



## March 2017 Newsletter

Residents may have recently noticed crews inspecting water lines, hydrants, valves and curbstops. This activity was a leak detection study conducted by Teale Water Utility Ltd. to identify the location and severity of leaks in our water system. They found 22 major leaks which combined was causing the system to pump more than 1700 cubic meters a day –3 times more than what we typically have used on an average day. We have prioritized the leaks and public works crews are beginning to tackle the ones which are within our capacity to fix. We have reduced the volume to 1200 cubic meters a day, but this is still wasting water and energy so we will continue to fix leaks.

Some leaks were discovered within private property. Property owners have been told if they have leaks and have been advised to fix them as soon as possible.

From time to time, you may see crews and equipment working on water lines and on a few occasions roads may need to be temporarily closed so work can be carried out. Water may also need to be shut off for short periods of time. All efforts will be made to notify residents if water service needs to be shut off or a road closed.

The leak detection study is one example of the work the Village is doing to assess the condition of our assets - roads, water, sewer, buildings and equipment. Like most local governments, Tahsis has aging infrastructure which needs to be repaired and replaced. However, in order to make sound financial and environmental decisions we need to know the state of our assets. Other examples of recent asset condition assessment work are the municipal dock inspection, the Recreation Centre, the old Firehall and the former Hangar building (now the "Tahsis Marine Centre") inspections, and the S. Maquinna Drive road study. Moreover, the Village has applied for a grant under the joint provincial and federal Clean Water and Wastewater Fund to conduct an assessment of the sewer plants, lines and lift stations. We have also applied for a grant under the same program to implement the water meter project.

These asset condition assessments are assisting Council in preparing its five-year financial plan, which includes a capital plan. Council has scheduled an additional Committee of the Whole meeting for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to consider a comprehensive capital plan which includes priority capital projects and their related estimated costs. This will be followed by the public presentation on the full budget at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting which begins at 7 PM. The public is always encouraged to learn more about the Village's five-year financial plan by attending meetings and contacting Members of Council or staff.

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