



AGENDA

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
to be held on October 2nd, 2018 in the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive

- A. Call to Order** Acting Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..
- Acting Mayor Taylor would like to acknowledge and respect that we are upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.
- B. Introduction of Late Items**
- C. Approval of the Agenda**
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input # 1**
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- F. Adoption of the Minutes** 1 Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 18th, 2018
- G. Rise and Report** None.
- H. Business Arising** None.
- J. Council Reports** 1. Acting Mayor Taylor
2. Councillor Overton
3. Councillor VanSolkema
4. Councillor Bellanger

K. Bylaws

- 1 **Bylaw No. 609, 2018 Being a bylaw for the purposes of exempting certain lands and improvements from municipal property taxation for the 2019-2028 taxation years**

L. Correspondence

- 1 **Jack Masson Letter to Council Re: Head Bay FSR**
- 2 **Lisa Hendra letter to Mayor and Council Re: The Village's intent to erect a fence around 176 Alpine View**
- 3 **Lisa Hendra letter to Mayor and Council Re: ATV's on the public Tahsis Roads**
- 4 **Lisa Hendra letter to Mayor and Council Re: ATVs driving erratically on the public Tahsis Roads**
- 5 **Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Heal Officer, Island Health Re: A Public Health Approach to Non-Medical Cannabis**
- 6 **Kelly Daniels, ad Resource Re: Review of the Auditor General Local Government Act and Office**

M. New Business

- 1 **Grant-in Aid Application Re: Share a Smile Society**
- 2 **Shaun Koopman, Protective Services Coordinator- Strathcona Regional District**

N. Public Input #2

Public Exclusion

None.

O. Adjournment



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	September 18, 2018
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Present Acting Mayor Randy Taylor
 Councillor Brenda Overton
 Councillor Kathy Bellanger

Regrets Councillor Louis VanSolkema

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
 Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager
 Deborah Bodnar, Director of Finance

Public 13 members of the public

A. Call to Order

Acting Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Territory.

B. Introduction of Late Items

5 late items

C. Approval of the Agenda

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 420/2018

THAT the Agenda for the September 18th, 2018 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public thanked Council for their hard work serving the community.

Several members of the public raised concerns regarding the extremely poor condition of Head Bay FST to which Council and staff responded.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

- 1 **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on August 30th, 2018**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 421/2018

THAT the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting minutes from August 30, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 2 **Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 4th, 2018**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 422/2018

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes from September 4, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 3 **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on September 5th, 2018**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 423/2018

THAT the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting minutes from September 5th, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

- 1 **John Manson, P.Eng. Report to Council Re: Tahsis Road Project Budget**

John Manson, Project Manager for the Tahsis Road Project, provided an overview of the Tahsis Road Project and budget.

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 424/2018

THAT this report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 425/2018

THAT the Tahsis Road Project Budget as presented be approved.

CARRIED

2 Tahsis Community Food Trade Re: Grant in Aid

There was a brief discussion about washroom access. Since the Rec Centre is not open until 2pm the Tahsis Community Food Trade would need to adjust their hours of operation should they require washroom access.

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 426/2018

THAT this Grant in Aid application be received.

CARRIED

Bellanger/ Overton: VOT 427/2018

THAT this Grant in Aid application be approved.

CARRIED

3 Island Coastal Economic Trust Infrastructure Grant Application (Step 2)

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 428/2018

THAT the Village of Tahsis submit the Island Coastal Economic Trust Infrastructure Grant Application (Step 2) for the Community Unity Trail Construction (Stage 1) upon receiving the authorization under section 56 and/or section 57 of the Forest and Range Practices Act.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 429/2018

THAT the Council reports be received.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor Randy Taylor (written report)

Report to Council September the 18th, 2018

Good evening.

I had the pleasure of attending the UBCM Convention this past week with Councillors Bellanger and Overton and our CAO Mark Tatchell. Beyond the usual handshaking and networking I think the week was quite productive.

Our delegation met with the Minister of Highways, Claire Travena, on Monday. I expressed our gratitude to her for making good on her promise for significant improvements to Headbay Road this year and made it clear that we would continue to lobby for capital improvements to our sole access road. We expressed our desire to see improvement in the overall routine maintenance of Headbay road, particularly considering it is now under a new contract with the Ministry. We also expressed our desire that the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General consider amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to permit ORV's to operate on public Highways in specific (read more remote) rural regions of the province.

