



## Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Monday, March 27, 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

3 members of the public

**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**

Councillor VanSolkema asked that the UBCM wildfire protection plan grant funding be placed on the agenda. After discussion, it was agreed to place on April 4th regular meeting agenda.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Overton: COW 38/17**

**THAT** the Agenda for the March 27th, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented .

**CARRIED**

## **1 Business Arising**

Western Forest Products harvesting plan - follow up discussion

Mayor Schooner informed the gallery that public input would be permitted at the beginning and end of the meeting. Comments to be restricted to 2 minutes. There was no public input at the beginning of the meeting. The Mayor made introductory remarks that it was very early in the discussions with WFP. She stressed the importance of public involvement and committed to holding at least one open house with WFP. The Mayor noted that more work needed to be done on analyzing the road options and understanding the full picture of the harvesting plans.

After discussion, Council agreed on the following: 1) the need for an independent study on the economic impact on Tahsis of WFP's harvesting plans; 2) the Head Bay Forest Service Road paved from Tahsis to Gold River; 3) the Mowachaht/Muchalaht FN must be consulted and Tahsis will invite MMFN representatives to attend future meetings with WFP; 4) other road options to access harvesting blocks should be considered; 5) to provide additional assurance, Tahsis should insist on an independent observer on WFP's forest practices; 6) Whether the Village OCP and development permit areas have a bearing on road options needs to be clarified; a framework/protocol with WFP to establish process and principles for addressing and resolving issues of concern; and Tahsis to prepare a letter to WFP setting out the above items. Council will want a reply to the letter before the next meeting with WFP.

There was public input following the committee discussion. Public input pertained to road options, the affect of logging truck traffic on Village roads and infrastructure amd the opportunities for public input. Council concurred that those were important considerations.

**2 Draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 591, 2017**

Staff summarized the financial plan bylaw and noted that the Tax Rate bylaw and Anticipatory Borrowing Bylaw would be forthcoming. The bylaw will be introduced for 1st and 2nd readings at the April 4th Council meeting. Staff advised that work will begin shortly on preparing grant applications for the Strategic Priorities Fund for capital projects.

**Overton: COW 39/17**

**THAT** the draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan Bylaw be received.

**CARRIED**

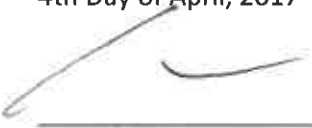
**Adjournment**

**Overton: COW 40/17**

**THAT** the meeting adjourn at 12:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified correct this  
4th Day of April, 2017

  
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Corporate Officer