



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Regular Council
Date	Tuesday March 15, 2016
Time	7:00 PM
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Present Mayor Jude Schooner - Chair
Councillor Randy Taylor
Councillor Brenda Overton
Councillor Kathy Bellanger
Councillor Louis Van Solkema

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Janet St-Denis, Assistant Financial Officer

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 the Agenda

Overton/Taylor: VOT 90/16

THAT the Agenda for the March 15, 2016 Regular Council meeting be adopted presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public posed questions with respect to the well and McKelvie Creek water system: "What is the difference between the McKelvie Creek water system now and after the well? Would residents need to boil the water if the Village had to revert to the McKelvie Creek water system as the village is not on a 'boil water' advisory now?" Staff and Council explained that the Village should be on a boil water process now but have been allowed a temporary extension by Island Health while the well is being installed. A follow up question was how long would a "boil water" advisory continue once the well is re-commissioned. Mr. Tatchell will check with Island Health and advise.

A member of the public expressed an interest in a survey of members regarding forest policy that was mention in Correspondence Item L1 (UBCM). The member of the public was referred to the UBCM website for more information on this survey.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 91/16

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 92/16

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 "Community Unity Trail" proposed resolution.

Taylor/ Bellanger: VOT 93/16

THAT WHEREAS the Villages of Tahsis and Zeballos have endeavored for a number of years to link the two communities through a trail accessible by four wheel drive quad ATVs; and
WHEREAS the interest in the trail has gained momentum recently resulting in a series of meetings to plan the development of the trail; and

WHEREAS the project, tentatively named the “Community Unity Trail” has grown to include Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Ehattesaht First Nation and the Village of Gold River making it a truly regional and inclusive project; and

WHEREAS the project has the potential to drive tourism and economic development in the region with direct benefits to Tahsis;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Village of Tahsis endorses this project and pledges to provide staff and other in kind support to the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor Schooner be appointed as the Village’s representative on the Community Unity Trail executive committee and Councillor Taylor be appointed as the Village’s alternate representative and staff resources be assigned as needed.

CARRIED

I. Unfinished Business

None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Schooner (written report)

Good evening,

The Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T) meeting saw the introduction of a “quick start grant application” process that should be an asset to the Village of Tahsis and proposed economic initiatives such as the “community unity trail” from Tahsis to Zeballos. I have given this grant information to our CAO.

At the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) board meeting I am addressing the service agreements put forward from the Village of Tahsis encompassing such items a building inspection services, etc., before the Board.

The SRD proposed tax requisition is on tonight’s agenda to inform council.

At the Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) there was a presentation by Patricia Foster, encompassing her challenges as a RN and as, a private citizen, dealing with the physical effects of asbestos illness and removal of asbestos in your home. The result of the presentation has forwarded recommendations to staff provide the public with accurate information regarding asbestos removal, the products needed for that removal and delivery of such materials to an accepting landfill. At this time, the only landfill that accepts asbestos material, from home owners is the Harland Regional Landfill in Victoria. The Nanaimo landfill is willing to accept some of these contaminated products, but not until 2017. The tipping fee for asbestos is currently \$300/tonne going up to \$600/tonne shortly. The CSWM is looking into avenues of disposal of asbestos other than Hartland and a resolution was passed that develop an agreement with Nanaimo for future disposal of asbestos and asbestos-containing materials. Time is of the essence so that communities do not see illegal dumping of such materials which is already occurring.

A proposed recommendation by the City of Courtney to apply a “per capita tax requisition” versus a “property assessment” formula was heavily discussed and dismissed by the board. FYI – this alternate e formula would have cost the Village of Tahsis and extra \$5,045 per year in the tax requisition without any change in services.

Also of note, an application by Uplands Excavating Ltd, to develop a landfill taking C & D materials has been approved by the Board.

Councillor Overton: No report.

Councillor Van Solkema (written report)

March 15, 2016

Council Report by Louis Van Solkema

Good evening Mayor and Council;

Since last Council meeting I attended the March 8th COW Budget Meeting. I look forward to the end results of Lisa Kristiansen's work on our asset management process. I did anticipate a NSW. Directors meeting to discuss the terms of reference with regards to the Tahsis River plans. As it stands there is a meeting scheduled for the morning of the 23rd of March in Gold River.

Councillor Bellanger (written report)

Good Evening Mayor and Council.

As of last Council, we all were here to attend the COW meeting with Lisa Kristiansen and saw the results from her Asset Management and when you really think of it a lot of what she was showing us and saying is commonsense. But to see it all laid out in black and white really makes you think what we have to work on and do not only for now but for our long term plan. At one time our community was a wealthy mill town that had no problem throwing money here and there, but in this day and age we no longer have that privilege. We will have to work hard to cut corners and to find those pennies to get some well needed and out dated projects done; may that be water, sewer or roads. I see we all survived the water shutoff and it seems like things went smoothly. So I have to say I joined the ladies for an Aqua Fit class last week. Wow, I forgot how uncoordinated I was but it was fun. And, I see after spring break she is putting another class on Wednesdays so it will be 3 days a week in April. How nice. :)

Councillor Taylor

No report.

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 94/16

THAT the Council reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

1 UBCM Membership Renewal

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 95/16

THAT the UBCM Membership Renewal Notice be received.

CARRIED

2 Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour

Van Solkema/ Bellanger: VOT 96/16

THAT the review on BC Jobs Plan be received

CARRIED

3 Claire Trevena, MLA - Letter to Hon. Terry Lake

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 97/16

THAT this letter be received.

M. New Business

1 Synex Energy Resources Ltd. - CAO Report to Council

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 98/16

THAT this report be received.

CARRIED

Taylor/ Van Solkema: VOT 99/16

THAT Staff gather information on the grounds for appealing MFLNRO's decision to allow Synex to build and operate a "run of the river" powerhouse on McKelvie Creek .

CARRIED

2 Strathcona Regional District: Estimated Tax Rate Analysis, 2016-2020 Financial Plan.

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 100/16

THAT the SRD's report be received.

CARRIED

3 Water Well "Fact Sheet"

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 101/16

THAT the Water Well "Fact Sheet" be received.

CARRIED

The fact sheet will be distributed in advance to give residents time to review the facts before the well "goes live".

N. Public Input #2

None.

Public Exclusion

Overton/ Bellanger VOT 102/16

THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 90.1 (g) of the Community Charter – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

Recess

Taylor/Bellanger: VOT 103/16

THAT the regular Council recess to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Taylor/ Overton: VOT 107/16

THAT the Council reconvene in public at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Rise and Report

None.

