

# VILLAGE OF TAHSIS ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Annual Report is prepared by the Village of Tahsis as required by s. 98 of the Community Charter.

The Annual Report serves three purposes:

- To report on the Village's accomplishments over the past year, as well as issues and any trends that have been identified;
- To set out the priorities for the coming year; and
- To publish the Village's audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year.

# In Memoriam Mayor Jude Schooner

Tahsis Council remembers Mayor Jude Schooner who passed away on February 16, 2018.

Mayor Schooner served two terms as mayor. She was first elected to council in 2008 before being elected mayor in 2011. She has also served as a director on the Strathcona Regional District and committees since 2011.

Mayor Schooner left a legacy of building enduring relationships with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, forest companies, the provincial government, other local governments and a myriad of stakeholders. She promoted healthy respectful dialogue on forest practices, corporate responsibility, transportation, community planning and rural health care, amongst many other issues.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Captain Meares Elementary and Secondary School on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1 PM.

#### **Message from the Acting Mayor**

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to report on some of the Village's accomplishments and Council's priorities from 2017.

I want to begin by extending a warm Nootka Sound welcome to our new residents. I am delighted that you have chosen to make Tahsis your home. I am confident that the quality of our life here will surpass your expectations. The natural environment, the sense of community, the services and amenities, the outdoor recreation opportunities, the affordable cost of living and an extraordinarily safe municipality make Tahsis the perfect place to live, work and play. I hope you will immerse yourself in the community and help us to continue to nurture, promote and develop Tahsis.

This past year we saw several changes and improvements in Tahsis. I will not list them all but I want to highlight the most notable.

Council's top priority for 2017 was to fully engage the provincial government to improve the Head Bay Forest Service Road. Council wrote to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in January, March, April and May identifying gaps in the Ministry's contract management and urging greater accountability and transparency from the maintenance contractor. These efforts paid off with the Ministry announcing it was upgrading 13 kilometres of the road. Five kilometres will be double sealcoated for the first time and the existing sealcoat of another eight kilometres will be pulverized down and then redone with double sealcoat. With the completion of this project in 2018, one half of the road distance will be sealcoated. Council is grateful to the provincial government listening and positively responding. All road users can especially thank our late mayor Jude Schooner for her tireless advocacy on improving the Head Bay Forest Service Road.

With our partners – the Village of Zeballos, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation and Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation – we continued to make progress in developing the "Community Unity Trail" linking Tahsis and Zeballos. In 2017, with combined funding of over \$100,000 from the provincial Rural Dividend program and Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) the engineering field work and design was conducted as well as the required environmental assessments to complete the application under the provincial Forest and Range Practices Act to have the trail designated as a provincial recreational trail and site. With this foundation, the partners are positioned to seek funding for trail construction once the trail receives provincial designation.

The Village was able to begin to address core infrastructure priorities with a grant of \$566,808 from the provincial and federal government Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. As part of the wastewater project, smoke testing and CCTV inspections of the sewer mains as well as manhole inspections were completed. Minor equipment upgrades and repairs were carried out at both treatment plants.

The drinking water meter project did not proceed as planned due to the low percentage of accessible curbstops. With the approval of the provincial and federal governments' the project funding was redirected to install a small number of meters for data collection only and the majority of the funding will be used in 2018 and 2019 to repair and replace water mains and related works. Council repealed the "meter rate" for water customers and, consequently, refunded the difference between the meter rate and flat rate for customers who paid the flat rate in 2016 and 2017.

Living in tsunami, earthquake and wildfire zones makes emergency preparedness an absolute necessity. During the year, staff upgraded their emergency operations centre training and increased our communications (radio) capacity thanks to the dedication and commitment by the Village emergency support service coordinator Chuck St. Denis. The Village also received provincial government grants to purchase emergency equipment and supplies and to conduct a sea level rise and flood mapping study to inform mitigation and planning activities in response to climate change. The Village also acquired a new pumper truck replacing a truck that had exceeded its useful life.