When we met with Minister Donaldson, the McKelvie Creek watershed was the main part of our discussion; there was no specific commitment offered but he didn't sound closed minded to our appeal. That in itself makes me a bit more optimistic. He did support the Chief Forester's suggestion that we participate in the timber supply review. We also briefly discussed WFP's delay of initial plans for harvesting and road building. We talked about our multi purpose trail initiative, which the Minister is wholly in support of, but he did note Recs and Trails are looking closely at the engineering and technical design aspects. Frankly that was not exactly news to us. It is noteworthy that he, and Government in general, are in support of the trail project. We also touched on our desire for a Community Forest Licence with him and he explained that the Chief Forester makes her Annual Allowable Cut determination following the Timber Supply Review. So any decision on a Community Forest will be some time after that review.

Our meeting with Minister Darcy focused for the most part around mental health services, telephone counseling and how Skype style sessions for health service delivery is and isn't working. The Minister will have staff follow up with VIHA to see exactly what services may be available that may help to improve the situation here in Tahsis. It is worth noting Village Staff have written to the North Island Director for this information recently.

The meeting with Minister Sims regarding adaptation of an existing funding opportunity that didn't fit our needs we hoped could be stretched from its parameters a bit to include WIFI hotspots for Tahsis was less successful. It's an idea that would help us until the fibre optic cable arrives at our shore. The response, not totally unexpected, was to approach ICET. It's a ten or twelve thousand dollar project and I'm confident we will find a source of funding for it. While on the subject of fibre optic, my hope is the incoming Council will make it a priority to have a healthy debate on the merits of making the last mile for fibre optic delivery to the community a municipal asset and whether or not that idea holds the promise of better service and routine maintenance than the private sector now provides. At the same time I would suggest that they reexamine Tahsis's long term vision through a 50 Gigabyte lens to see more clearly what a 10 to 15 fold increase in data transfer might be able to bring the community in way of economic development. I guarantee the sky is the limit in what this will open up in terms of small business opportunities for our community.

We also met with Minister Fraser. He is very supportive of the Community Unity Trail project. He indicated willingness to make inquiries around funding for First Nations language signage and just as importantly for First Nations employment in regard to the trail. We also heard from him that the funding for the Community to Community Program will continue.

Our meeting with the RCMP and Assistant Commissioner Stubbs reiterated our overall satisfaction with the Tahsis policing model. I had serious concerns when the change was upon us, all of which have been alleviated or mitigated since. They confirmed that members do receive mental health and de-escalation training as part of their use of force courses. We did have some discussion of our new policing model in relation to areas that will be moving to similar regional policing models.

We also met with EMBC and BC Wildfire Service. They agreed with our position that the tenure holder in our area **should** be undertaking mitigation activity to reduce fuel on the forest floor, and that it should in fact be included in the Forestry Stewardship Plan. Although they are not required to do so WFP can apply for funding from the Forest Enhancement Society to offset the costs of such an activity. Good corporate citizenry should deem such as necessary. We voiced concerns over the shortfall in communication and coordination during the wildfire crisis and they agreed it most certainly could have been better. They were unable to answer our inquiry as to who is responsible for responding to wildfires on Crown Land falling under the TFL that is also within municipal boundaries but did say they would be in touch with the answer.

All in all the meetings for the most part left me feeling a bit more optimistic overall and I am eager to see the formal responses.

In regard to resolutions I would like to point to several Resolutions that delegates passed at the convention that I felt were of particular importance to Tahsis:

An amalgamated resolution calling for Cannabis revenue sharing with local governments following the recovery of the implementation costs to the province.

A resolution calling for the transition of open pen salmon farms to dry land.

A related resolution calling for the protection of wild salmon from the negative impacts of commercial salmon farming.

And a resolution calling for increased funding for flood protection, which could help mitigate some of the expected negative effects to fish habitat and our municipal infrastructure if we lose the protection issue regarding the McKelvie Creek watershed.

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I attended several workshops and speeches as our schedule permitted, but I'll not expound on them, as I've been longwinded enough. I will say however that a Workshop on Indigenous Relations: How NOT to Tick the Box sharpened my pencil a wee bit and put a smile on my face as I realized just how far ahead of the herd Tahsis is, followed almost immediately by a frown as I realized conversely just how far behind many municipalities are.

I wish to thank my fellow delegates for the fine job they did representing Tahsis and in particular compliment them on the quality of the presentations they made on behalf of our Village to the Cabinet Ministers regarding our community's concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Taylor

Councillor Brenda Overton (verbal report)

I will defer my report to the October 2nd council meeting.