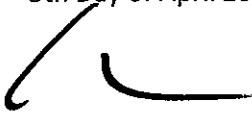
O. Adjournment

Taylor/ Overton: VOT 108/16

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this
5th Day of April 2016



Chief Administrative Officer



Minutes

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B. Introduction of Late Items

- 1 CAO Report to Council on Public Works After Hours Contact and Services (under New Business M1)
- 2 CAO Report to Council on the temporary water shut-off for the water well project (under New Business M2)

C. Approval of the Agenda

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 69/16

THAT the Agenda for the March 1, 2016 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended to include the two late New Business items M1 and M2.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

- 1 Nootka Sound Watershed Society Update (Bruce Sanderson):
 Presentation/Report

Tahsis Council March 1 Presentation Notes

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society (**NSWS**) is a regional organization. With respect to Tahsis, for example, **it assists the Tahsis SES** by administering some of its funding.

Overall, the NSWS aims to protect, restore and enhance pacific salmonids and their habitat in Nootka Sound, Esperanza Inlet, and their contributing watersheds.

The NSWS intends to **achieve this through sustainable, science-based practices, leading to a future of abundant salmon returns and prosperous fisheries for the long-term benefit** of all communities in our area.

Goals

Collaboration:

To provide an inclusive and respectful community-based forum to effectively address ecological and economic issues regarding salmon in the Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet areas

Education:

Through the communication of information and educational outreach, we strive to enhance the public's understanding of salmon life history and local ecology

Support:

We use funds raised to grow the stewardship capacity of our communities and enable local citizens to make positive change for the well-being of our communities and the surrounding biophysical environment

Volunteer Board of Directors, and over 100 members from all walks of life. The Board meets monthly to **discuss conservation, enhancement, restoration, assessment, stewardship and economic development pertaining to Pacific Salmon** in the Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet areas.

Purpose of this presentation

Tell you about

- 1) potential salmon habitat-related projects that may soon occur in the Tahsis River watershed
- 2) to ask local people to consider providing accommodation for a few non-local or "outside" participants in these projects, and

3) to highlight opportunities for local people to participate in some fun and educational volunteer activities in or near Tahsis

1) potential salmon habitat-related projects that may soon occur in the Tahsis River watershed

Recently, MC Wright and Associates conducted expert risk assessments on six salmon-bearing rivers in the Nootka Sound region. The study assessed the risk posed by human and natural factors limiting the productive capacity of these streams to produce Chinook, Coho, Chum and Sockeye salmon.

Regarding the Tahsis River watershed, the study recommended several priority follow-up activities. Many of these were to address data gaps regarding:

- a) channel stability
- b) the chemistry, dissolved oxygen levels, and subtidal habitat conditions in the Tahsis estuary
- c) precipitation events and their impacts on the water temperature and flow regime of the Tahsis River, especially as far upstream as salmon go

a) channel stability

According to MC Wright and Associates, the Tahsis River watershed is highly sensitive and highly disturbed, and involves aggressive hydrology and frequent natural landslides.

The evolution of the Tahsis River channel in reaction to historic logging and road-building on the valley floor requires examination by a qualified professional. The NSWS is now assembling ToR for a study that would identify the local factors affecting channel stability, and why the river is behaving as it is.

Apparently, part of this picture is that the root structures of the deciduous trees (mostly alders) that have replaced the logged-out hemlock, cedar and other evergreens native to this valley, do not hold or retain soil as well as the old growth evergreens.

Question to audience?

Secondly, consider that deciduous trees have no leaves during the winter when most of our precip occurs. Very intense rain events in this watershed can create overland flow conditions amongst the alders. In the top layers of soil, the rain is not absorbed fast enough, or quickly saturates that topmost layer.

So, the study might well be broadened and lengthened to include research during one of our winters. This might allow a researcher to determine whether, during intense rainfall/overland flow events,

- a) significant amounts of fine sediments are washed into the river channel from adjacent alder-covered land, and
- b) how much that overland flow enlarges and accelerates runoff, thereby contributing to erosive potential of the stream.

MC Wright have indicated that without restoration work, **there would be little improvement in salmonid habitat in this watershed within the next 50 years.**

b) the chemistry, dissolved oxygen levels, and subtidal habitat conditions in the Tahsis estuary

Estuaries are critical salmon habitats that support salmon at several life stages. Adult salmon rely on healthy estuarine habitat during staging and physiological transition, while juvenile salmon rely on this habitat for rearing, foraging, physiological transition and refuge. The NSWS has applied for funding to conduct a number of activities in the Tahsis-Leiner estuary.

These activities would commence as early as mid-March, and would involve:

- 1) Monitoring community based juvenile salmonids
- 2) employing an underwater camera as part of opportunistic mapping of subtidal habitat (eg. eelgrass) and subsurface debris (eg. old machinery, waterlogged stumps and logs, etc.), and
- 3) measuring dissolved oxygen and temperature at the same time.

With Fisheries & Oceans' technical support and training, and using seine nets, volunteers will participate in weekly beach seine sessions to see first-hand what kinds of salmonids and other aquatic animals rely on the existing habitat in the estuary. Five different sites will be sampled. Volunteers, stewardship coordinators and DFO staff will analyze the contents of the seine nets at each site, then identify and record any species caught in the net. The size of captured juvenile salmon will be estimated to determine origin (hatchery fry vs. wild smolts).

The first session will occur one week before the TSES releases their juvenile Chinook salmon, and continue for six weeks throughout the majority of the juvenile salmon outmigration.

These activities present interested Tahsians with an opportunity for a hands-on learning experience about the importance of our Tahsis/Leiner Estuary, and estuaries in general.

c) precipitation events and their impacts on the water temperature and flow regime of the Tahsis River, especially as far upstream as salmon go

This can be addressed by installing what's called a Hydrometric station on the Tahsis River. Fisheries & Oceans Canada has previously installed Hydro-Meteorological stations on ten rivers on Vancouver Island, to collect real-time data on these and other parameters. The data are automatically sent to a satellite link, and can be **viewed online, via**

https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/google_map/google_map_e.html?searchBy=p&province=BC&doSearch=Go

This information will help toward establishing relationships between weather events and the timing of migrations of adult Chinook, Coho and Chum salmon in the river. The hydrometric station will enable the NSWS and Tahsis volunteers to pursue salmon habitat restoration more effectively. Information on river discharge will allow engineers to design restoration structures to withstand freshet events. Data on summer discharges, particularly the periods when stretches of the river dry up, will allow hydrologists to design hydraulic structures that will create scoured channels, or to decide whether to remove excess gravel. Volunteers will also be able to accurately track rainfall, discharge, river depth and water temperature.

For those interested in volunteering to record and monitor these data for the community and the NSWS, there are useful resources available. The Water Survey of Canada and the BC Ministry of Environment have downloadable training manuals regarding Hydrometric Technician Career Development and the province's **Water Inventory Data Management System**, respectively.

These proposed projects hinge mainly on whether the NSWS receives grant funding for them. The grant funding proposals require that the NSWS contribute 50% of the cost of each project, although the contribution can be "in kind". People can make in kind contributions in different ways, such as

2)

- **offering reduced rate--or occasionally free--accommodation for outside participants during at least part of their stay in the community,**

- volunteering to help with a project, or
- offering resources such as the free or reduced rate usage of a boat and motor, complete with its operator (which we have already)

We respectfully ask that local people consider offering reduced rates for at least one night for rooms in local accommodation facilities, including B&Bs and/or motels. If these facilities happen to already be booked for the dates when these outside participants are in town, we respectfully ask that other local residents consider offering these participants one night's free stay.

