



MINUTES

Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, October 20, 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** 3 members of the public
- A. Call to Order** Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Overton/Taylor that the Agenda for the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mr. Dave McIntosh expressed concerns regarding the figures for the construction of the water well project and inquired if building was going to be certified by an engineer. Mr. McIntosh also felt that there was not a fair playing field for the firms bidding on the project.
- Ms. Pat O’Connell inquired as to whether the cost cutting measures shown would change the structural integrity of the building and if so, would it be worth the small cost cutting measures in the future.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- Regular Council meeting – October 6, 2015 /2015
Moved, seconded by Overton/Taylor that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held October 6, 2015 be adopted as amended, with the following change to the first public input session as follows: Mayor Schooner replied that this matter will *continue* to be dealt with when the new Chief Administrative Officer is hired.
CARRIED
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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,

At the Strathcona Regional District board meeting, after much discussion, a motion was carried: “THAT staff be directed to undertake the feasibility of an arts and culture function.” The motion was not for a feasibility study, but rather a report from staff looking at the possibility of such a function. This motion was a result of a funding request by Tidemark Theater. In the spirit of collaboration I voted with the Campbell River directors to look at the possibility of such a function. Unlike a tourism function for the region, I am unsure of the benefits to this municipality.

I also was part of a day long strategic planning session of the Hospital Board (CSRHD) where the mandate of the Board of providing capital funding for medical facilities, which is cost-shared with the province paying 60 percent and the CSRHD paying 40 percent, was presented and the option of an advocacy position to be added within the mandate was thoroughly discussed. The Board was divided on the advocacy issue. I feel that there is room of advocacy within the mandate. Hopefully some stakeholders such as VIHA can be brought to the table to update the Board on matters such as: St. Joe’s future usage and rural out-patient accommodation. This would enable the Board to speak to concerns facing constituents in the region.

I believe that our meeting with the Mowachaht Muchalaht Council of Chiefs and the Gold River Council went very well and I am very pleased that we are now able to have the MMFN flag in the council chambers. We have ordered another pole for the Village of Tahsis flag to be also displayed in these chambers, as well.

I have continued my participation in the Community Health Network steering committee and we will be having another stakeholder’s meeting in Campbell River on November 9th. Hopefully we will have a poster to circulate soon regarding this event.

I attended the School District 84 meeting and am happy to let you know that there are 33 students in attendance this year. Community consultations with SD84 will be on October 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. here in Tahsis.

The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, at the request of the Village of Zeballos, have organized a meeting on Nov. 18th which I have been invited to in Zeballos. I will be attending with representatives of the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation, to discuss the possibility of a trail between Tahsis and Zeballos.

Councillor Overton
(written report)

Good evening Council and Mayor,

On the 17th, I attended our Islands Emergency Social Services Directors Workshop where close to seventy of us (which is a record) were welcomed by Keith Wilson for Chief Ralph Dick of the We Wai Kai Nation/Cape Mudge Band, Claire Trevena MLA, always a strong advocate for Emergency Preparedness, Brenda Leigh for Strathcona District and Rick Wall, the North Island Emergency Preparedness.

Our speakers, Claire Fletcher, Bob Kennedy, Howie Siemens, Mike Fournier, and Derrick Harvey, who is Red Cross, our professionals who educated us in what to expect for level 2 and 3 responses, and the role of our supporting agencies. Each was followed by an open discussion where personally I learn the most from my peers and how they handled their own experiences and with the past summer we had, there was plenty to learn from. One of the newer ideas that will fit perfectly with our community is a neighborhood preparedness plan. I'm looking forward to working with Graeme Bosecker, our new Emergency Program Coordinator on this. It seems a bunch of small groups may be more effective in a community like ours.

Looking forward to next year's. I'm optimistic that all of us at the table will have it together enough so that I'm not the only one with this education.

Councillor Van Solkema
(written report)

Good evening, Mayor and Council.

