



## MINUTES

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**Meeting** Regular Council  
**Date** Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
**Time** 7:05 PM  
**Place** Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

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- Present** Mayor Schooner  
Councillor Bellanger  
Councillor Overton  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Van Solkema
- Staff** Doug Chapman, CAO, CFO, Corporate Officer  
Amit Sharma, Deputy CFO  
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- 6 members of the public
- 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. Approval of Agenda** /2015  
Moved, seconded by Van Solkema/Taylor that the Agenda for the September 15, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mrs. Pat O'Connell addressed the zoning bylaw.
- Mr.Dave McIntosh felt that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer on the letter he wrote to Mayor and Council was misleading.
- Mayor Schooner told Mr. McIntosh that there should be confidence in Council and staff.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- Regular Council meeting – September 1, 2015 /2015  
Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held August 11, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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**G. Rise and Report**

Council is advertising for a new CAO and has hired James R. Craven & Associates for \$3,500 plus travel costs to assist with the recruitment.

**H. Business Arising**

- 1. Change in use of airline hanger building

**1. Change in Use of the Airline Hanger Building – complaint by David McIntosh**

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that the report from the CAO addressing the concerns raised by David McIntosh be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Van Solkema requested to table this item until the new Chief Administrative Officer can review this report and objectively look at the entire issue.

Councillor Overton spoke on item #9 in the report and said there was difficulty with the boat ramp.

Councillor Bellanger stated that she would like to see the report from the recent fire inspection.

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Van Solkema/Bellanger that the report from Dave McIntosh on change in use of the hanger building be tabled until the new Chief Administrative Officer arrives and can deal with the matter.

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3 council members voted in favour

2 council members were opposed – Mayor Schooner and Councillor Taylor

- 2. Zoning at 428 Alpine View – complaint by Debra Bowser

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that a letter be sent to Mr. Negrin explaining that he is operating a business that is not compliant to the Zoning Bylaw and he needs to take steps to correct this problem.

CARRIED

**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,

On Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> I met with the majority of council to be part of the process of interviewing 3 applicants for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position. I would like to thank the applicants for their community minded commitments to the Village of Tahsis and council should be able to announce the successful candidate soon. All 3 applicants were worthy and I am sure council agrees with me that we were pleased with their individual commitments to this community.

Later that day I met with Brendan McShane, the Field Services Coordinator for Multi Material BC (MMBC) who oversees the recycling depot products. It was unfortunate that council was not in attendance, though invited, to discuss the challenges faced at our recycling depot. Public Works Superintendent, Corky Roth, was present providing his input. Recognition was made to improve the signage and specifically to emphasis the products that are not recyclable. I will work with the CSWM staff and Brendon for improved signage and to inform the community what is not accepted by MMBC.

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Mr. McShane is willing to come to Tahsis, in the very near future, and hold an informative community meeting regarding products accepted and not accepted by MMBC, and the condition of those products before entering the recycling container.

At this time, I would like to thank our departing CAO/CFO/CO, Mr. Doug Chapman for his 4 years of service with the Village of Tahsis. I recognize the asset Mr. Chapman has been to this community and commend him for getting our finances in order and out from under the magnifying glass of the Inspector of Municipalities. Mr. Chapman's work has created a sound foundation for future staff to work from and I am truly thankful for his years of commitment and dedication to this community. I wish him well in his new position as CAO for the Skeena – Queen Charlotte Regional District. Our loss, their gain. Thank you, Mr. Chapman.

Councillor Overton  
(verbal report)

Good evening Council and Mayor,

I would like to say that our Salmon Enhancement group is doing an awesome job.

Councillor Van  
Solkema  
(written and verbal  
report)

Since our last council meeting, I've had a busy stretch with personal business, as well as council affairs.

I sat in on an Area 25 Harvest Committee conference call on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Reports of abundant returns to the Head Bay rivers were confirmed later on the same day as the team that swims the rivers reported and observed 17,000 chinook salmon in the Conuma. Other swims indicate healthy and improving returns in most of our other streams.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, our council interviewed candidates for the Emergency Coordinator position. Also, on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, I had a brief personal visit with Brandon McShane, Field Services Coordinator with Multi Material BC, and I was late for the gathering at the recycling depot, so I missed most of Brandon's presentation. He did assure me he'd be returning soon for a more in depth presentation.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended a Nootka Sound Watershed Society meeting at Tsaxana. Lots of enthusiasm there as the abundant summer returns make the brood stock capture much more certain. John Falavolito was there and showed the results of Westview Marina's fund raising efforts for this year - \$35,593.28. Among other disbursements \$5,000.00 is earmarked for the Zeballos Hatchery and our school district salmon programs that address Salmon Enhancement and river/stream ecology. This has some very interesting possibilities for our local streamkeepers as well.

On Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, I sat in on another conference call with Kent O'Neil, president of the Nootka Sound Watershed Society and Tawney Lem, a facilitator with West Coast Aquatics in Port Alberni. We developed a short list of Nootka Sound Watershed candidates from eleven applicants. We hope to interview the short listed candidates before the end of this month, if possible.

Councillor Van Solkema inquired as to whether there had been any progress researching the redesigning of the boat ramp, to which the CAO replied no.

Councillor Van Solkema inquired as to what continuance meant in relation to the capital asset management project. The CAO replied that staff is working on this and it will take about a year to complete. The capital asset management project will then be costed out and updated very five years. Spreadsheets will be used for the time being.

Councillor Van Solkema wished the CAO well.

Councillor Bellanger

Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council.

First, I want to thank Public Works for the fast cleanup from our broken water line at the bridge before the heavy rains came again to stay. Also, the big clean up at the free store, where many of you like to

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shop. I know it must have been quite the job as it stunk so bad, and a lot of trash there. Thank you on that note.

I do check my emails every day and I really don't know how I missed the Multi Material one with Brandon McShane. I would love to have been there. I'm all about recycling and reusing and want to see that our system works and we need to inform the public more because sometimes it is quite a mess there, both recycling and free store. I'm also gathering we are re-mortering the great wall of China, as I saw some pressure washing going on, which is nice to see. All the little things make a big difference.

Councillor Taylor

No meetings attended, so no report. Councillor Taylor thanked Chief Administrative Officer, Doug Chapman, for his significant efforts the past four years.

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

CARRIED

**Administrative Reports**

(provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month)

CAO/CFO/CO	( provided)
Public Works	(provided)
Recreation	(provided)
Fire Department	(not provided)
Daycare	(provided)

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the staff reports be received.

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**K. Bylaws**

None

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**L. Correspondence**

1. UBCM – Community to Community Form

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that correspondence items numbered 1 – 3 be pulled for discussion.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the Village of Tahsis apply for funding for the Community to Community Forum.

CARRIED

2. Justice Institute of BC – funding available

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that correspondence items #2 be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Van Solkema said that it was his understanding that the Fire Department has done some training like this, and inquired if the Fire Chief was aware of this funding.

Mayor Schooner advised that the training is very advanced and that she would be picking up self study books on emergency preparedness when she is out, and that the Strathcona Regional District would pay

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for those courses. Mayor Schooner also advised that Howie Siemens of the Strathcona Regional District will be meeting with the new emergency preparedness coordinator in the future.

3. Service  
Canada – disposal of  
RCMP housing

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that correspondence item #3 be received.

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Van Solkema/Overton that the Village of Tahsis share this information with the Seniors Society for their discussion and reviews.

CARRIED

#### **M. New Business**

1. Report TO Council  
from CAO/CFO –  
Budgeting Meeting  
Dates for 2016  
budget

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Taylor Council establishes a policy wherein budgeting for the next year is done during the last week of November and the first week of December in the current year.

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2. Report to Council  
from Deputy CFO  
– amendment to  
capital budget  
for Recreation  
Centre

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Taylor/Overton to receive the report on the amendment to the Recreation Centre budget.

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that Council, during budget discussions, discuss postponing any capital equipment purchases for the Rec Centre to the next fiscal year (2016), and also discuss increasing next year's budget amount for capital equipment at the Rec Centre.

CARRIED

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

Debra Bowser thanked Mayor and Councillors for their research on the zoning complaint at 428 Alpine View.

Dave McIntosh spoke regarding the correspondence from Service Canada regarding disposal of RCMP housing.

Dave McIntosh mentioned that the Village of Tahsis sign in Gold River is in need of some repair.

#### **O. Adjournment**

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**Moved, seconded** by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that the meeting adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this  
6<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2015

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Acting Corporate Officer

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