What's in it for you?

An opportunity to make new friends, and to learn. Some of these people are very informed about how to restore salmon habitat, about the critters that usually live in estuaries, and about biodiversity in general. If someone you host one night needs to stay more than one night, you may be able to make some income by charging for additional nights.

3) to highlight opportunities to participate in some fun and educational volunteer activities in the vicinity of Tahsis

Told you of some opportunities
 helping to inventory organisms caught in the seine nets at estuary sites
 monitoring data recorded by the Hydrometric station

Some future volunteer NSWS activities may include

- revegetating riparian zones in stages, to help prevent erosion
- creating in-channel features that allow salmon to hide from predators and to rest more frequently
- reconnecting channel segments so there is more consistent water flow, assisting salmon spawning and rearing
- bacterial grab-sampling

Ideally, in prime spring and summer weather!

Why do people volunteer?

- help build or share in a sense of community
- improve conditions regarding a resource;
- create and cultivate career and/or networking opportunities (local students might be interested in biology, hydrology or geography careers)
- create and cultivate friendship and camaraderie
- garner recognition from their peers,

- obtain hands on experience and develop additional skills
- affect change and witness these changes
- help accomplish something that is important on a larger scale and over a long arc of time--help create a lasting legacy

Volunteers are **essential** to the NSWS. We are continuously grateful to those dedicated groups and individuals who donate their time to NSWS activities. We want our volunteers to experience safe, enjoyable activities while helping complete successful projects, in order to more rapidly advance salmon habitat restoration and salmon enhancement in the Nootka Sound/Esperanza Inlet region. Volunteerism is a powerful venue for educational opportunities, small group reflections, building camaraderie and community, and strengthening social capital.

If you are willing to offer reduced rate or free accommodation to outside participants, or to volunteer as a project participant, leave me your name, tel #, and/or e-mail address, after tonight's meeting. If you want to telephone me it's 250-934-7910, or e-mail sanderson.b1@gmail.com. Thanks kindly for your consideration.

Check the following places for information updates regarding the proposed NSWS projects:

NSWS website: www.nootkasound.info

Noticeboards in the VoT office and at the Tahsis Rec Centre

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

**1 Nootka Sound Watershed Society Update (Bruce Sanderson):
Presentation**

Van Solkema/ Bellanger: VOT 70/16

THAT the Nootka Sound Watershed Society Presentation be received.

CARRIED

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public expressed his concern over the negative earnings and total expenses incurred during N.S.E.D.C.'s 4th Quarter of 2015.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 71/16

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 72/16

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 73/16

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 Amendment to Budget Meeting Dates

Overton/ Van Solkema: VOT 74/16

THAT the budget meeting dates be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

2 Appointment of ESS Director

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 75/16

THAT Charles St-Denis be appointed as the new ESS Director.

CARRIED

3 Strathcona Region Community Health Network

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 76/16

THAT this Report be received.

CARRIED

4 Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation- 4th Quarter Report

Overton/ Taylor: VOT 77/16

THAT NSEDC's 4th Quarter Report be received.

I. Unfinished Business

None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Schooner (written report)

Good evening,

At the Municipal Services Committee meeting it was requested that a report and presentation regarding service establishment be brought back to the next meeting assisting directors to have a fuller understanding of such functions. This will certainly help sharpen the tools in my tool kit for future considerations.

On the agenda tonight there is a write-up of the last Strathcona Community Health Network (SCHN) stakeholder's meeting with 127 people in attendance. The report on the agenda speaks to the need of a dedicated CHN coordinator. Island Health has proposed to provide funding of \$80,000 a year for 2 years in the establishment of a coordinator for the Network. Island Health and the SRD are working on investigating this proposed option. Also the establishment of a governance group overseeing the Network is underway.

Also through the SCHN, the Food Action Committee made a proposal to the SRD Board to support a funding opportunity through the Plan H – Healthy Communities Capacity Building Fund to investigate the accessibility and consumption of locally-landed seafood with the communities of Tahsis, Zeballos, Gold River and Sayward. The grant application received support from the Board.

The Village's new Public Works Supervisor, Gabriel Gagnier, is in the gallery tonight and I, along with council and staff, would like to welcome him and his family to Tahsis.

Councillor Overton (Verbal Report)

Councillor Overton reported that due to Graham Boesecker's schedule (the Emergency Program Coordinator) and her schedule her report on the discussion paper, "Prepared & Resilient" will be finished up on the first of April.

Councillor Van Solkema (written report)

March 1, 2016

Council report by Louis Van Solkema

Good evening Mayor and Council;

I attended with the rest of Council a budgeting meeting on February 22nd. I'd like to thank Mark Tatchell and Amit Sharma for their preparations and explanations.

February 23 all our Council travelled to Zeballos and met with the Zeballos Council and some very enthusiastic proponents of the Campbell River and B.C. ATV association. It was good to meet some new Councillors from Zeballos. I fully support the quad trail idea and hope the enthusiasm continues on.

Busy week for meetings as the NSW.S. meeting and the agm was held the evening of February 24. Much progress has been made by our coordinators Bruce Sanderson and Samantha Kagan. Some grant applications are in to the Pacific Salmon Foundation for two local projects. A more complicated decision as to what our expectations are in hiring a Fluvial Geomorphologist required another meeting the following morning held at the WFP. boardroom. Paul Kutz, the WFP. liaison, gave us a introduction to Avenza pdf map. A gps mapping system that is Google Earth friendly and is a free app. I feel the meeting went well but am having to be patient as grants of this magnitude require substantial supporters. I should mention with thanks to the NSW.S. executive for standing in their respective positions. Kent O'Neil remains as president, Dick Denison as vice president, Cheryl Miner as treasurer and Lyndy Vroom as secretary.

Councillor Bellanger (written report)

Good Evening Mayor and Council.

I have to say it was interesting to do our financial planning on February 22nd. To actually see everything broken down and doing it step by step is more understandable than the way we did it last year. I was also happy that our whole Council got to go to Zeballos for the Quad Trails. I know this project will take time to get off the ground but I do believe it will benefit the community in the future. It seems we are all very interested and want to be involved in this whole process of the quad route. I got to look around Zeballos a little with Councillor Overton. They have a lot more there than I remember, but then again they are seasonal just as we are. Not a lot open till the summer. So, hopefully this route will bring our two communities together and be able to open up some businesses all year round.

Councillor Taylor (written report)

Report to Council March 1st, 2016.

Good evening.

