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Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Time 7:05 PM
Place Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

- Present** Mayor Schooner
Councillor Bellanger
Councillor Overton
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Van Solkema
- Staff** Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- 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** The following items were introduced as late items:
Administrative Reports – Recreation Centre – “Funding Comes to an End”
– CAO report – verbal report on grant application for asset management plan
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Overton/Bellanger that the Agenda for the November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mr. Dan Dahling thanked everyone for showing up to the Remembrance Day ceremony. Mr. Dahling also inquired about the Public Works report stating that contaminated recycled materials are not sorted due to health reasons, and stated that he felt that the material could be sorted and sent out. He also felt that there should be some training in recycling.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- Regular Council meeting – November 3, 2015 /2015
Moved, seconded by Van Solkema/Overton that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held November 3, 2015 be adopted as presented.

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- 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,

I would like to welcome our new CAO, Mark Tatchell. This is Mark's second day and I can easily see what an asset he is going to be if the last 2 days are any indication.

The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) board meeting saw the following take place:

- The CSWM Facilities Scavenging and Trespassing Bylaw No. 396, 2015 was adopted. After receiving feedback from council, I was the only vote opposed to the bylaw.
- The proposed 2016-2020 financial plan contains the proposal of the construction of the transfer station for the landfill in Tahsis to commence in 2018 instead of 2016. This deferral will be dependent on the outcome of a proposal provided to the Ministry of Environment outlining a strategy to defer the closure of our landfill for 10 years. A response from MoE has yet to be received.

The Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital (CSRHD) board meeting saw the following take place:

- Michael Wright representing the St. Joseph's hospital working group spoke regarding the possible privatization of food services at the new hospital in Courtenay and informed the Board that Island Health had announced that it would keep food services in-house.
- Further discussions took place to the Board's opposition to having paid parking at the new hospital in Campbell River. One solution may be that the tax requisition covers the cost of the parking having the region share the cost. There is a movement requesting that the City of Campbell River pass a bylaw, similar to Delta, that disallows pay parking at hospitals.
- An update from the North Island Hospitals Project (NIHP) reported that 78% of the workers on the project are local and that 95% are from the Island.

On the 6th I met with Commander Sally Boxall, of the RCMP Island Operational Communication Center, Nootka Sound Detachment members and First Responders. It was of great value to have Commander Boxall travel the Head Bay Road to gain a better understanding of what the RCMP members encounter when traveling here in an emergent situation. Since E-COMM has established the new 911 system, the RCMP do not monitor all the calls, as in the past, and First Responders need to request that the RCMP be dispatched if they recognize the need and if the RCMP have not already been dispatched by E-COMM.

I joined author Laurie Jones, who wrote *The Nootka Sound Explored, A West Coast History*, for a brief tour at the museum and a wonderful chat. Laurie was very instrumental in the establishing of our museum and her author's night was very well attended. I was unable to attend the author's night as I was attending the Community Health Network event in Campbell River, which was also well-attended.

The CHN event saw work on developing a shared understanding of how the Strathcona Community Health Network could be organized and function, and gave direction to developing task-oriented groups to move the work of the Network forward.

At the Strathcona Board and Budget meetings, we received delegations from the mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS) who are seeking funding support for their new wildlife hospital and visitor center. The Board agreed to address in this request in our future budget sessions. We also received a presentation from Paul Mason, of Campbell River Family Services, seeking funding for their extreme

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weather shelter. The Board was able to meet Paul's time-sensitive request for \$15,000 of funding by allocation of some of the CHN funds still in the budget, and a contribution from Electoral Area Director Brenda Leigh's grants-in-aid. Also, further discussion took place regarding an Arts & Culture function for the region.

At the budget session, I was joined by other directors in advocating for an increase in the budget for the Strathcona Emergency Program. FYI, the 2015 tax rate was \$0.0263/\$1000 (residential assessment) or about \$8 for a \$300,000 home. Having Howie Siemens present at the Municipal Services Committee has certainly assisted the directors in their future decision-making. I spoke to the reinforcing of a service, we already share, before going forward with other functions, such as Arts & Culture.

I would like to end with an invitation to council to join me for Amber Zirnhelt's motivational talk on Thursday night at 7 pm at the recreation center that is being sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee and the Village of Tahsis.

I would also, on behalf of council and the staff, present Mrs. April Roth with this gift and thank her for all her years of service and dedication with the Village of Tahsis.

Councillor Overton
(no report)

Councillor Van
Solkema
(written report)

Good evening, Mayor and Council.

