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Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Time 7:05 PM
Place Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

- Present** Mayor Schooner
Councillor Bellanger
Councillor Overton
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Van Solkema
- Staff** April Roth, Acting Corporate Officer/Finance Assistant
Amit Sharma, Deputy CFO
- Public** 7 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 item was introduced as late item under Correspondence:
#8 – News Release: Up to \$75-million Rural Dividend will help smaller communities
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Overton/Taylor that the Agenda for the October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mr. Dan Dahling spoke on the permissive exemption bylaw and questioned the 20% increase shown on the pumping station project.

Mrs. Maureen Roth inquired as to the status of the cleanup of the property of Terry Paracy.

Mayor Schooner replied that this matter will be dealt with when the new Chief Administrative Officer is hired.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- Regular Council meeting – September 15, 2015 /2015
Moved, seconded by Overton/Taylor that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held September 15, 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
(written report)

Good evening,

At the Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Board meeting the following items are of note:

Solid Waste Fees and Charges Bylaw 170, 2011 went to 3 readings with an amendment to the Bylaw, including that the fees for “municipal waste containing recyclables” to be increased from \$180/tonne up to \$275/tonne. Adoption of this Bylaw is planned for our meeting in November. This fee charge will only take effect when we have a transfer station, but it is still of concern. I would encourage Council to think about a Municipal Bylaw to address businesses that continue to put materials that can be recycled into our landfill.

Also the “CSWM Facilities Scavenging and Trespassing Bylaw No. 396, 2015” was introduced which would, if enforced, disallow any scavenging at the landfill and recycling depots and adjacent bins that are governed by the regional district. During the 3rd reading, the motion was deferred to the meeting of the Board. I would like to hear from council with their thoughts on this Bylaw.

At the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District (CSRHD) board meeting, an update of the North Island Hospital Project (NIHP) was presented. Of the 543 workers on the 2 project sites – 362 are locally hired and there are 101 apprentices on the sites. The project is on time and on budget.

A motion was presented by Director Leigh and passed: :THAT the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District write to Island Health to request that all on-site parking at our new hospitals sites be provided “free of charge” to patients and family members, thereby allowing patients and visitors throughout our very large geographic service area to have easy and open access to our hospitals and would enhance positive health outcomes for the people of our service area.” Claire Trevena, MLA has added her voice to this issue by releasing a statement to the media and writing to both VIHA and the Ministry of Health. Those letters are in the incoming correspondence binder on the council’s desk for your perusal. I voted, as representative in favour of Director Leigh’s motion.

On to the UBCM:

- Met with Minister Bennet (Energy & Mines) and Minister Rustad (Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation). I was accompanied by Chief Larry Andrews (Elder Advisor to the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation of Chiefs and Claire Trevena (MLA). We discussed the proposed IPP (Independent Power Project) on McKelvie Creek. I will report on this meeting in more detail at our next Community to Community meeting. Minister Rustad promised Chief Andrews that he will be visiting Tsaxana in the very near future.
- Met with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff. I was accompanied by Claire Trevena (NDP Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure). Discussion covered the request of a cost analysis of grading and dust control versus seal-coating. Requested that the beginning of Head Bay Road be seal-coated. Addressed brushing, clearing of ditches and culverts. Was well received. MLA, Claire Trevena phoned me today to inform me that the meeting was a success and that our concerns have travelled further up in the Ministry and senior staff have recently travelled Head Bay Road to evaluate our observations and to set priorities.

- Met with the RCMP. Discussion surrounded that the policing model has not improved policing compared to having a resident RCMP member, but notably has not reduced policing in our community. I spoke to the need of continuing the good work by the Nootka Sound Detachment and that we would continue to keep them abreast of any concerns or hiccups with the new policing model. I spoke to support of continuing utilizing other agencies such as DFO and Conservation in networking to stop violations occurring in our and First Nation territory.
- Met with Norm MacDonald (Energy Critic for the NDP) and I was accompanied by Donn Cox, Mayor of Zeballos. We discussed a range of issues, including IPP's, relations with First Nations and the possibility of a trail/road to Zeballos. The council of Zeballos has started to engage First Nations and other stakeholders regarding opening up a route from Tahsis to Zeballos and I recognize our support for such an initiative.
- Meeting was held with Ministry of Environment reiterating the CSWM Board's request to extend the life of our and Zeballos landfill by 10 years and acknowledging that an answer would be helpful before our budget talks at the Board. The CSWM will resend their letter containing our requests and are hopeful for an answer in the very near future.

I attended some very worthwhile workshops including one on Building First Nations – Municipal Community Economic Development Partnerships known by the acronym CED. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has developed a tool kit for such initiatives at the website: fcm.ca/CEDtoolkit. I also attended a First Nation Legal Workshop with the SRD the 1st of October, which was very informative.

Our resolution on Rural Out-Patient Accommodation was endorsed in block, so I was unable to speak to it on the floor. Please go to the UBCM site for the resolutions that were endorsed.

Some good announcements at the UBCM, including the Premier's announcement that I added as a late correspondence item regarding the funding of \$75 million over the next 3 years to communities under 25,000. Note: There are 136 municipalities under 25,000. That works out to a little over \$550,000 per municipality. Possibility a priority for the new CAO, Council?