Councillor Kathy Bellanger (no report)

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development's letter in response to Tahsis Council's letter of June 27th, 2018**

- 2 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service Re: Quinsam Complex active wildfires are under control**

- 3 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service Re: Coastal Fire Centre will rescind campfire prohibition**

- 4 Barb Consalvi letter Re: Head Bay Road condition**

- 5 Liz Cullen letter to Mayor and Council Re: Head Bay Road condition**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 430/2018

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

M. New Business

- 1 Report to Council Re: Information Center/ Museum**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 431/2018

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

- 2 Campaign signage on Village property in the 2018 Municipal Election**

Mark Tatchell spoke to "past practices" regarding campaign signs and the dilemma posed vis a vis Property Signage Bylaw No. 550, 2009.

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 432/2018

THAT campaign signs for candidates in the 2018 municipal election be permitted to be placed on Village property without charge notwithstanding Property Signage Bylaw No. 550, 2009.

CARRIED

3 Requirements for Public Notice

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 433/2018

THAT the Village utilize alternative means as requirements for public notice in accordance with Section 94 (4) of the Community Charter where if publication under subsection (2) is not practicable, the notice may be given in the areas by alternative means as long as the notice:

(a) Is given within the same time period as required for publication,

(b) Is given with the same frequency as required for publication, and

(c) Provides notice that the Council considers is reasonably equivalent to that which would be provided by newspaper publication if it were practicable.

CARRIED

Public Input #2

- 1 A member of the public spoke to the requests made in her letter to Council regarding the Head Bay Rd conditions to which staff responded.

Adjournment

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 434/2018

THAT the Regular Council meeting adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

2nd Day of October, 2018

Chief Administrative Officer



K1

**VILLAGE OF TAHSIS
BYLAW No. 609, 2018**

**BEING A BYLAW FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXEMPTING CERTAIN LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS FROM MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY TAXATION FOR THE 2019-2028 TAXATION YEARS**

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 224 of the *Community Charter* that on or before October 31 in any year, Council may, by bylaw, exempt from taxation for not longer than 10 years, certain lands, improvements or both, as provided by Section 224(4)(a) of the *Community Charter*,

AND WHEREAS notice of the proposed bylaw has been given in accordance with the *Community Charter* pursuant to Section 227 of the *Community Charter*,

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Village of Tahsis in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

TITLE

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Tahsis 2019-2028 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 609, 2018".

EXEMPTIONS

1. The property as described in Schedule "A" being properties related to properties that are statutorily exempt under Section 224(2)(f) of the *Community Charter* shall be exempt from municipal property taxation for taxation years 2019-2028.
2. Pursuant to Section 227(d) of the *Community Charter*, an estimate of the amount of taxes that would be imposed on the property described in Schedule "A" if it were not exempt, for 2019 in which the proposed bylaw is to take effect and the following 2 years is described in Schedule "B".

ATTACHMENT

Schedule "A" attached hereto forms part of this bylaw.

READ a first time this 2nd day of October, 2018

READ a second time this 2nd day of October, 2018

READ a third time this 2nd day of October, 2018

Reconsidered, Finally Passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2018.

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Bylaw No.609, 2018 duly passed by the Council of the Village of Tahsis on this 16th day of October, 2018.

CORPORATE OFFICER

Bylaw No 609, 2018

SCHEDULE "A"

PLACE OF WORSHIP

Roll #	Legal Description	Civic Address	Owner/Occupier	Conditions
400.222	Lot 74, Plan 26880; DL 443	744 Nootka Road	Bishop of Victoria	50% of land value

SCHEDULE "B"

Place of Worship - Estimated Municipal Property Tax for the Years 2019 – 2021

<u>Property Classification</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Class 08 – Recreation/Non-Profit	\$582	\$593	\$605

LETTER TO COUNCIL

At the September 18th council meeting there was a much greater number of citizen attendees than is usually the case. The reason for the larger attendance was that a number of them expressed their built-up anger and concerns over the state of "the road" that they had experienced in the previous few days.

The state of "the road" has come to define the village of Tahsis. In the village t-shirts are sold with large stamps on them indicating that the wearer had successfully managed to drive successfully on "the road" between Gold River and Tahsis. In Campbell River when I have been questioned as to where I live and have responded I lived in Tahsis the response almost always is that I either I had to be a strong person to be able to drive "the road" or that I must be a bit frightened to live in such a remote place and only occasionally be able to drive "the road." The non-resident fishermen I have talked to in Tahsis don't first describe the fish they have caught, the good or bad weather in Tahsis or the extraordinary natural beauty of the village. Almost always I first hear about the adventure they have had pulling their boat over "the road."