Your Council meets regularly with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Council of Chiefs on matters of mutual interest. On issues pertaining to land use or natural resources – whether within the municipal boundaries or anywhere within the Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory – Tahsis Council aligns itself with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht in recognition that the Nation has aboriginal title and rights to the land and sea in its territory.

In December, Western Forest Products presented to Council the company's initial plans for logging in the three community watersheds that surround the Village. Council is particularly concerned with the proposed plan to road build and log within the municipal boundary and in the McKelvie Creek watershed which is one of the few remaining stands of old growth trees on Vancouver Island. Tahsis Council and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Council of Chiefs met the following day in Tsaxana to discuss these plans. Further meetings are planned.

Your Village Council is responsible for maintaining, preserving and enhancing the social, environmental and economic vibrancy and viability of our community. And, as stewards of your tax dollars, we take seriously our responsibility to make wise investments in infrastructure development, maintenance and repair and the efficient and effective delivery of your municipal services and programs. Beyond Council, many residents of Tahsis contribute to public life and service through their involvement in a multitude of groups and organizations. Your hard work, energy and creativity make Tahsis such an awesome community.

In closing, I am grateful to our professional and dedicated staff and my fellow Council Members. We are fortunate to live in a community of active citizen engagement. Cynicism and disenfranchisement are the greatest risks to our democratic system. Our local government is and will continue to be a model of democracy in action by being responsive to and reflective of the community. I encourage all to take an active role in our community and let us know what is on your mind.

Acting Mayor Randy Taylor on behalf of Tahsis Council

## **Council Strategic Priorities**

For 2017, Council established the following Strategic Priorities to inform budget and planning processes and to guide Village operations.

#### Head Bay Forest Service Road

Vigorously and articulately advocate for road maintenance and surface improvements to the provincial
government and contractor (Emcon). Continue efforts to extract more frequent and better reporting
from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Emcon. Report out to the community on this
issue regularly.

#### **Tourism**

 Leverage the new website and Tahsis brand to promote tourism by seeking funding for marketing and encouraging grass roots arts and cultural events to attract visitors. Consider liberalizing zoning in residential areas to permit tourist accommodation.

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

Continue to build capacity in concert with partner organizations through further training and EOC
exercises. Augment emergency preparedness with new public information materials and new townsite
facility. Explore wildfire prevention plan funding.

#### Asset Management

Prepare a comprehensive and fully costed out 2017-2021 capital plan building on the 2016 asset
management project. Establish asset management policy based on AMBC best practices focusing on risks
and level of service. Implement financial management policies to ensure long term funding for asset
replacement.

#### Village Livability, Appeal and Environmental Sustainability

• Continue to prioritize projects and services that enhance the aesthetic appeal of the Village and environmental sustainability including attention to recycling and other diversion efforts. Develop community-based composting options for consideration. Continue engagement with the Comox Strathcona Waste Management program on long term budgetary impacts of the landfill. Proactively administer and enforce the Property Maintenance Regulation Bylaw.

#### Policies and Bylaws

 Develop a multi-year plan to address the gaps and opportunities in the Village's policies and legislation by focusing on statutory mandates, risk areas, public safety, financial management and operations, and the above strategic priorities.

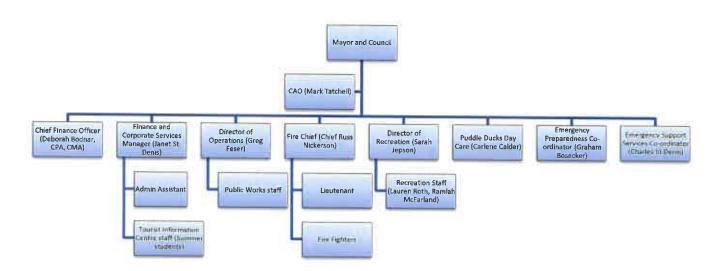


# **Village of Tahsis Council**



From left to right: Councillor Louis Van Solkema, Councillor Brenda Overton, Mayor Jude Schooner,
Councillor Kathy Bellanger and Councillor Randy Taylor

