivers. This was fully endorsed by the NSWS. The Election of Officers followed directly after the meeting. We now have a new president in Kent O'neil, Dick Dennison is the new vice president. Cheryl Miner is continuing as the acting treasurer and Lyndy Vroom as the recording secretary. Thanks and congratulations to all and many thanks to past president Roger Dunlop and vice president Ken Smith for all their efforts.

The Meet and Greet session next weekend will be a good opportunity to gauge future support for a local chapter of Streamkeepers. I'm currently getting some information together regarding this.

Councillor Bellanger Good evening Mayor, Council and everyone.

My report is short tonight. On Feb 9th Mayor Schooner, Councillor Overton and I had the privilege to help with the Lunch program at the school, not sure how much help we were, but it was nice to be a part of the process, and lunch was fantastic. These women are very energetic and so organized in the preparing and serving of the food to our children. I wasn't sure if we were actually helping or just in the way, a big thank you to them for all they do. On Feb 21st we said our goodbyes to Pete Choat. We had a small turnout but many good stories and great pictures and fond memories of the man who did many good things in our community. He will be missed. On the 24th, the economic development presentation was held, loving having our First Nations be a part of it, and hearing that their goals are the same as ours and hoping we can work hard together on these goals together. I felt the turn out for these 2 presentations was very good, and I'm hoping we can really put some of these goals into action and not just on paper.

Councillor Taylor Good Evening.

I've little to report other than my attendance, along with the rest of Council, on February 24th for the presentations made by George Penfold and Associates and the CAO of Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations. They were very informative and give me confidence that our respective communities are, and will continue to be, moving in the right direction.

I missed the luncheon event at Captain Meares due to illness and apologize for my absence.

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

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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 Taylor/Van Solkema that the correspondence items #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #8 be received, excluding items #1, #7, #9.

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Stephanie Olson – Rec
Centre Climbing wall

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

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that this item be included in budget discussions.

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Call for Nominations –
2015 Outstanding
Teacher

Mayor Schooner stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Randy Taylor assumed the Chair.

Mayor Schooner spoke to the reasons she felt that the nomination for 2015 Outstanding Teacher would be best dealt with by the school because they have access to more information on the person being nominated.

Mayor Schooner then assumed the chair again.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Bellanger that this item be referred to the School District for further action.

CARRIED

Hon. John Duncan –
recent
correspondence
regarding Canada Post

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

CARRIED

M. New Business

NSEDC request for a
Community Forest
Agreement

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

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Committee of the
Whole meeting date
re NSEDC and
Economic
Development Strategy

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that a Committee of the Whole meeting date be set for March 23rd, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss these issues.

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N. Public Input #2 Ms. Anne Cameron spoke regarding carbon sequestration and stating that funding for this has been tried by the Village of Tahsis in the past, and that is a very complex process.

Mr. Dan Dahling inquired as to whether the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation and First Nations will be including Zeballos and the Ehattesaht.

O. Adjournment **/2015**

Moved by Taylor/Van Solkema that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
17th day of March, 2015

Corporate Officer

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