



TAHSIS WELCOMES ATV/QUAD RIDERS

Message from Acting Mayor Taylor and Council

The economic development of this community depends largely on expanding tourism opportunities beyond the sport fishery and related businesses. Anyone who lives or has spent time here knows this region offers high calibre outdoor recreation experiences in a pristine and accessible environment. This makes it an ideal destination for ATV and Quad riders.

Tahsis, Zeballos, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation and the Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation have joined forces to develop a multi-use trail between Tahsis and Zeballos as the first leg of a broader trail network in the North Island. While the trail awaits provincial statutory authorization and some additional fund raising, the aim is to start construction in 2019. This initial section will run from Tahsis to the headwaters of the Little Zeballos River.

To facilitate trail access from the Village, Council recently adopted Off Road Vehicle Bylaw No. 608, 2018 which is now in effect. This bylaw prescribes the “rules of the road” for operating an ATV or Quad on roads within the municipal borders by regulating speed limit, helmet use, licensing, insurance, police-permitting and registration. The bylaw complements, but does not supersede, the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* and the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*. The bylaw can be found on the Village website at <http://villageoftahsis.com/municipal-information/bylaws-policy/>.

Within the next week or so, you will see signs posted in the Village declaring that “all streets are a designated off-road vehicle trail” and citing the “rules of the road”. The RCMP have been consulted on the bylaw and the signs and will be enforcing the bylaw

Council welcomes your feedback on promoting Tahsis as a mixed-use trail destination.

