



## MINUTES

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

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- Present** Councillor Louis VanSolkema  
Councillor Randy Taylor  
Councillor Kathy Bellanger  
Councillor Brenda Overton
- Regrets** Mayor Jude Schooner
- Staff** Doug Chapman, CAO, CFO, Corporate Officer  
Amit Sharma, Deputy CFO  
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- Public** 7 members of the public
- A. Call to Order** Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachah / Muchalaht Traditional Territory.
- B. Introduction of Late Items** None
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015  
**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that the Agenda for the April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Dan Dahling remarked that he missed the last Committee of the Whole meeting on the Economic Development Strategy and inquired if reports from Council would contain information from this meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Taylor stated that Council had already reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting at the March 17, 2015 council meeting and offered to provide Mr. Dahling with information.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- Regular Meeting –  
March 17, 2015
- /2015  
**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 17, 2015 be adopted as amended.
- CARRIED
- G. Rise and Report** None.

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**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  
(absent – no report)

Councillor Overton  
(written report)

Good evening Council and Mayor,

On March 23, with all of you, I attended the Community to Community forum appropriately held at the House of Unity with Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nations and Gold River. It was good to see old friends and make new ones, since we are all reporting on the same event, I will just share my general feelings of optimism that together we just may be able to come up with a plan that will equally benefit all three of our communities.

Then on March 28<sup>th</sup> I received a very warm welcome from the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation where it was decided Tony Ellis remain President, Vice President be Jeff Coburn, and Treasurer is Chris White. At the AGM the shareholders proposed a motion as follows: therefore it be resolved that NSEDC contract with Capacity Forest Management Ltd. for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to review our business plan or propose what items should be in our business plan in order to maximize our return from operations, and that the President of the NSEDC report back to the shareholders by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as to the terms and conditions of the proposed contract for shareholder approval.

Our discussion was that the NSEDC still has unknowns that could affect the NSEDC bank account. The NSEDC has \$264,000 left in the bank and how would shareholders move forward with reinvesting in their company. There is another unknown issue for the Board. Capacity does have relationships with the First Nations in Nootka Sound. A land based license is based on whatever is actually growing in the space whereas the NSEDC previous license was a volume based license and moved around to harvest which species was more valuable at that time. At this point the Directors feel will still need to move forward and start the conversations with Capacity Forest Management Ltd.

So the motion the Directors decided on was that the NSEDC discuss with Capacity Forest Management Ltd. what items should be in our business plan in order to maximize a return from operations and in what form could First Nations be involved.

I was informed that Tony Ellis and Secretary Treasurer Chris White will be meeting this Friday for that very discussion.

That is all I have to report at this time.

Councillor Van  
Solkema  
(written report)

Good evening everyone.

Since last council meeting I attended a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on March 19<sup>th</sup> where George Penfold presented the Strategy framework for the Tahsis Economic Development strategy and action plan to our council and members of the public. Further discussions followed surrounding strategy for the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation Annual General Meeting being held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> I enjoyed attending the Community to Community Forum at Tsaxana. A busy week as on March 25<sup>th</sup> M.C. Wright and Associates held a workshop in Gold River outlining the Risk

Assessment process as well as unveiling the Strategy paper and Fish Habitat report for the Tahsis River. I'm very impressed with the results of this work and would like to congratulate Miranda deVisser and Mike Wright and company for a job well done. A three day workshop is planned for May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Gold River, where the stream assessments on six of our local rivers, will be presented and prioritized. The regular business of the NSWS was conducted after the MC. Wright presentation. Paul Kutz, a staff member with Western Forest Products has been attending the more recent NSWS meetings and he gave a presentation regarding his new portfolio. He explained that the Gold River part of Western Forest Products operations was the only one that hadn't fully met the CSA certification standard and that one step in achieving this was through a community consultation process involving all communities within the boundaries of Tree Farm License 19. He will endeavor to establish meetings and such in the near future. This adds an interesting echo to the notion of a sub regional entity within the Strathcona Regional District framework with a greater focus on our west coast future and well being. The weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> is a possibility for the Stream keeper's course, but nothing confirmed as yet.