Since last council meeting, I've been mostly occupied with personal business. I would like to thank staff for providing me a copy of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. I have read about a third of it and in spite of a geographical error pertaining to the Tahsis River, I've found the study so far to be most informative and am surprised that it has been on the shelf for this long and not been made use of. I haven't made it to the section of suggested remedies but I'm sure it will be interesting reading. I'd like to encourage the rest of council to become familiar with this report and help prioritize a future plan.

Earlier today I travelled to Gold River to attend a Nootka Sound Watershed Society meeting with our new coordinators in attendance. The plan was to prioritize future projects for grant applications, but after much discussion, we realized that none of us were qualified to suggest where to start, so the decision was made to fill in the blanks suggested by the M.C. Wright study completed earlier this year. These include some ground trothing, (detailed mapping of the valley floor), water quality data below the dump site, and future plans of all stakeholders, including the Village of Tahsis, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations, Western Forest Products and the Strathcona Regional District. This left a substantial to do list for our coordinators. It's good to see some progress!

I'd like to encourage community support for an up and coming Junior Canadian Ranger exercise being held the November 27, 28 & 29th weekend. The exercise will consist of tree planting and trail clearing along the McKelvie Creek and the Tahsis River. Hopefully the weather cooperates.

Lastly, I'd like to thank April Roth for her many years of faithful service. Seems like just yesterday were kids in a different world. Best of luck, April, in the future and always!

Councillor Bellanger
(written report)

Good evening Mayor and Council

First, I'd like to welcome Mr. Tatchell to our Village and staff. Welcome!

I did attend our Remembrance Day ceremony where the weather was nice for a second year. The turn out was great for a small community and I have to say the Senior Society did an awesome job again this year with the lunch and goodies. Thank you to them.

I have to say I was sick for the past week and I never get sick. On that note, the flu shots are in and I encourage anyone who hasn't had it, please go in and get it done. We are a small community, and it spreads like wildfire.

Councillor Taylor (no report)

No meetings, no report. Councillor Taylor welcomed Mark Tatchell to his position as Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Tahsis.

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

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Administrative Reports

(provided at the 2nd meeting of the month)

CAO (verbal report)

CAO, Mark Tatchell, spoke on the asset planning and implementation grant application. He would like to bring back this item for reconsideration for the following reasons:

- Local government portion can be in kind – staff involvement
- Deadline has passed, but can still apply
- No council resolution needed
- To update the 2009 Asset Management Plan would have no impact on the Village of Tahsis budget
- Beneficial to the Village of Tahsis to update the 2009 Asset Management Plan to address aging infrastructure
- Will seek council resolution at next meeting.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that staff apply for the Asset Management Grant available through UBCM.

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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.

L.

Correspondence

1. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Re: follow up from meeting with Mayor Schooner at the 2015 UBCM Convention

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

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M. New Business

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1. Committee and Board Appointments

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Re: Report from Acting Corporate Officer

The following appointments will need to be made for the following year:

a) Alternate – Strathcona Regional District

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that Councillor Van Solkema be appointed as the Alternate Director to the Strathcona Regional District.

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b) Alternate – Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that Councillor Van Solkema be appointed as the Alternate Director to the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District.

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c) Alternate – Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Committee

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that Councillor Van Solkema be appointed as an Alternate Director to the Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Committee.

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d) Vancouver Island Regional Library

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that Councillor Taylor be appointed as a Director for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

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e) Alternate – Vancouver Island Regional Library

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that Councillor Bellanger be appointed as Alternate Director to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

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f) Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that Councillor Overton be appointed as a Director to the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation.

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g) Nootka Sound Watershed Committee

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema that Councillor Van Solkema be appointed to the Nootka Sound Watershed Committee.

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h) Municipal Insurance Association of B.C.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that Mayor Schooner be the voting delegate for the Village of Tahsis for the Municipal Insurance Association of B.C.

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i) Tahsis Literacy Society

No council appointments were made for the position as liason to the Tahsis Literacy Society.

j) Parent Advisory Committee

No council appointments were made for the position as liason to the Parent Advisory Committee.

**N. Public Input
#2**

Mr. Dan Dahling stated that he is against what the RCMP is doing and that Tahsis needs a permanent police presence in town to prevent vandalism, mischief, etc.

Ms. Pat O'Connell felt that there was some hesitancy for residents to call the RCMP now, due to the time to travel to Tahsis.

0. Adjournment

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
17th day of November, 2015

Acting Corporate Officer