At the council meeting the mayor and the village administrator listened to the complaints about "the road" and carefully explained it was a forestry road and that the premier forest company had just budgeted over a million dollars (if I heard correctly) to maintain "the road" for the

upcoming year. The forest company's problem is that it had contracted to maintain "the road," for one reason or another, but it just had not been able to do so immediately. A major issue was that the contracted company had only been able to put only one grader to work. It was emphasized at the meeting that soon another grader would be working on "the road." What was not explicitly said, but certainly was implicit, was that the money spent to maintain "the road" was to help the forest company's huge logging trucks and not particularly for Tahsis "back and forth" traffic.

At one time Tahsis was both a mill and a logging town. Today it is neither, although there may be a very small number of men either working in a mill or logging operation outside of the village. Tahsis, just as other municipalities do, defines itself by its businesses. There are a number of bed and breakfast businesses and a major wharf that caters to fishermen who come to Tahsis almost yearly to fish for salmon and halibut. Many of these fishermen have purchased housing for themselves and pay property taxes to the village of Tahsis. The village is also interested in developing trails and camp grounds for visitors. This is an extraordinarily beautiful area and with an adequate roadway system it should not take long for Tahsis to be seen as an area that promotes tourism. Needless to say, as the village develops as a tourist area its real estate increases in value along with its increase in property taxes. A vibrant tourist area has to deal with new housing and business buildings along with having to deal with how all of this increase in property taxes is to be spent.

We are coming up very quickly with a municipal election. I would like to see what to do about "the road" be a major election issue. British Columbia has the reputation that it is very concerned with maintaining its beautiful natural environment. I would like to see our mayor, council, and administrator talk on an on-going basis with pertinent MLAs and pertinent provincial departments to close "the road" to logging trucks and turn the miserable (my adjective) road into an asphalt two lane highway that can be driven safely by any driver. If this should happen, it is almost a certainty that some businessman would begin a daily shuttle between Tahsis and Gold River and Campbell River. This would be the beginning of redefining Tahsis so that it will become seen as one of the most attractive tourist areas in the province.

Wait! You are saying what about the timber company? What about overage timber, if you can call it that, and what about the company's workers? What is to happen? It has been many years since I worked summer after summer as a choker setter in the woods and also worked on a mill pond as logging trucks dumped their logs into it. However, I have always been interested when change has taken place. First, British Columbia was one of the first places in North America to use helicopters to move trees out of the woods and into sawmills. Second, if a timber company believes it is too expensive to use helicopters it simply can reduce the size of its logging trucks so they don't tear up the roadways they drive over. Even if a logging company should pay to have the roads it uses paved with asphalt the roadways would still be torn up. Provinces and American states prohibit huge logging trucks to run on their roadways. If a huge truck is discovered on a major roadway it receives a huge fine. Finally, if a logging company doesn't pay for road work, who does pay for it. The answer is that both the province and municipalities pay for the upkeep of roadways. This

would mean that Tahsis would have to pay a substantial amount of money to have a roadway that would redefine the village. This becomes an election issue!

Jack Masson

L2

Mark Tatchell

From: calls4u@telus.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 10:53 AM
To: Mark Tatchell
Subject: Re: Please do not allow this erection

Attention to the Mayor and Council

It is with careful consideration regarding your intended erection

of the fence on 176 Alpine Way,...for exactly the same reason as per the quote below, ..

a reason.which you have given regarding this particular property,

"to protect the property until such time as Council sells or develops the property.",

that your erection of the fence to fully enclose said address on Alpine Way, sets up a precedence that every single property belonging to the Village of Tahsis will be fully-fenced promptly.

To this proposed commitment which is currently implied by that,

to fully-fence every property in Tahsis where this relates,

I have suggested a much less expensive alternative in my previous writings.

Regarding your costly proposal for an erection of any kind, and albeit for me to judge, I believe a full 180 turn and re-think is in order

Thank you for reading,

Lisa Hendra
#17 Tahsis BC
VOP1X0

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mark Tatchell" <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>
To: calls4u@telus.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:20:40 PM
Subject: RE: Please do not allow this erection

Hello Lisa Hendra,

Your emails regarding the lot located at 176 Alpine View, the transfer of land to the Vancouver Island Regional Library and Coast Guard and the Tahsis Farmers' Market will be included on the August 7th Council agenda as correspondence. I write here to clarify some statements made in your emails.

Regarding 176 Alpine View, as I explained to you during our telephone conversation today, the property was auctioned at the tax sale in September 2017. However, since no bids were made that met or exceeded the upset price, the property was not sold. The current owners have title to the property and can retain ownership of it by paying all of the outstanding taxes and penalties. If they fail to do so, the title of the property will be transferred to the Village on the one year anniversary of the tax sale. This as per Division 7 of the Local Government Act.

