



MINUTES

Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Time 7:00 PM
Place Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

- Present** Mayor Schooner
Councillor Bellanger
Councillor Van Solkema
Councillor Taylor
- Staff** Doug Chapman, CAO, CFO, Corporate Officer
Amit Sharma, Deputy CFO
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- Regrets** Councillor Overton
- Public** 4 members of the public
- A. Call to Order** Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 7:05 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:
#1 – Vancouver Island Regional Library
Re: Community consultation session about the Tahsis Library branch – June 24, 2015
#2 – Community Health Network
Re: Invitation to attend forum to address the social determinants of health in the Strathcona region – June 26, 2015
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Taylor/Bellanger that the Agenda for the June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Ms. Judy Burgess inquired about an item on the Public Works report which mentioned contaminated recycling. Ms. Burgess would like to see more information on what contaminated means and felt that more education was needed on this issue. She would like to know how much of a problem this is and if material is being dumped, she would like it to be reported.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes** /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held May 9, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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Committee of the Whole – May 11, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held May 11, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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Special Open council meeting – May 12, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Bellanger/Taylor that the minutes of the Special Open meeting of Council held May 12, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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Special Open council meeting – May 14, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the minutes of the Special Open meeting of Council held May 14, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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Regular council meeting – June 2, 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held June 2, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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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
(written report)

Good evening,

I have not had the opportunity to recognize the outstanding job done by the Tahsis Fire Department, BC Ambulance, Public Works and the many community members that assisted in fighting the structural fire of the Tahsis Community Church. It could have been so much worse if it wasn't for the tireless efforts of the many involved. I also sent out thank yous to BC Hydro, Telus and Conuma Cable for their prompt response in getting us up and running again. My sincere gratitude to all involved.

Since my last report I have been involved in 2 teleconferences regarding the creation of a regional Community Health Network. We have been preparing for the upcoming stakeholder's meeting on June 26th in Campbell River. The information regarding that meeting is included in one of tonight's late items and I would encourage your attendance. I have provided an extensive list of stakeholder's in this community and region that have received individual invitations to this event.

The Municipal Services Committee is gaining momentum with implementing a round table where individual directors report on their successes and challenges within their respective communities. The next MSC meeting will encompass presentations on the possibility of sub-regional tourism opportunities.

At the 2 Strathcona Regional District meetings I attended, the following items are of note:

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- ❖ Clarification was brought forward by the North island 9-1-1 Corporation which explained that if the RCMP is needed during a fire, as an example, that the Fire Department needs to specifically request their presence.
- ❖ That a Notice of Motion was made by Director John MacDonald (Mayor of Sayward) that he will be proposing a motion at the July 8, 2015 meeting to change the voting unit to 2,500 from 1,500, which would see the reduction of directors from 13 to 11. Campbell River will have 3 directors instead of 5, and the voting structure would go from 33 to 23 in weighted votes. Of course, the preponderance of the weighed votes will remain with Campbell River and their vote with the current voting structure could easily defeat Director MacDonald's motion.

I enjoyed the presentation of the North Island Hospital Project here on the 8th and was pleased to see most of council present. The project is on time and on budget. The hospitals will be paid for in 10 years.

Comox Strathcona Waste Management board meeting included a tour of the Comox site that is preparing for closure. A delegation including myself, attended a meeting on June 2nd in Vancouver with Moe Minister Mary Polak concerning the need of amendments to the SW Management Plan, where one of the amendments would be to extend the life of our landfill for another 10 years. I have included a report on this meeting on tonight's agenda for council's perusal. Also at the CSWM board meeting we were involved in governance and voting workshop followed by a few hours of agenda items mostly reviewing pilot organic composting projects. I spoke to the idea of using a cement mixer for our organics, and have received some information on the challenges of that concept with some other economic solutions which I have passed on to our CAO.

Grad 2015 was a pleasure to attend. I am joined by council in congratulating both Ciara Russell and Sam Lohn for their accomplishments. Council decided to split the \$1000 Village of Tahsis scholarship between the graduates, which was well received. Our community really shines with events such as a graduation with so many people coming together to make it a wonderful, stylish occasion.

And that is my report for the last month.

Councillor Overton
(absent)

Councillor Van
Solkema
(written report)

Good evening Mayor and Council – since our last council meeting, I sat in on an AREA D harvest allocation conference call concerning commercial openings and allocations/boundaries within the Nootka sound. The salmon returns for this year are in the abundant category although there are concerns with warmer ocean temperature and low stream flows, etc.

The June 6 & 7 weekend was a very enjoyable streamkeepers workshop with 14 participants. Among the participants was the Junior Canadian Rangers Company Sargeant Major Dan Hryoryshen, an avid fly fisherman, who was assessing the course content for introduction to other JC Rangers. He was impressed with the course and enjoyed the instructor's presentation and depth of knowledge. I trust all other participants enjoyed the weekend as much as I did.