Besides participation in a Committee of the Whole budget meeting I also attended the third meeting of the proposed quad trail working group on February 23rd in Zeballos. Presentations were made by Terry Wardrop of ATV/BC and Mike Coulter of the Campbell River ATV Club. Both groups are lending their support to the project and are enthusiastic, as it will go a long way to helping create a destination ATV trail system on the North Island like no other on the Continent. The consensus appears to be if we build it they will come. There is no doubt that once the various ATV trail projects are linked up and the respective communities opened up to ATV access to services that the trail system will be a world class destination for the motorized off-roading enthusiast. I firmly believe this initiative will go a long way to developing a Tahsis, as well as a regional, tourism brand.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Taylor

Overton/ Van Solkema: VOT 78/16

THAT the Council reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

None.

M. New Business

1 CAO Report to Council: Public Works After Hours Contract and Service

Taylor/ Overton: VOT 79/16

THAT the report be received for information and to prepare an Information Bulletin for Mayor and Council to announce the trial of the public works after hours service.

CARRIED

2 CAO Report to Council: Temporary water shut off (water well project)

THAT the report be received.

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 80/16

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public asked if the budget meetings were opened to the public. It was confirmed that the public are permitted to attend the budget meetings. It was also suggested that the budget meeting public presentation be held in the evening in order for everyone to attend.

A member of the public was concerned that if we had to go to a back up water system we would have to go to "boil water". The response was that the current system is sufficient to be the back up water system.

Public Exclusion

Overton/ Bellanger VOT 81/16

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90.1(k) and 90.1 (g) of the Community Charter – A part of a Council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following: negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public and litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

Recess

Overton/Bellanger: VOT 82/16

THAT the regular Council recess to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 87/16

THAT the Council reconvene in public at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Rise and Report

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 88/16

THAT Gerry Boy and John Brohman be appointed as the Tahsis community based directors for NSEDC.

O. Adjournment

Taylor/ Overton: VOT 89/16

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this
15th Day of March 2016

Chief Administrative Officer



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 Councillor Louis Van Solkema

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
 Amit Sharma, Deputy Chief Finance Officer
 Gabriel Gagnier, Director of Infrastructure and Operations
 Janet St-Denis, Finance Assistant

Public 1 member of the public

Call to Order

Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht Traditional Territory.

Introduction of Late Items

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Overton: COW 14/16

THAT the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

New Business

- 1 Preliminary Results of the Asset Management Funding Strategy (by Lisa Kristiansen)**
 - (PowerPoint attached)

Taylor: COW 15/16

THAT a member of the public in the gallery be permitted to pose questions.

CARRIED

Overton: COW 16/16

THAT the Report on the Preliminary Results of the Asset Management Funding Strategy by Lisa Kristiansen be received.

CARRIED

Overton: COW 17/16

THAT the Committee of the Whole recess.

CARRIED

Taylor: COW 18/16

THAT the Committee of the Whole reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Members of staff, the public and Committee members posed questions to Lisa regarding her presentation.

2 Potential Lease of Municipal Buildings (report from staff)

Taylor: VOT 19/16

THAT the Municipal Building Lease Report be received.

Staff was directed to work with the prospective tenant to reach a lease with the best interest of the Village in mind.

3 WFP Cedar Mill Site

WFP is prepared to erect fencing or other barriers along the perimeter of the former Cedar Mill.

The CAO suggested a contest with a prize to generate ideas for the perimeter, rather than the village making the decision without public input. Staff was directed to come back with ideas for this contest.

Adjournment

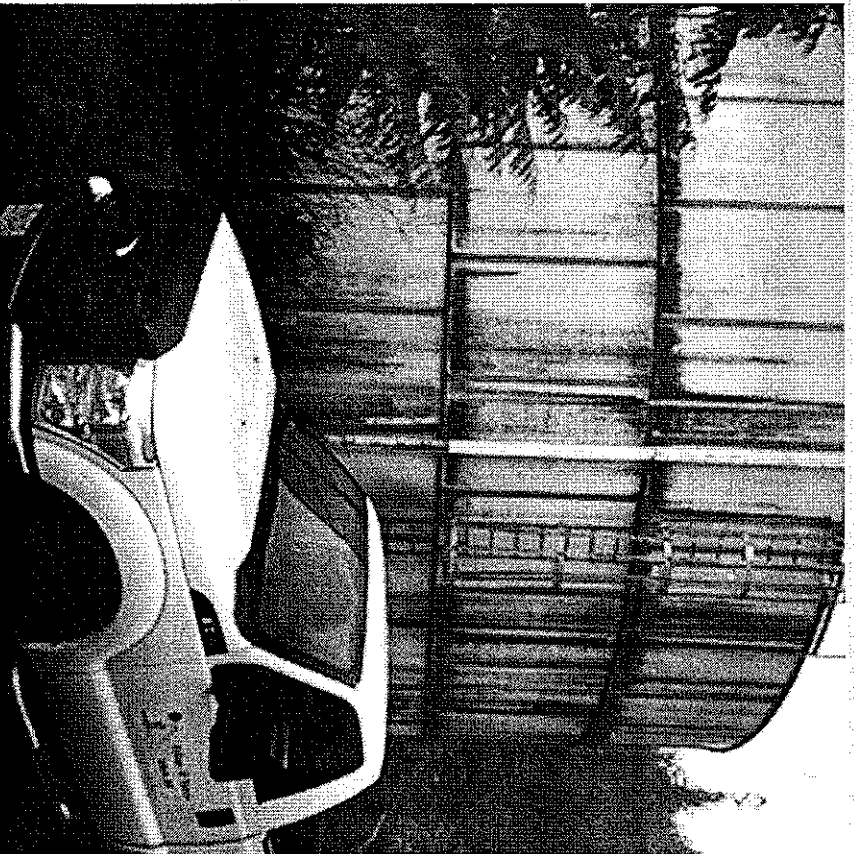
Overton: COW 20/16

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:50 p.m.

