



## Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 14, 2017</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers</b>

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**Present**

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

**Staff**

Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer

**Public**

15 members of the public including 5 representatives from Western Forest Products and 2 from Conuma Cable Systems.

### Call to Order

Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht Traditional Territory.

### Introduction of Late Items

#### **Taylor COW 32/17**

Request for a letter from the Village of Tahsis in support of Conuma Cable's application to the federal Connect to Innovate fund be added as New Business

**CARRIED**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Overton: COW 33 /17**

**THAT** the Agenda for the March 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as amended .

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

Steve Savola (Conuma Cable) described his proposal to use microwave technology to increase bandwidth to Tahsis increasing speed to 1.4Gbps. Mr. Savola also noted some of the pros and cons of the Strathcona Regional District plan to bring fiber optic cable to Tahsis. Council agreed to consider the request and directed staff to seek information from the SRD regarding its plan. Council asked Mr. Savola questions regarding timing and the relationship between his proposal and the SRD's The Connect to innovate application deadline is April 20.

**Overton: COW 34/17**

**THAT** the Conuma Cable presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising**

Meeting with Western Forest Products - 15 year plan

Western Forest Products (WFP) staff presented the company's preliminary 15 year plans to harvest in the Tahsis, McKelvie and Leiner watersheds within TFL 19. About 600,00 - 700,00 m<sup>3</sup> are available for harvest. WFP noted the forest practice statutory and professional standards as well as the levels and types of oversight. Council questioned the economic benefits that WFP anticipates the plan would generate for Tahsis. Members of the public questioned road access and timeframes. Council agreed to convene a further meeting with WFP and noted the importance of a community engagement process including an open house.

**Overton: COW 35/17**

**THAT** the WFP presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Overton: COW 36/17**

**THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:15 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

Certified correct this  
21st Day of March 2017

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Corporate Officer