Monday, June 8th was a marathon day developing our strategy for moving forward with the economic development plan with our Mayor and Council. Also attended the North Island Health Authority presentation on the new facilities under construction in Campbell River and Comox. Impressive!

I spent the Saturday, June 13th, helping cleanup at the church cleanup event. Although the Village dump truck was not available due to short notice, the cooperative spirit displayed by the rest of council was very much appreciated.

June 15th, Council met regarding our Village website and I'm realizing how much there is to learn in this realm.

Councillor Bellanger
(written report)

Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council.

Since our last council meeting, Mayor and Council have started to work on our strategies. On June 8th, we put some long hours at this table sorting and digging through the long wish list our community would like to see happen. As we all know not every one will happen, but I'm excited that we have started this process and it won't sit on the shelf and collect dust. I know there are only so many hours in a day, and days in a week, but I'm looking forward to the next meeting to keep the ball rolling. Also the evening of the 8th, I attended the viewing for our new hospitals in Campbell River and Comox Valley. Wow, was I ever impressed from the lay out, and the thought that has gone into the design of each room and where they have placed all technical rooms. I'm thinking people are going to want to stay for a holiday, that's how welcoming it looks. And on June 15th, we had a Committee of the Whole to start working on the Village of Tahsis website, that I think will benefit our small community. I really think the web can be a very useful tool, not only for the Village, but also for people on the outside, wanting to see what we can offer in our community and surrounding area.

Councillor Taylor
(written report)

Good evening.

Besides the two Committees of the Whole I participated in over the last two weeks, I only have the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Directors Meeting and related items to report on. The meeting took place Saturday, June 13th.

The good news I mentioned following the last VIRL directors meeting has been made public and for anyone not already aware, a significant policy change brings extended hours to the Regional Library's rural locations effective July 1st, in order to bring them more in line with the service levels of their urban counterparts. The plan was presented as 'revenue neutral' at the board, and I supported the plan, but I have to admit it sent up a red flag in my mind because I know well from a career in public service that 'revenue neutral' almost always means collateral damage for front line workers. We are asked not to announce the initiative prior to its public announcement to allow time for talks with the union. I was dismayed to learn this past Saturday at how many workers are negatively affected and to what extent. In my opinion not nearly enough effort was made to mitigate the negative effects on the workers in the urban locations and I would further submit that the collective agreement is meant to be a roadmap to good employee management relations, not a hammer which either party wields against the other. A concerted effort was made at the meeting, in respect of a well prepared delegation from the bargaining unit, to defer implementation until after the Board of Directors Meeting in September to allow time to resolve the problems satisfactorily, which I supported, but a motion to that end was defeated. Services hours in Tahsis will increase to 20 hours per week under the new policy which is certainly a step forward.

The engineering report we submitted on our branch facility goes before the Executive at the August meeting and will likely be on the agenda at the next Board of Directors Meeting in September. I have received no response to date to the letter I sent on behalf of Council in regard to that report.

The VIRL levy is projected to increase by 3.15% over all, which considering the cut in provincial funding I reported after the last directors meeting shows that fiscal management of the VIRL is commendable.

VIRL will be holding a public consultation here at the library on June 24th at 4:30 pm and I encourage all of Council and interested public to attend if they are able.

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

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**Administrative
Reports**

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(provided at the 2nd meeting of the month)

CAO/CFO/CO	(provided)
Public Works	(provided)
Recreation	(provided)
Fire Department	
Daycare	(provided)

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the administrative reports be received.

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K. Bylaws

None

L. Correspondence

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that correspondence items numbered #3, #4, #5, #8, #11, #12, #13, #14 and #15 be received.

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1. Steve Atkinson

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

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2. Village of Gold River

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

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3. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

4. Comox Valley Regional District

5. Tourism and Small Business Division

6. Wildfire Management Branch

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that correspondence items #6 and #7 be received.

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7. Wildfire Management Branch

Council would like to see no campfires in the municipality and instructed the CAO to take care of this matter.

8. Hon. John Duncan

9. Hon John Duncan – seniors funding

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor to direct staff to forward this information to the seniors society.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor to receive this item.

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10. Hon. John Duncan – compassionate care benefits

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Bellanger/Taylor to instruct staff to post correspondence item #10 regarding compassionate leave on the community bulletin board.

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11.Canadian Heritage

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12. UBCM Meetings

13. UBCM Meeting requests

14. UBCM

15. BC Schizophrenia Society

16.BDO Dunwoody

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor to receive the financial statements for year ended December 31, 2014.

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M. New Business

Vancouver Island Regional Library

1. Vancouver Island Regional Library
Re: Community Consultation at Tahsis Library on June 24, 2015

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

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Community Health Network Forum June 26, 2015

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

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N. Public Input #2

Mrs. Pat O'Connell inquired about an item on the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held May 11, 2015 regarding purchase of a tire truck. She inquired what a tire truck was and why Public Works needed this type of truck.

CAO spoke to this and said it was a typo, and should have read fire truck.

O. Adjournment

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Moved by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

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Certified correct this
14th day of July, 2015

Corporate Officer

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