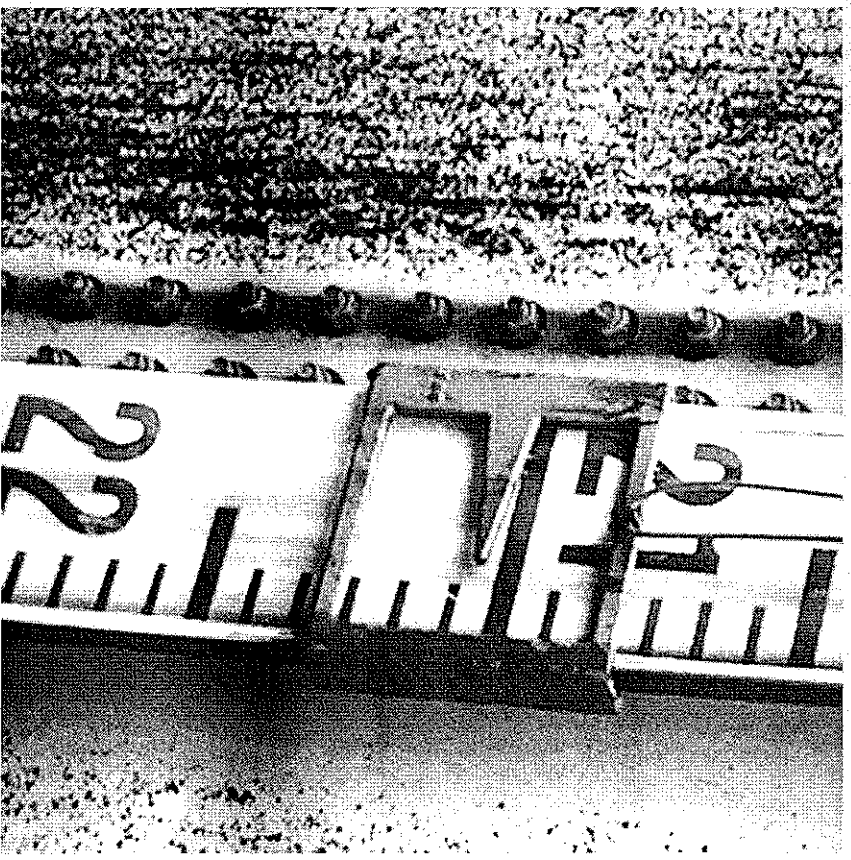
CARRIED

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15th Day of March 2016

Corporate Officer



ASSET MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SESSION #1



VILLAGE OF TAHISIS
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE
MARCH 8TH 2016

KRISTIANSEN &
ASSOCIATES

REQUIREMENTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

To meet their obligations to the Community the Village's Asset Management practices must:

- involve investments in capital assets that support lowest costs throughout the useful life of the assets,
- ensure assets consistently deliver a satisfactory and financially sustainable level of service,
- prioritize and address the long term renewal/replacement needs of all assets,
- align with a financial strategy for implementing the renewal/replacement actions, and
- accomplish the above within the limits of financial sustainability.

REQUIREMENTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

In order to manage their capital assets in this manner the District requires: information, decisions, execution plans and financial means.

REQUIREMENTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

The INFORMATION requirements include:

- extent of the asset inventory
- level of service (LOS) the public expects from the assets (e.g. no cracks in roads, no water main failures)
- when and what actions will need to be taken against the assets (e.g. road surface maintenance, replacement of worn out pipes)
- the likelihood and consequences of not taking those actions (e.g. premature road surface deterioration, water main failures)
- what it will cost to execute those actions and what, if anything, stands in the way of executing the actions (e.g. lack of financial or human resources, time etc.).

REQUIREMENTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

The DECISIONS to be taken include determining:

- which asset needs, and in turn which actions, get prioritized
- how much money will be spent.

With the decisions made, EXECUTION or ASSET PLANS must be specified to determine:

- how and when the prioritized actions are to be carried out, and
- the source of funding for each of the actions.

REQUIREMENTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

Finally, it is necessary to have the FINANCIAL MEANS to execute the Asset plans for at least their critical assets. This preparedness requires:

- knowledge of the full set of asset requirements and their associated costs in the short, medium and long term
- a long term financial plan to achieve the state of “financial preparedness” to meet those requirements.

ENSURING EVERYONE IS ON BOARD

SUPPORTING DECISION MAKING CAPACITY

1. Do all parties understand the short & long term implications of the decisions made around asset management?
2. Were all parties aware of the information requirements for decision making? Was adequate information available for consideration when taking decisions?
3. Are supporting tools/frameworks in place to enable objective comparisons between competing options when multiple factors must be taken into account?

IMPROVING ON ASSET MANAGEMENT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING IT BUT ...

Improving on an Asset Management approach requires considering where you are currently in terms of ...

Organizational Capacity:

- financial, people, info/tech. infrastructure,

Approach:

- degree to which the approach is proactive vs. reactive
- availability of information to guide objective planning and decision making
- multidisciplinary

IT WILL BE A BALANCING ACT

ASSET NEEDS, LOS AND FINANCIAL REALITY

1. limited funds will constrain spending regardless of asset 'needs' and desired level of service (LOS)
2. it will be necessary to distinguish between *required* vs. *nice to have* LOS
3. public works expertise will play a strong role maximizing level of service and minimizing costs
4. finance will develop a long term financial plan to ensure LOS will be sustainable

TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSET GROUPS

CONTENTS OF THE VILLAGES ASSET
REGISTER

LAND

BUILDINGS

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

ROADS & BRIDGES

DRAINAGE

WATER

SEWER

CORE ASSET GROUPS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS DISCUSSION

LAND

BUILDINGS

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

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WATER

SEWER

CORE ASSET GROUP CONTENTS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DISCUSSION

ASSET GROUP CONTENTS

SEWER PIPES sewer pipe, forcemain

SEWER OTHER sanitary sewer outfall, sanitary siphon, dosing chamber, manholes,
sanitary cleanouts, sanitary services, treatment plants and outfalls

WATER PIPES watermain

WATER OTHER valves, hydrants, services, reservoirs, water pump, chlorination stations

ROADS road - 9 meter local, sidewalks, retaining walls

ASSET MANAGEMENT RELATED STUDY

REPLACEMENT COSTS IN 2008 DOLLARS

- McElhanny completed a Capital Works Planning Study for the Village in 2008.
- Estimates were based on limited field and drawing data, and assume typical current-day materials and construction methods.
- Reported replacement costs also included construction, general contingencies and soft costs (legal, engineering, financing, and municipal administration fees).
- The charts/tables in this presentation do not include general contingencies or soft costs.

INFORMATION ON CORE ASSETS

INSTALLATION TIMING AND 2008 REPLACEMENT COSTS

Replacement Costs by Asset Group

Decade Installed	WATER	SEWER	ROADS	ALL
1950	0	0	3,331,500	3,331,500
1955	61,500	0	1,247,500	1,309,000
1960	633,525	402,350	0	1,035,875
1965	0	0	1,103,000	1,103,000
1970	3,392,725	7,310,250	4,202,000	14,904,975
TOTALS	4,087,750	7,712,600	9,884,000	21,684,350