I understand you object to having a fence erected around this lot. The fence will be erected to protect the property until such time as Council sells or develops the property. If Dave McIntosh, or any other person, is interested in leasing or purchasing the property they may discuss this with the Village after the property is transferred.

Council has agreed to provide a lot to the Vancouver Island Regional Library ("VIRL") for the new Tahsis Library Branch. The library cannot continue in its current location due to the load weighting and a project to move the library into CMES was forced to stop due to new WorkSafe BC asbestos regulations. The VIRL's partnership model with local governments is that local governments provide a building lot and VIRL provides the building and on-going library operations. VIRL has committed to try to situate the building so the playground is not disturbed.

Regarding land transfers, Council is legally obligated to comply with the Community Charter, s. 90:

90 (1) 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:

the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality

The Island Health environmental health officer, Joseph Baratta, is aware of the Tahsis Farmers' Market. You may wish to raise your concerns with him. You can reach him at (250)850-2110.

Thank you for your interest in these local issues. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding these or other issues.

Regards,

Mark Tatchell
CAO
Village of Tahsis
(250)934-6344

-----Original Message-----

From: calls4u@telus.net <calls4u@telus.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 28, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Mark Tatchell <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>
Subject: Please do not allow this erection

7/28/2018

To the Mayor and Council,

I have just been made aware of your plans to erect a fence around the small property adjacent to Mr McIntosh's home on Alpine Way due to weak and unfounded claim or concern for trespassers.

As I understand it this particular property is due very soon to come up for public auction and cannot have a residential home built upon it.

So, before this enormous amount of the tax payers hard earned tax dollars get wrapped around the perimeter of an insignificant lot not worth a spit I request that you back up the train and do not deliver this politically-driven expensive fence decision upon Mr McIntosh for parking his few toys next to his home in an empty lot. At the very most the township should draw up and deliver notice that a minimal token rent will begin to be charged at a monthly rate (just enough to cover taxes on same) The amount of money for a fence just to be a thorn in someone's side for three or four months prior to public auction is just petty and the considered waste of precious spending allowance, and the rent, must, instead, be put toward much more pressing and valid village concerns such as: fully rebuilding these dangerous portions of existing roads within the township limits.

For further discussion please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Warm regards

Lisa G Hendra

#17 Tahsis BC

V0P 1X0

250 934 9396

Reception Account

From: calls4u@telus.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Reception Account
Subject: ATV's ON ROADS

Attention to the Mayor and Council,

There are quite a few ATV operators driving their quads on the public Tahsis roads without license plates to indicate inspections or insurances.

Not long ago the police did harass Diana from the Black Bear Estates for exactly these reasons regarding her quad use on public roads.

Most every day and as recently as yesterday the ATV owners are readily using these public roads.

So before this gets out of control and someone gets crippled or killed I, and likely a great number of us, would like to know what you are going to do about this.

Please write back, email only. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hendra
#17 Tahsis BC
VOP 1X0

Reception Account

From: calls4u@telus.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Reception Account
Subject: ATV'son Public Roads

Attention Mayor and Council,

Immediately after sending a letter to you asking you to address the situation regarding ATV's using the public road, the one and only Licenced ATV operator was witnessed showing off his prowess with erratic driving and what we feel was speeding,, past the free store on three occasions in the span of the 4 minutes we were there.

The other witness can be named and is available for questioning upon your inquiry.

Please respond with an explanation that might address this problem to all those at risk

Lisa Hendra
#17 Tahsis bc
VOP 1X0

Reception Account

From: Stigter, Jennifer <Jennifer.Stigter@viha.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 2:54 PM
To: 'info@campbellriver.ca'; 'officeclerk@alertbay.ca'; 'town@comox.ca';
 'info@courtenay.ca'; 'info@cumberland.ca'; 'villageofgoldriver@cablerocket.com';
 'general@porthardy.ca'; 'SueHarvey@portmcneill.ca'; 'info@portalice.ca'; Reception
 Account; 'village@saywardvalley.ca'; 'adminzeb@recn.ca'
Subject: Cannabis Letter to Local Governments
Attachments: Cannabis Letter to Local Governments September 10 2018.pdf

Please forward to your Mayor and Council members.