Councillor Bellanger  
(written report)

Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council.

I'm hoping everyone had a good Easter full of good food and goodies. I know I have to walk a few extra miles. As of our last council meeting, we had a Committee of the Whole on March 19<sup>th</sup> and again a good turnout of the public was nice to see. We went through our economic plan, how we have to put some of our strategies to use.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> our council and Mayor, Gold River's council and Mayor met with our First Nations Chief and Council. We discussed many of the same challenges our small communities are facing and how we can work together to solve some of them. I'm hoping we can learn from each other and share ideas to try to strengthen our economy.

And on March 28<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to sit in on the NSEDC meeting, where I observed and listened to the ins and outs of what's going on. And yes, I'm slowly learning and catching up on what's happening. All in time. And that's my report, thank you.

Councillor Taylor  
(written report)

I attended a Committee of the Whole to discuss Council's position regarding the Nootka Sound Economic Development Committee's annual meeting.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, along with all members of Tahsis Council and members of the Gold River Council, I attended a Community Meeting and Luncheon with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation. I'm pleased by the progress that is being made towards a mutually beneficial relationship with our First Nations neighbours and look forward to a co-operative joint approach to sustainable development within their traditional territory; one that respects their inherent rights and serves the needs of the respective communities within the territory. I cannot emphasize enough that in unity there is strength. If the wider community of Nootka Sound is to progress, we need to have a united voice, otherwise our needs will continue to be overshadowed at the regional and provincial levels. I believe we will see a Vision Statement come together in the near future and look forward to the day we have an actual Working Protocol Agreement. My thanks to our hosts for their hospitality, a lovely luncheon, their willingness to move forward and especially for the tolerance shown to some of what I considered to be rather culturally insensitive dialogue.

Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>, I was unable to attend the NSEDC annual meeting as it coincided with the Board of Trustees Meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Library in Nanaimo. A Consolidated Facilities Master Plan was presented and was well received. The items pertinent to Tahsis from the days agenda are both good and bad. The good, will have to wait a bit as board trustees have been asked not to make announcements prior to a communication strategy launch scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. The bad is an announcement by the Provincial Liberals of a 1 ½ percent reduction in funding to the VIRL, which means our required municipal contribution will rise beyond the increase in cost of operations. More off loading; I suppose it should come as no surprise.

The District of Sooke/Juan de Fuca have requested an RFP in regard to a new branch in their district. I hope the process proves more rewarding for them than it did for Tahsis. The Library Board will be holding public meetings in all communities it services prior to this fall.

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema 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  
Fire Department  
Daycare

### **K. Bylaws**

None

### **L. Correspondence**

**/2015**

**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that the correspondence items #1 through #19 be received, excluding items #2 and #6.

CARRIED

Howie Siemens –  
Senior & Elected  
Officials Workshop –  
Emergency  
Management

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that staff and any member of Council be authorized to attend if they deem necessary.

CARRIED

Ocean Boating  
Tourism Association –  
Launch of the Marine  
Tourism Website

**/2015**

**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that this information be posted on the Village of Tahsis website and bulletin boards around Tahsis.

CARRIED

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Bellanger to receive correspondence items #2 and #6.

CARRIED

### **N. Public Input #2**

Dan Dahling inquired as to how much land was being leased by Ms. Eslinger at Pete's Farm.

CAO responded, stating that the area leased was approximately 20,000 square feet – less than ½ acre near the creek. The entire property is not leased.

Dan Dahling inquired as to the benefits to the community.

The CAO responded that the primary focus of a benefit to the community would be for fresh produce for residents and also the lease funds to the Village of Tahsis.

Dan Dahling stated that Pete's Farm had been declared a heritage site by the Village of Tahsis some years ago.

The CAO stated that Pete's Farm does not qualify as a heritage site because it does not meet provincial requirements.

**O. Adjournment /2015**

**Moved** by Overton/Van Solkema that the meeting adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this  
<sup>21st</sup> day of April, 2015

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Corporate Officer

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