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE 2008 REPORT

ROAD REPLACEMENT (NO PIPES DONE) & PAVING/PATCHING DONE

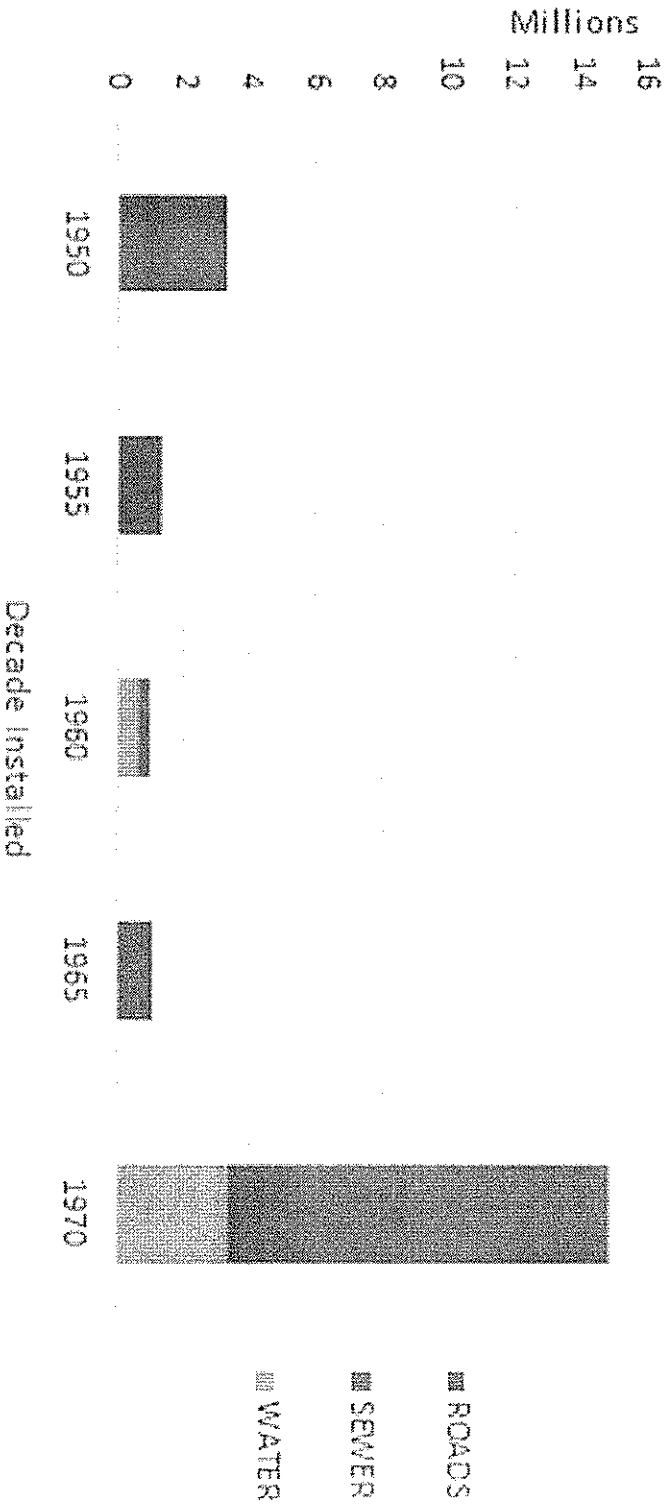
YEAR	ACTION TAKEN	LOCATION	TCA COST	PLANNING STUDY?
2009	Asphalt Paving	North Maquinna near Quodra	12.675	YES (DONE)
2009	Asphalt Paving	Barnacle Beach	26.675	NO
2009	Road replacement	Alpine View Rd	413,534	YES (1/2 DONE)

- The road replacement did not include any pipe renewals – the road replacement will be revisited when the pipes are replaced.

CORE ASSETS

INSTALLATION TIMING AND 2008 REPLACEMENT COSTS

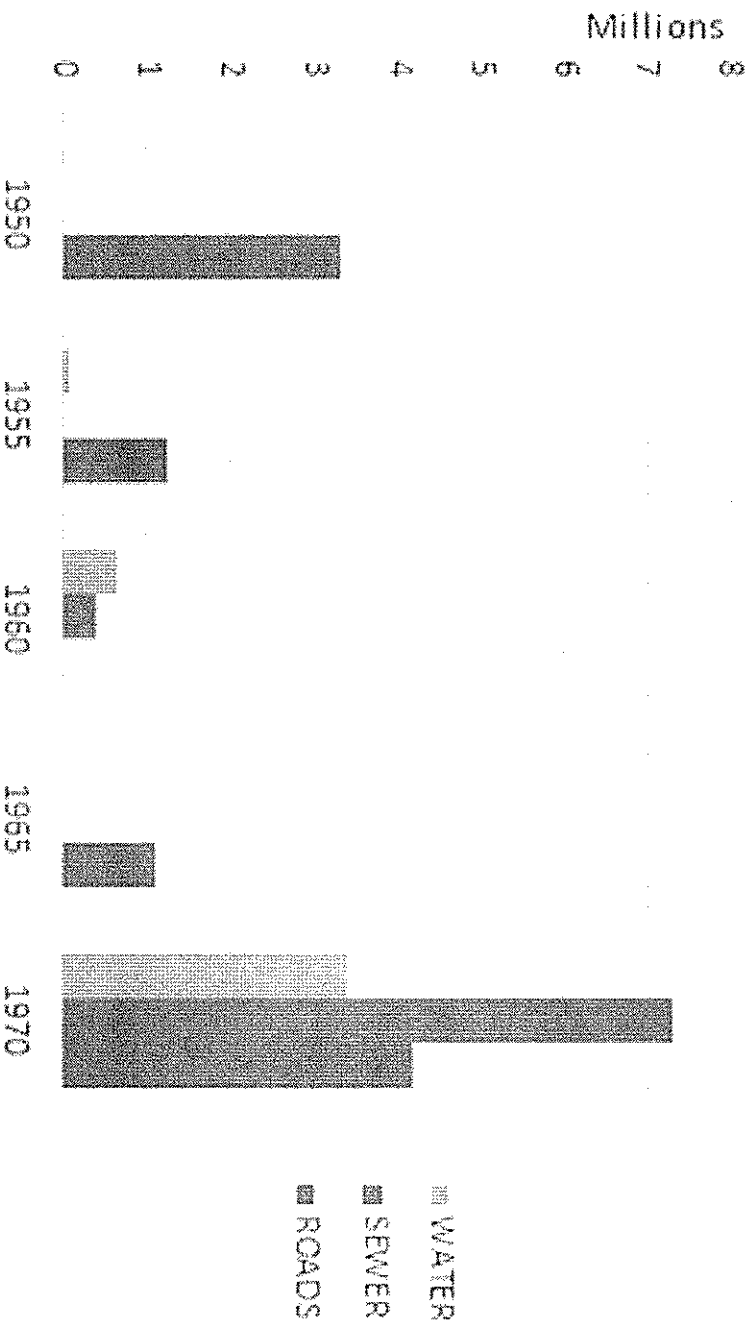
CORE ASSETS - INSTALLATION TIMING & 2008 REPLACEMENT COSTS



CORE ASSETS

INSTALLATION TIMING AND 2008 REPLACEMENT COSTS

CORE ASSETS INSTALLATION TIMING & REPLACEMENT COSTS



ANNUAL FUNDING CAPACITY

(REVENUE SOURCES AS PER THE VILLAGE'S 2015-2019 FINANCIAL PLAN (BYLAW 578))