On behalf of Dr. Charmaine Enns please find the attached letter from the Medical Health Officers at Island Health.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Stigter

NI/CI Administrative Coordinator & Assistant to:
 Dr. Charmaine Enns - Medical Health Officer NI
 Dr. Shannon Waters - Medical Health Officer CI-Cowichan Area
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island health

Office of the
Chief Medical
Health Officer

September 10, 2018

Dear:
Mayor and Council – Municipal Governments,
Chair and Directors – Regional Districts
Chief and Council – First Nations

Re: A Public Health Approach to Non-Medical Cannabis

Dried cannabis, cannabis oils and seeds will be legalized in Canada on October 17, 2018. Evidence suggests that the prohibition of cannabis has not achieved the intended objective of reducing use and associated harms. Legalization with regulation has been recommended as likely more effective.¹ In implementing these changes, a balance between the intended benefits and expected harms must be achieved. Island Health Medical Health Officers (MHOs), in addition to other MHOs provincially, support a public health approach to cannabis access and use²³. Such an approach includes legalization with market regulation aimed at protecting and promoting health while allowing access at levels that reduce the negative outcomes associated with illicit distribution.

Multiple sectors of society, and all levels of government, have roles to play in a comprehensive public health approach to cannabis legalization. Local governments, in particular, can adopt regulations aimed at 1) reducing youth exposure to non-medical cannabis, 2) reducing high-risk use in general (e.g., heavy or frequent use, use with other substances), and 3) unwanted exposure to second-hand cannabis smoke and vapour. Local governments can also support increasing public knowledge and awareness, to support risk reduction and de-stigmatization, without normalization or promotion.

Local governments' jurisdiction in zoning, land use, business licensing, building codes, nuisance and clean air by-laws, and enforcement, as well as their ability to advocate to higher levels of government, can all be leveraged to promote a public health approach to cannabis.⁴ Some specific areas of best practice⁵ where local governments can support a public health approach include:

1. Restrict public consumption of cannabis and exposure to environmental cannabis products. By limiting where cannabis can be consumed, local governments can reduce unwanted exposure to second-hand cannabis smoke or vapour, and can reduce the

¹ Haden, M., Emerson, B. (2014). "A vision for cannabis regulation: a public health approach based on lessons learned from the regulation of tobacco and alcohol." *Open Medicine* 8(2)e73. Available online: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4085088/>

² Canadian Public Health Association's position statement on Legalization, Regulation, and Restriction of Access to Cannabis. Available online: <https://www.cpha.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/policy/positionstatements/cannabis-positionstatement-e.pdf>

³ Canadian Chief Medical Officers and Urban Public Health Network. (2016). Public health perspectives on cannabis policy and regulation. Available online: <http://uphn.ca/wo-content/uploads/2016/10/Chief-MOH-UPHN-Cannabis-Perspectives-Final-5-ept-26-2016.pdf>

⁴ Federation of Canadian Municipalities. (2018). *Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization: A Roadmap for Canadian Governments*. Ottawa, ON: Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

⁵ Recommendations are derived from Peloquin R, Scarr J. (2017). *Cannabis Regulation and Youth: A Jurisdictional Review*. Vancouver: Child Health BC, and Tyler, I., Schwandt, M., Padhi, S. (2018). *Recommendations to support municipal bylaw development regulating cannabis access and use*. Surrey, BC: Fraser Health Authority.

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visibility of cannabis consumption for youth, making it less normative, and more likely that youth delay initiation or never start:

- Prohibit public cannabis consumption wherever tobacco or alcohol consumption is already prohibited. This should include areas not covered by provincial legislation including enclosed public spaces, transit shelters, common areas of apartment buildings and community care facilities, and areas frequented by children and youth, such as parks, beaches, pools, playgrounds, and sports fields; and,
 - Prohibit smoking/vaping lounges, including mobile units; and,
 - Facilitate multi-unit dwelling policies that limit unwanted exposure to environmental cannabis emissions
2. Ensure local retail sales of non-medical cannabis should be limited to reduce the unintended exposure by youth and harmful patterns of consumption in the general population:
 - Restrict marketing of cannabis such as sandwich boards, exterior signage, flyers, and sign spinners;
 - Establish a minimum separation of 300 metres between cannabis retail outlets, to limit overall density of cannabis availability in the community;
 - Establish a minimum buffer zone of 300 metres and preferably 600 metres between cannabis retail outlets and schools, recreation centres, and other areas where children and youth frequent;
 - Ensure any site specific siting within 600 metres of schools and on major school transportation routes should actively involve the school community and school districts in ensuring impact on students is negligible, and,
 - Limit hours of sale to at least correspond with alcohol sale policy, while greater restriction would provide additional health and safety benefits.
 3. Include public messaging on safer use and potential risks in local government communications to residents.
 4. Limit personal use growth and small grow operations to reduce nuisance odour concerns in residential settings.
 5. Be cognizant of and prepared to revise local restrictions and limitations on cannabis when and if edible cannabis products for consumption are approved for sale. Exclusion of on-premise edible consumption is likely to be recommended as peak effects will be delayed in most circumstances to after the departure of consumers from the premises. The concurrent consumption of cannabis and alcohol is known to increase risk and zoning and approval decisions should dissuade co-consumption opportunities