May I begin with congratulating Rachel Blaney on her resounding election as our member of parliament for the Powell River/North Island riding. I know she has her work cut out for her and I'm looking forward to her efforts in this realm.

Since last council meeting I was torn by two different engagements on October 9th. I would very much have liked to be present for our tri-council meeting with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht council and chiefs and the Gold River council, but chose instead to attend a meeting in Gold River with West Coast Aquatics staff and Nootka Sound Watershed Society directors. This was productive as we learned more about the structure and financial/liability and grant application process moving forward. I also sat in on a Harvest Allocation conference call on October 19th, mostly to do with the commercial chum fishery and getting the latest stock assessments. I think one could safely say that current returns are about 30% of historical norms.

Councillor Bellanger
(written report)

Good evening everyone, Mayor and Council.

Since our last council meeting, I attend our C2C on Oct 9th where we are keeping communications with our neighbouring communities of Gold River and Mowachaht Muchalaht First nations. I find it important to keep small communities in touch with each other and an open communication to work with each other to solve problems that might occur and learn from one another. I also attended the Senior Society flea market on Oct 17, it was of course raining pretty hard, and it didn't seem that they had a good turn out, but of course Mom and I had coffee and treats, then went to the gym.

Councillor Taylor
(verbal report)

I attended at a C2C meeting on October 9th – progress is being made.

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

Administrative Reports

(provided at the 2nd meeting of the month)

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

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Moved, seconded by Van Solkema/Taylor that the staff report from the Recreation Centre be received.
CARRED

K. Bylaws

Permissive Tax
Exemption Bylaw No.
580

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that the Village of Tahsis 2016 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 580, 2015 be reconsidered and adopted.

Reconsideration and
adoption

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that correspondence items numbered #1 and #3 be received for information.

CARRIED

2. Union of British
Columbia
Municipalities –
Wildfire Prevention
Funding &
Resources

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that correspondence item #2 be received.

CARRIED

Staff was directed to bring more information on the Wildfire Prevention grant to the next regular council meeting.

M. New Business

1. Tahsis Seniors
Society – grant-
in-aid request
for use of Rec
Centre for
Community
Christmas
dinner

1. Tahsis Seniors Society

Re: Request for Grant-in-aid for use of Recreation Centre for Community Christmas Dinner

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that Council grants the Tahsis Seniors Society a grant-in-aid for use of the Recreation Centre gym and kitchen for a community Christmas dinner on December 5, 2015, and the use of the Recreation Centre on December 3rd and 4th, 2015 for preparation and cleanup.

CARRIED

2. Budget
Amendment

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Re: Report from Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Mayor Schooner advised that she had spoken with Mark DeGagne of McElhanney regarding his matter.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Bellanger that this item be tabled until the new CAO arrives and is able to coordinate with Public Works, McElhanney, and the contractor in charge of the project.

CARRIED

3. UBCM Asset
Management
Grant Application

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Re: Report from Deputy Chief Financial Officer

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that Council receive the report from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer on the UBCM Asset Management Grant Application.

CARRIED

Councillor Taylor stated that the grant application form states that software is not an eligible expense under the grant.

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The Deputy Chief Financial Officer clarified his report by stating that the Village of Tahsis could purchase the MAIS Asset Management module and then marry with other means. He also stated that other municipalities have used this grant to do studies or some are just applying for the funds, and then deciding later what to do with the funds if received.

Mayor Schooner advised that software and training are not eligible expenses under the grant. The Mayor also stated that the costs for consulting firms to come to Tahsis was not included in the report. Mayor Schooner advised that full information must be given to Council in reports in order for council to make a decision.

N. Public Input #2

Mr. Dave McIntosh thanked Council for their Asset Management grant decision. He also stated that there have been asset improvements in the airline hanger, so there would be an increase in this asset.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that the meeting adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
20th day of October, 2015

Acting Corporate Officer

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