<u>REVENUE SOURCES</u>										
<u>GRANTS</u>										
		23%	of Village revenue					<u>yearly average</u>		267704
<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>								<u>yearly average</u>		636778
		46%	of Village revenue					<u>yearly average</u>		
<u>UTILITIES</u>								<u>yearly average</u>		209228
		18%	of Village revenue					<u>yearly average</u>		
<u>WATER services</u>								<u>yearly average</u>		12436
								<u>yearly average</u>		
		net revenue		11600	11950	12360	12970	13300		
<u>SEWER services</u>								<u>yearly average</u>		9262
								<u>yearly average</u>		
		net revenue		3730	10060	10580	11300	10640		
TOTAL OF ABOVE SOURCES										
								<u>yearly average</u>		926180

FUNDING CAPACITY VS. NEEDS

(REVENUE SOURCES AS PER THE VILLAGE'S 2015-2019 FINANCIAL
PLAN (BYLAW 578))

Annual funding available for all uses by the Village is limited to:

.93 million (note: funding sources include taxation, grants, and net water
and sewer revenue)

The 2008 replacement costs covering water, sewer, and roads
assets totals:

21.6 million

FUNDING CAPACITY CHALLENGES

PROJECTED REPLACEMENT COSTS VS. FUNDING AVAILABLE 2015-2019

\$926,180
total funding available annually for all uses not just asset management

EXTENT TO WHICH COSTS WILL GROW OVER THE YEARS IF REPLACEMENT/RENEWALS DELAYED THIS INCREASE WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS.

Potential Increase in 21.68 Million 2008 REPLACEMENT COST	Cost in 2020	Cost in 2025	Cost in 2030	Cost in 2035
At 2% Construction Cost Inflation	27.5	30.4	33.5	37.0
At 2.5 % Construction Cost Inflation	29.2	33.0	37.3	42.2
At 3% Construction Cost Inflation	30.9	35.8	41.5	48.2

THERE ARE DECISIONS AND PLANS TO BE MADE ASSET NEEDS, LOS AND FINANCIAL REALITY

1. limited funds need to be distributed based on key needs and desired level of service (LOS)
2. it will be necessary to distinguish between *required* vs. *nice to have* LOS
3. public works expertise will need to weigh in a plan to maximize level of service while minimizing costs and identify the needs of the most critical assets
4. finance msut develop a long term financial plan to ensure actions taken and targeted LOS will be affordable and sustainable
5. water and sewer rates will need to be addressed
6. key projects need to be identified
7. community will need to be consulted re: LOS & prioritization plan
8. need a plan for dealing with non core assets

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DRAFT RESOLUTION – COMMUNITY UNITY TRAIL

For introduction and discussion at March 15, 2016 Regular Council meeting

WHEREAS the Villages of Tahsis and Zeballos have endeavored for a number of years to link the two communities through a trail accessible by four wheel drive quad ATVs; and

WHEREAS the interest in the trail has gained momentum recently resulting in a series of meetings to plan the development of the trail; and

WHEREAS the project, tentatively named the “Community Unity Trail” has grown to include Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Ehattesaht First Nation and the Village of Gold River making it a truly regional and inclusive project; and

WHEREAS the project has the potential to drive tourism and economic development in the region with direct benefits to Tahsis;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

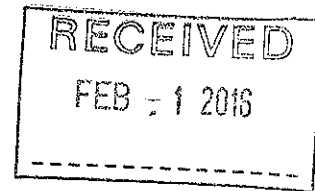
Village of Tahsis endorses this project and pledges to provide staff and other in kind support to the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor Schooner be appointed as the Village’s representative on the Community Unity Trail executive committee and Councillor Taylor be appointed as the Village’s alternate representative and staff resources be assigned as needed.

February 5, 2016

Mayor Judith Schooner and Council Members
Village of Tahsis
Box 219
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0



Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Re: UBCM Membership

It is my pleasure to write to invite your local government to renew its membership with the Union of BC Municipalities.

2015 was the 110th year that UBCM has represented local governments in British Columbia. Through these years of service, UBCM has developed a set of guiding principles that have stood our organization well: a commitment to advocacy and program delivery that is policy-based, nonpartisan, timely and credible.

Policy-based – our advocacy is based on the positions established by our members through resolutions at Convention, direct consultation of local government and analysis based on the best available data.

Nonpartisan – our approach is pragmatic and our outreach extends to all political parties.

Timely – UBCM keeps watch for windows of opportunity in order to effectively advance the shared interests of our membership.

Credible – having attained membership among 100% of BC's local governments, UBCM speaks on behalf of the diverse needs of BC's communities and regions.

These provide the foundation for how we respond and act on your behalf in our day-to-day work. The following are examples of those principles in action:

- UBCM's survey and report on the operations of the Auditor General for Local Government revealed significant performance gaps in the office and led to several legislative and operational changes to improve the office.
- Spoke out against the Province's decision to download the cost for DNA analysis in police investigations to local governments.
- Advanced local government interests in federal and provincial discussions with respect to the design of infrastructure programs.
- Managed the intake of 222 applications to the Strategic Priorities Fund through the Federal Gas Tax Agreement.

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- Our Executive met with Ministers and MLAs at the Legislature to advocate for local government interests relative to infrastructure funding, impact of mental health issues on policing costs and land-based spills.
- Welcomed Huu-ay-aht First Nation as our 196th member.
- Continued to monitor elections expense limit legislation with the introduction of exposure bill in fall 2015.
- Secured \$10 million in additional funding for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative.
- Submitted report on the Standing Committee on Health on how to improve health in rural BC.
- Undertook a survey of members regarding forest policy and delivered the findings to the Minister's Forests and Range Practices Advisory Council.
- Supported processes to solicit local government input on a range of issues, including livestock policy; Agri-tourism in the Agricultural Land Reserve; hazardous waste and recyclable material; liquor policy; bio-solids storage; the Climate Leadership Plan; and emergency communication.
- Monitored development of federal Comprehensive Land Claims Policy in follow-up to our submission.
- Partnered with Reconciliation Canada to support the delivery of 100 Dialogue Workshops throughout BC.

It has been an honour for the Executive and staff of UBCM to work on your behalf this past year. With your renewed commitment to membership, we would be pleased to do so again in 2016-2017. If you have any questions or comments about our work, I would be glad to hear them. We look forward to your continued support for the coming year.

Sincerely,



Chair Al Richmond
UBCM President



MEMO
February 5, 2016

TO: Local Government Chief Financial Officers
FROM: Kathleen Spalek, Manager, Finance & Corporate Operations
RE: 2016 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES

UBCM President Al Richmond has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2016 (enclosed).

UBCM membership dues are based on Executive Policies 2.1–2.3. The UBCM Executive approved a 1.5% increase in our rates effective January 1, 2016. Rates for 2016 are:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 5,000	0.6768
Next 10,000	0.4915
Next 15,000	0.3093
Balance	0.0633

Membership dues are calculated on your population, and the population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, Province of BC (December 2015).

We also enclose for your attention our 2016 dues invoice. Should you wish to make electronic payment, please contact our office for direct deposit information (skoivu@ubcm.ca).

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Encls.