Other restrictions are already required under provincial and/or federal law, but local government can reinforce and strengthen these restrictions through setting higher standards, imposing additional penalties, and of course enforcement actions. The Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization, published by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which provides extensive practical guidance on these matters is a good resource to consult.

Certain specific recommendations may not be feasible in very small communities, e.g. relating to the physical separation of cannabis retail from areas where youth congregate. We still encourage local governments to follow the spirit, if not the letter, of the recommendations, e.g. striving for whatever physical separation is possible.

Island Health Medical Health Officers and colleagues across the province strongly caution against pursuing economic gain from the legalization of non-medical cannabis use. When cannabis production and sales are

significantly motivated by revenue generation, this creates an incentive to encourage greater cannabis consumption by the public, and a disincentive to establishing appropriate restrictions on cannabis availability. The recommendation to legalize cannabis for non-medical purposes was driven in part by reducing the ongoing violence and negative health impacts caused by the illicit drug trade. Promoting and protecting health should remain the primary concern within a legalized environment.⁶ Revenue generated should be used to fund education, health promotion activities, and/or data collection and analyses that support the overall public health-related goals of cannabis legalization⁷.

Alcohol, tobacco, and opioids continue to cause a greater overall burden of disease and injury than cannabis. Local governments are encouraged to take the opportunity from the upcoming legislative changes to cannabis, to review how the harms associated with other substances, might also be reduced through local government action. For example, restrictions on public consumption should include cannabis, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other combustible products; and many of the strategies we recommend to reduce harm from cannabis consumption through limits on access and buffer zones, should also apply to alcohol and tobacco retail.

Cannabis legalization represents both an opportunity and a challenge for local governments to foster the development of healthy, vibrant communities across BC. The above public health recommendations can be integral to local cannabis policy development. For more information, or to further discuss your community's approach to non-medical cannabis or other substances, feel welcome to connect with your local Medical Health Officer.



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Key Resources:

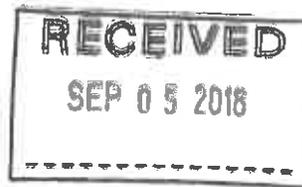
Canadian Public Health Association: A Public Health Approach to the Legalization, Regulation, and Restriction of Access to Cannabis (available online:
<https://www.cpha.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/policy/positionstatements/cannabis-positionstatement-e.pdf>

⁶ Canadian Chief Medical Officers and Urban Public Health Network. (2016). Public health perspectives on cannabis policy and regulation. Available online: <http://uphn.ca/wo-content/uploads/2016/10/Chief-MOH-UPHN-Cannabis-Perspectives-Final-Sept-26-2016.pdf>

⁷ Peloquin R, Scarr J. Cannabis Regulation and Youth: A Jurisdictional Review. Vancouver: Child Health BC 2017.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health: Canada's Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines (available online: https://www.camh.ca/-/media/files/lrcug_professional-pdf.pdf)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization (available online: <https://fcm.ca/Documents/issues/Cannabis-Guide-EN.pdf>)



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August 29, 2018

Acting Mayor Randolph Taylor
and Members of Council
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Dear Acting Mayor Taylor and Council,

Review of the Auditor General for Local Government Act and Office

The legislation that created the Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) in 2012 requires a five-year review of the *Auditor General for Local Government Act* (the "Act") and the functioning of the office of the Auditor General.

A Working Group has been established by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide oversight and input into the review. It is made up of representatives from Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Local Government Management Association as well as Ministry staff. The terms of reference are *to conduct a review of how the Office and the Act have achieved their stated objectives to date and determine options for the future.*

I have been retained by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to conduct the review. I have over 25 years of experience as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of both municipal and regional governments in Alberta and British Columbia. I was the CAO for the Regional District of Nanaimo for 13 years and, most recently, retired as the CAO of the Capital Regional District where I worked for seven years.