Another funding opportunity is for Asset Management Planning Grants for \$10,000 under the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development. The downside of this grant is that there is a due date of Nov. 13, 2015 and the funds need to be matched. If council wants to go forward with this we would need a report, verbal or written, from staff regarding the finances and the possibility of having matching funds. The application would need a resolution from council to go forward.

Thank you for listening to this long report and feel free to ask me any questions regarding it.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Overton to direct the Deputy Chief Financial Officer to research funding opportunities for an asset management plan and to advise Council as to where the money will be funded from.

CARRIED

Councillor Overton
(verbal report)

Good evening Council and Mayor,

I would like to say that Salmon Enhancement program has more than tripled their eggs this year.

Councillor Van
Solkema
(written report)

Good evening, Mayor and Council.

Since our last council meeting, I sat in on 1 of 2 Harvest Roundtable conference calls. On September 30, I attended the NSWS Society's interview process for the coordinator position and am happy to report that we recommended 2 candidates, Bruce Sanderson, eminently qualified will be a huge asset with his

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experience, and Samantha Kagan, a young lady with a BA in Biology and a ton of enthusiasm. I'm very excited at how things are shaping up with regards to the stream restoration process.

Councillor Bellanger
(written report)

Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council.

On Saturday, September 26th, I attended a meeting with Mayor and Council with a teleconference call with Mr. Craven to review a few candidates for the CAO position. Soon we will have interviews, and hopefully soon have a new staff member. And, I also want to welcome Graham Bosecker to his position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Village of Tahsis.

Also, I see we all survived the day long power outage, but when Monday came and I rode my bike to work, I had noticed they had not fixed any of the street lights, so I'm hoping they will be back soon.

Councillor Taylor
(written report)

Good evening,

On September the 19th, I attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees meeting. The most important piece of business was the receipt and adoption of the 2016-2020 Financial Plan which passed with only one dissenting vote, or more accurately, a weighted vote of 98% in favour. The projected increase in levy for 2016 is 3.66% down from this year's increase of approximately 5 ½%. In dollars and cents, it is an increase per capita of \$1.68. Of the \$33,062,045.00 balanced budget for 2016, municipal and rural levies will contribute \$20,372,452.00. I have a copy of the full 58 page plan for anyone who is interested in all the details.

The Tahsis Branch Update Report was received and I did speak to that report. The motion, "That staff be directed to work with the Village of Tahsis in performing the required structural changes and enhancements to the library branch" was carried.

I'm pleased to report that a verbal Union Negotiations Update indicated that, in the end, after layoffs, bumping, etc. only 2 employees still remain adversely affected by the changes that brought a service level increase to the rural branches.

Of interest to local writers, a fee schedule for the Nanaimo Branch's new Espresso Printing Machine was introduced and approved. A \$15.00 set up fee (includes a 30 minute staff consult, but no proof copy), \$6.00 per book fee, including cover, and \$0.05 per page for B+W, and \$0.50 per page for colour. Multiples will be discounted. It prints your pages and a full-colour photo coverstock, binds them and trims it all to size, creating a library quality paperback in a matter of minutes. As I understand it, the plan is that files will be able to be sent remotely and the finished book delivered to your local branch.

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

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Administrative Reports

(provided at the 2nd meeting of the month)

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

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

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K. Bylaws

Permissive Tax
Exemption Bylaw No.
580

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that an amendment be made to the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 580, 2015, the amendment being to remove Schedule "C" regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the report from the Acting Corporate Officer dated October 1, 2015 regarding the Permissive Tax Exemptions be received, and

That Council reviews the permissive tax exemptions each year; and

That the proposed "Village of Tahsis Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 580, 2015, be given three readings at the regular Council meeting held October 6, 2015 and adopted at the regular council meeting to be held on October 20, 2015

1st reading

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the amended Village of Tahsis 2016 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw 580, 2015, be given first reading.

CARRIED

2nd reading

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the amended Village of Tahsis 2016 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw 580, 2015, be given second reading.

CARRIED

3rd reading

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the amended Village of Tahsis 2016 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw 580, 2015 be given third reading.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that correspondence items numbered #2 - #5 be pulled for discussion.

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2. Emcon Services –
Winter
Stakeholders
Meeting Nov 2

Mayor Schooner advised that she will be attending this meeting and will bring forward Council's concerns at the meeting.

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

CARRIED

M. New Business

1. Junior Rangers –
renewal of
special use
permit to
discharge
firearms in Rec
Centre

1. Report to Council from Acting Corporate Officer

Re: Junior Rangers – Renewal of Special Use Permit to Discharge Firearms in Recreation Centre

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that Council grants a Special Use Permit to the Tahsis patrol of the Junior Canadian Rangers for the discharge of Daisy Air Rifles with a muzzle velocity of 500 ft per second or less with a muzzle energy of a 4.5 foot pounds for the period of October 6, 2015 to March 31, 2016 for the Recreation Centre Gymnasium located at 285 Alpine View Road.

And that the targets used shall be those designated by the Department of National Defense;

And That the Range Master/Range Safety Officer shall do all things necessary to prevent any stray pellets.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2 None.

O. Adjournment **/2015**

Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the meeting adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
20th day of October, 2015

Acting Corporate Officer

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