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UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES

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INVOICE

TO: Village of Tahsis
Box 519
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Invoice Date: Jan 29, 2016
Invoice No: D-4308
Due: upon receipt
Reference: 2016 UBCM Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<p>Population: 303</p> <p><i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2015 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia, and include a rate increase of 1.5% effective Jan 2016, approved by the UBCM Executive.</i></p>	
<p>Annual Dues:</p> <p>First 5,000 population at 0.6768 (Minimum \$629.00) \$629.00</p> <p>Next 10,000 at 0.4915 \$0.00</p> <p>Next 15,000 at 0.3093 \$0.00</p> <p>Balance at 0.0633 \$0.00</p>	
<p>Subtotal:</p>	\$629.00
<p>5% GST: (10815 0541)</p>	\$31.45
<p>Total:</p>	\$660.45



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Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

REMITTANCE PORTION

Village of Tahsis
2016 Annual UBCM Dues

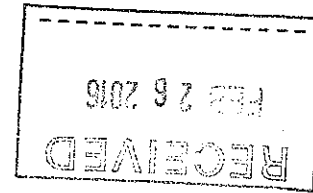
Date: Jan 29, 2016
Invoice # D-4308

TOTAL DUE:

\$660.45

AMOUNT
ENCLOSED:

Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.



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February 16, 2016

Ref: 111867

Her Worship Mayor Judith Schooner
Mayor
Village of Tahsis
PO Box 219
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Dear Mayor Schooner:

As a province, we have a responsibility to create an environment that is welcoming to investment and business. "Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan" (BC Jobs Plan) was launched four years ago to do just that: diversify and grow our economy and support long-term job creation in the province.

We are now seeing the benefits of this effort: BC's economy is diverse, strong and growing. Today, more British Columbians are working than ever before, and our economic performance is reaching record levels. While growth has slowed in much of the rest of Canada, BC is expected to lead the country in economic growth over the next two years. The prosperity we are seeing is a product of the actions and commitments that were initiated in the BC Jobs Plan.

Together with municipalities like yours, as well as industry, our government has actioned numerous commitments to enable job creation, strengthen BC's infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods to market and expand markets for BC's goods and services while at the same time reducing red tape and other barriers for our key sectors. As the BC Jobs Plan has evolved over the past four years, the eight key sectors have grown together and yielded new opportunities to fuel significant growth of BC's economy.

As a leader of your community, you are also a partner in our province's economic development. As Mayor, you are a major stakeholder in the future of our economy, which is why I am sending you the "BC Jobs Plan 4-Year Progress Update" (4-Year Progress Update).

The 4-Year Progress Update highlights significant achievements we have made over the past four years and allows us to proudly reflect on our accomplishments and the momentum that we have generated by working together to diversify, strengthen and grow our economy.

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Her Worship Mayor Judith Schooner
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I hope, as you read through the 4-Year Progress Update, you feel confident that our partnership – municipalities, the Province and the private sector – is working to build on BC's economic successes as we look ahead to how we can continue to drive diversity and growth in the province for years to come.

Work is already underway for the Jobs Plan update in 2016 and we welcome your ideas.

Best wishes for you and your municipality in 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Kylo', written in a cursive style.

Greg Kylo
Parliamentary Secretary

Enclosure

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Province of
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Legislative Assembly



Claire Trevena, MLA
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8th March, 2016

Hon. Terry Lake
Minister of Health
(sent via email)

Dear Minister Lake,

Residents of the North Island are very pleased that new hospitals are being built in Campbell River and Courtenay to serve the needs of our communities. Despite various concerns about capacity there is great anticipation about next year's opening.

However people are seriously worried about the introduction of parking charges at the hospital. As I have mentioned previously, in Campbell River this will be an anomaly as almost all parking in the community is free. Community leaders and individuals from across the north island have been writing letters about this to both yourself and to the health authority.

Their concerns, as I have expressed in previous correspondence with you and the health authority, are that in addition to dealing with the worry of a hospital visit, their citizens are already dealing with multiple hour car and /or ferry journeys at times in adverse weather to access the hospital. Most hospital goers have no option but to drive to the facility so parking is a necessity, not a luxury.

There is a serious concern about people's ability to pay, the stress that will impose on families and the burden on hospital staff. The justifications given to both myself and other elected officials are not adequate: it seems as if we will have to pay for parking because it occurs at other hospitals. A hospital is an important community resource it should serve the community fully. Clearly this is not happening as can be evinced by the communities' vociferous opposition to paid parking.

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Further there are questions about whether paying for parking would be defined as a barrier to access to health care as defined under the 1984 Health Act and as recommitted by Premiers – including our own – in 2014.

I would hope that you take into account the opposition from across the area the hospital will serve and ensure that parking at the hospital remains free.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claire Trevena, MLA
North Island

cc: Mayor Michael Berry, Village of Alert Bay
Mayor Andy Adams, City of Campbell River
Mayor Brad Unger, Village of Gold River
Mayor Jan Allen, Village of Port Alice
Mayor Hank Bood, District of Port Hardy
Mayor Shirley Ackland, Town of Port McNeill
Mayor John MacDonald, Village of Sayward
Mayor Jude Schooner, Village of Tahsis
Mayor Donnie Cox, Village of Zeballos
Chair John MacDonald, Strathcona Regional District
Chair Dave Rushton, Mount Waddington Regional District
Lois Jarvis, Citizens for Quality Healthcare

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: March 10, 2016
Re: **Synex Energy Resources Ltd. ("Synex")**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To inform Council of recent provincial government decisions regarding Synex's proposal to build and operate a "run of the river" powerhouse on McKelvie Creek and possible re-zoning application from Synex.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

Receive the Report for information

BACKGROUND:

Synex has a provincially issued water licence for McKelvie Creek as well as a licence of occupation (land tenure). Synex seeks to construct a hydroelectric powerhouse to generate power which it plans to sell to BC Hydro. Since it was first proposed, this project has forced the Village and the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation ("MMFN") to respond to a number of fundamental land and water use issues not the least of which are industrial development in the McKelvie Creek watershed and appropriate consultation with the MMFN.

Synex's IPP project, as originally conceived, required the Village to re-zone Lot A, Plan 119798ET, DL 595, Nootka Land District PL 30676 to Industrial -1 in order for construct the powerhouse and the associated infrastructure (e.g., trailrace). The land use designation in the Village's OCP and zoning for Lot 3 also required amendments to meet Synex's original plan. Lot 3 is adjacent to Lot A.

In May 2014, Council voted to not amend the OCP or re-zone Lot A effectively ending the application by Synex to build its powerhouse and related infrastructure.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Water Licence

Synex applied to the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations ("MFLNRO") to amend its water licence by moving its powerhouse, trailrace and switchyard from private property within the Village boundary to Crown land. Last month, MFLNRO approved Synex's amended request to construct and operate the powerhouse within the licence of occupation boundary. MFLNRO also granted Synex until December 31, 2019 to complete construction.