During the week of September 17 to 21, 2018, the following surveys will be sent out electronically:

- For those local governments that have had a performance audit completed by the AGLG prior to the 2015 UBCM survey, you will be asked for information regarding your experience implementing the recommendations from the audit.
- For those local governments that have had a performance audit completed after 2015, you will be asked for information regarding your experience implementing the recommendations from the audit. You will also receive the 2015 UBCM survey from CivicInfo BC to complete.
- For those that have not had a performance audit, the survey will seek to understand the overall impact and value of the AGLG to your organization.

I greatly appreciate your participation in this review as the more we hear from local governments the more relevant the final recommendations to the Minister can be. If you have any questions once you receive the survey, please contact me at kapow2@shaw.ca.

Sincerely,

Kelly Daniels

cc: Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer

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Grant in Aid Application Policy #2007

Name of Group or Organization: SHARE A SMILE SOCIETY Date: September 21, 2018

I hereby request a Grant in Aid from the Village of Tahsis. The details of this request are below.

1. State the exact amount of monies or in kind assistance (eg. free use of facilities) requested.

FREE USE OF THE KITCHEN AND COMMON ROOM FACILITIES AT THE TAH SIS RECREATION CENTRE

2. Briefly outline the purpose of this assistance.

TO PROVIDE A FREE DENTAL CLINIC FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TAH SIS

Dental Hygiene, Fissure Sealants, IST (long term temporary restorations) & Dental Health Education available for children and adults

First come, first serve – no appointments required

3. Who will benefit from this activity? How many people will benefit?

THE CLINIC IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF TAH SIS. APPROXIMATELY 30

4. What steps have you taken to raise funds?

THE MOBILE CLINIC IS STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS. DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AND INSURANCE CLAIMS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO OFFSET THE CLINIC. VOLUNTEERS ARE **NOT** COMPENSATED FOR THEIR TIME & THEY PAY FOR THE SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION, EQUIPMENT & FOOD, ON THEIR OWN OR WITH THE HELP OF DONATIONS.

5. What other local groups have been approached for assistance? Please indicate what was requested from these groups and whether they have agreed to assist.

NO OTHER LOCAL GROUPS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED

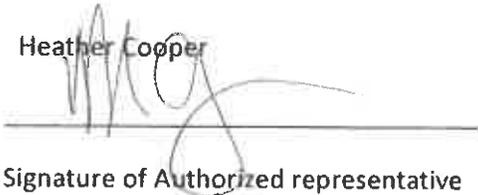
6. Have you approached the Federal or Provincial governments for assistance? Please indicate what was requested from these Senior Governments and whether they have agreed to assist.

NO

7. Will this project proceed if funds or in kind assistance are not provided by the Village?

NO. THERE IS NOT ANOTHER APPROPRIATE SPACE AVAILABLE AND THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE WOULD GREATLY IMPACT THE COST TO VOLUNTEERS.

Heather Cooper



Signature of Authorized representative

Please attach a budget for your project. Please be as complete as you can. You may be asked for further financial information.

If a Grant in Aid for funding is approved, the cheque should be made payable to:

NO CHEQUE REQUIRED. USE OF FACILITIES ONLY

and be mailed to:

Contact person: HEATHER COOPER EMAIL: hncooper@shaw.ca

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To: Tahsis Mayor and Council

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that Tahsis' Mayor and Council please pass a resolution expressing support for a regional submission of an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant ESS funding stream to procure group lodging supplies.

It is the intention of the Strathcona Regional District to apply for the second intake of the Emergency Social Services grant that is administered through the Union of BC Municipalities. The focus of this grant would be to procure a cache of group lodging supplies (such essential necessities, cots, blankets). UBCM has informed the Strathcona Regional District that since both Tahsis and the Strathcona Regional District received funding through the first intake of the Emergency Social Services Grant that our local governments should partner together to submit a regional application for the second intake. The Strathcona Regional District will be reaching out to the other local governments in the SRD for a similar request. Tahsis' initial ESS grant was used to purchase two sea cans to store emergency supplies at the old playground location.

People forced from their homes in an emergency may be directed to group lodging facilities when commercial lodging is either not appropriate or unavailable. Group lodging is a safe place where people can go to:

- Sleep and eat;
- Receive specialized care, including multicultural services and transportation; and
- Obtain health services such as first aid and emotional support.

The Campbell River Baptist Church serves as one of our primary group lodging facilities and they have offered to store the sea can on their premises. The Regional District owns a mobile trailer that could be utilized should these resources need to be distributed to any community in the Regional District where emergency group lodging is required.

I appreciate you taking the time to receive and review this letter. The deadline for the second intake of the UBCM Emergency Social Services Grant is October 5th so I would appreciate being notified of the result of this request prior to that date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Koopman", written over a horizontal line.

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