



Village of Tahsis

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TAHSIS – Village of Tahsis mayor Jude Schooner is recovering following a serious motor vehicle accident on March 3rd which resulted in the tragic deaths of 4 members of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation in Tsaxana, BC (near Gold River).

Mayor Schooner sustained injuries when her truck was hit on Highway 28 near Buttle Narrows 25 km east of Gold River. It appears an on-coming vehicle encountered black ice on the highway, spun across the center line crashing into Mayor Schooner's truck.

The Village of Tahsis, which is on the traditional territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht, has extended its condolences to families and community who suffered this tragic loss. Flags at the Tahsis cenotaph are flying at half-mast today as the Tahsis community joins the Mowachaht/Muchalaht in solidarity and in grieving.

Road maintenance on the Head Bay forest service road and Highway 28 have been major priorities of Tahsis Council for a number of years. Tahsis Council met recently with senior officials of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in Tahsis to press their concerns regarding enforcement of road maintenance contracts and reporting.

"Safe transportation corridors are mandatory to all communities, especially to remote communities like Tahsis where residents have to drive to Campbell River for many types of health care and other essential services," said Deputy Mayor Randy Taylor.

"We expect our roads to be well maintained by the provincial government through its chosen contractor."

Mayor Schooner is grateful for the response by RCMP and BC Ambulance.

Mayor Schooner was re-elected to a second term as Mayor in 2014. She served previously as Councillor.

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