



# Minutes

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**Meeting** Special Open Council Meeting  
**Date** Thursday, July 30, 2015  
**Time** 7:00 pm  
**Place** Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

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**Present** Mayor Jude Schooner  
Councillor Randy Taylor  
Councillor Louis Van Solkema  
Councillor Brenda Overton

**Staff** Doug Chapman, CAO  
Amit Sharma, Deputy CFO

**Regrets** Councillor Kathy Bellanger

**Public** No 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** None

**C. Petitions and Delegations** None.

**D. New Business**

- 1. Letter to Minister Thomson**  
**Re: Draft letter from Mayor and Council addressing concerns regarding Province granting license of occupation to Synex**

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**Moved, unanimously** by Councilors that the a letter be sent to Minister Thomson, the Minister of Forest, Lands, and Natural Resources Operations (the Ministry) with the following points made:

1. Yes we are concerned about the quality of our drinking water from

McKelvie Creek due to the decisions made by the Ministry;

2. The Village of Tahsis is not in control of the quality of our drinking from McKelvie Creek due to it is a Provincial Watershed and not a Municipal Watershed as stressed by the Ministry;
3. Council is vehemently opposed to the Province granting any License of Occupation without the consent of MMFN;
4. We are glad to learn that the Minister is happy that MMFN and the Village show mutual support and collaboration. This has been going on long before the Province requested that local governments engage the First Nations.
5. Moving the power house out of Village boundaries does not remove the whole project from the lands owned by Synex so OCP and Zoning changes will still be required;
6. Plans to deal with the concerns raised by the Department of Fisheries should be revealed and then, discussed and approved by the affected parties;
7. If Synex does not have a current application in front of B.C. Hydro under their standing offer program then why is the Province willing to grant an additional License of Occupation to Synex?;
8. If the Province is determined to move the Synex project forward, then the consent of the MMFN is required. The Ministry should be willing to sit down and discuss all concerns with all of the parties concerned;
9. We do not see how the Provincial Governments policy and principle of maintaining or enhancing economic, environmental and social values is protecting the Village of Tahsis or MMFN from being detrimentally affected by this project;
10. Invite the Ministry to sit down with all concerned to work out the issues to protect all of those who will be affected.
11. Copies to go to MMFN, Minister Bennett, and the Premier

CARRIED

**E. Adjournment**

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

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Corporate Officer

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