



MINUTES

Meeting	Regular Council
Date	Tuesday, December 01, 2015
Time	7:00 PM
Place	Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

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| Present | Councillor Bellanger
Councillor Overton
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Van Solkema |
| Regrets | Mayor Schooner |
| Staff | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Amit Sharma, Deputy Chief Finance Officer |
| Public | 4 members of the public |
| A. Call to Order | Deputy Mayor Taylor 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 | Moved, seconded by Overton/Bellanger that agenda of December 1, 2015 be amended to include an in camera meeting, which would be held at the conclusion of the regular meeting
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| C. Approval of Agenda | /2015
Moved, seconded by Overton/Bellanger that the Agenda for the December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| D. Petitions and Delegations | None. |
| E. Public Input #1 | Mr. Dan Dahling advised that the Jr. Rangers helped with bank protection along the McKelvie creek. Wants to investigate the use of the outdoor washroom area of the Recreation Centre for storage of bottles, with the similar goal of raising funds. Council directed staff to investigate the in-kind use of the outdoor washroom.

Mr. Battista Bertoia inquired as to the possibility of Tahsis welcoming refugees. He feels that it would be cheaper to live in Tahsis and provide services to those refugees. He feels that the invited refugees would increase the population of Tahsis, and benefit the community as a whole. Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility of sponsorship of refugees by the Village of Tahsis. |
| F. Adoption of the Minutes | /2015
Moved, seconded by Overton/Bellanger that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held November 17, 2015 be adopted as presented.
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |

- G. Rise and Report** None.
- H. Business Arising** None.
- I. Unfinished Business** 1. Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – infrastructure funding applications available (October 21, 2014 meeting)

J. Council Reports

Councillor Overton (verbal report) Councillor Overton attended the emergency preparedness meeting, and will have a report for Council at the next scheduled Council meeting

Councillor Van Solkema (written report) Good evening Mayor and Council. Since last council meeting, I attended the Amber Zirnhelt event at our Rec Centre on November 19th. I also attended an in camera meeting with Council on November 23. On November 25th, I attended a NSWS meeting at Tsaxanna. Good reports on egg take from the Conuma hatchery. Our coordinator Samantha Kagan and Bruce Sanderson, both in attendance, gave us a progress report on activities to date. I brought back 2 boxes of fir/spruce seedlings and 50 potted cedars along with cones and stakes for the cedars. These were put in the ground alongside McKelvie Creek on the Nov 27-29th weekend by our local Rangers and Junior Canadian Rangers with help from Gold River Rangers, JCR's, some mom's and local help. I am immensely proud of the enthusiastic effort of our JCR's and am thankful for the oversight and leadership of the Warrant Officer Cory Miller.

Councillor Bellanger (written report) Good evening Deputy Mayor and Council,
Since our last council meeting I did attend the motivational speaker with Amber Zirnhelt, it was a good evening and nice to see the many new faces we have in Tahsis now and to hear what brought them here to our community and what attracted them here, and as we did a small workshop I myself was surprised at what we have to offer, I know deep down and in my mind that there is a lot we have but when you actually see it on paper and here it, wow, now we just have to go back to our strategy plane and put some of it to action, because what we had written down a lot was in our strategy and as usual the Christmas bazar was wonderful , lots of good food and a great turn out Santa was a big hit with the big kids as well as the small kids.
Good evening,

Councillor Taylor (written report) On Wednesday, November 18th, along with Mayor Schooner and our new CAO, I attended the Ministry of Jobs Tourism and Skills Training, Zeballos to Tahsis Trail Development Workshop held at the Zeballos Community Hall. Representation from all stakeholders affected with the exception of Western Forest Products, who were also invited, were in attendance or participated by phone. Presentations and participants included Villages of Zeballos and Tahsis, Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resources, representation from both of the local First Nations, Island Coastal Economic Trust, Destination British Columbia, BC Hydro and the Strathcona Regional District. All participants in attendance seemed to be enthusiastically on board with the proposal for a trail connecting the Villages of Tahsis and Zeballos.

Although the proposed trail would be multipurpose, the real emphasis is being focused on ATV/motorized off-roading as it is an underutilized purposing that is in high demand and therefore opens a fairly unique and relatively untapped marketing opportunity for our area. It would definitely expand our tourism brand. An organizing committee will be struck as there is much involved in moving the idea forward. Funding up to the half million or so mark, I'm pleased to say, does not appear to be a problem. Logistics, planning, and maintenance programming will be huge hurdles the committee will have to tackle before any proposal can be moved forward. It will take a dedicated group of 'movers and shakers' to be sure.

On Saturday, November 21st, I attended the Board of Trustees Meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board in Nanaimo. Most of the meeting consisted of the usual financial reports, facility updates and so on. All appear to indicate things are ticking along well.

A presentation was made by the Heart and Stroke Foundation on resuscitators and the Foundations ongoing program providing them free of charge to public places. A subsequent motion will likely see them placed in all VIRL locations at no cost to the libraries beyond their routine upkeep. A presentation was made on the ILS Project, a new online interface the VIRL has adopted. A verbal update was made regarding ongoing union negotiations and my interpretation was they are not proceeding all that well as they were moving to mediation. A call was made for nominations for the Executive Committee.

A tour of the newly updated Nanaimo Waterfront Branch was organized for the Trustees after the meeting adjournment, unfortunately as it was being held at noon and I was already experiencing a bit of insulin shock I was unable to take part.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Taylor

Administrative Reports

(provided at the 2nd meeting of the month) None.

K. Bylaws None.

L. Correspondence /2015

Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that correspondence items numbered #2 and #3 be received for information.

CARRIED

1. Judy Burgess /2015

Re: fire risk thoughts and possible prevention techniques.

Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Bellanger that item #1 is received.

CARRIED

M. New Business

1. Western Forest Products Inc. /2015

RE: request for comments on Visual Landscape Assessment- Block V61 (Weymer Creek/East Tahsis)

Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Overton to invite Western Forest Products to discuss their proposal regarding Block V61 (Weymer Creek/East Tahsis) at a special or regular council Meeting.

CARRIED

2. Notice of 2016 Regular Council Meeting Dates /2015

Meeting Dates

Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Bellanger to accept the 2016 Regular Council meeting dates as presented.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

Ms. Judy Burgess was pleased to hear that Council would like a meeting to be set by Western Forest Products, where the community would be able to provide input. Would like Council to approach the appropriate Ministry to investigate WFP cutting so close to the municipality and ruining the viewscape.

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Mr. Dan Dahling commented that Western was not fully cooperative in previous meetings with regard to Tahsis' watershed. Wants them to be transparent. Mr. Dahling also wants the date of a possible meeting between WFP and the citizens of Tahsis to be far enough in advance that the people of the community can discuss the issue.

O. Adjournment /2015

Moved, seconded by Councilors Overton/Bellanger that the meeting adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
5th day of January 2016

Chief Administrative Officer