# **Village Staff**



VILLAGE OF TAHSIS
Financial Statements
December 31, 2017

## VILLAGE OF TAHSIS MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

**December 31, 2017** 

The Council of the Village of Tahsis has delegated the responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the financial information contained in the financial statements to the management of the Village of Tahsis. The financial statements of The Village of Tahsis have been prepared by management in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards, which have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year. These statements include amounts based on informed judgments and estimates.

To assist in carrying out their responsibility, management maintains an accounting system and internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are executed and recorded in accordance with authorization, and the financial records are reliable for preparation of financial statements.

The Village of Tahsis' independent auditors, Chan Nowosad Boates Inc., are engaged to express an opinion as to whether these financial statements present fairly the financial position, financial activities and cash flows in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Their opinion is based on procedures they consider sufficient to support such an opinion in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within the reasonable limits of materiality and in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Mark Tatchell

Chief Administrative Officer

May 7, 2018



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and Council of the Village of Tahsis

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Village of Tahsis, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2017, and the Statement of Operations, Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Village of Tahsis as at December 31, 2017, and its operations, changes in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Chartered Professional Accountants Campbell River, BC

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May 7, 2018

Statement of Financial Position			
December 31, 2017	2017	2016	
	\$	\$	
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Cash	538,437	274,403	
Portfolio Investments (Note 2)	2,294,876	2,835,583	
Accounts Receivable (Note 3)	138,577	30,492	
Taxes and User Fees Receivable	209,374	199,103	
Investment in NSEDC (Note 4)		74.199	
	3.181.264	3,413,780	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	137,674	102,066	
Deferred Grants and Unearned Revenue (Note 5)	172,775	27,766	
	310,449	129,832	
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	2,870,815	3,283,948	
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 6)	5,333,553	5,101,005	
Prepaid Expenses	62,964	59.408	
	5,396,517	5 160 413	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 11)	8,267,332	8,444,361	

Approved by:

Finance Officer

Acting Mayor

# **Statement of Operations** Year Ended December 31, 2017

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	Budget \$	Actual \$	<b>2016 \$</b>
	(Note 12)		
Revenues (Schedules 2 and 3)			
Taxation - Net (Note 7)	683,277	705,244	666,387
Utility Connection Fees and User Rates	236,256	146,105	247,624
Government Grants - Federal (Schedule 1)	467,573	479,295	422,615
Fee and Services Charges	152,456	221,288	125,119
Other Revenues	27,399	102.845	103,226
	1,566,961	1,654,777	1.564.971
Expenditures (Schedules 2 and 3)			
General Departmental Expenditures	1,565,066	1,579,025	1,460,041
Water System Operations	98,000	147,564	136,688
Sewer System Operations	113.700	105.217	115.338
	1,776,766	1,831,806	1.712.067
Annual Deficit	(209,805)	(177,029)	(147,096)
Accumulated Surplus - Beginning of Year	8,444,361	8.444.361	8.591.457
Accumulated Surplus - End of Year	8.234.556	8,267,332	8,444,361

# Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets Year Ended December 31, 2017

	20	2017		
	Budget \$	•		
	(Note 12)			
Annual Deficit	(209,805)	(177,029)	(147,096)	
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets Acquisition of Prepaid Expenses	209,805	(478,080) 245,532 (3,556) (413,133)	(369,200) 218,533 (16,616) (314,379)	
Net Financial Assets - Beginning of Year	3,283,948	3,283,948	3,598,327	
Net Financial Assets - End of Year	3.283.948	2,870,815	3,283,948	

Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2017	2017	2016
1 001 2000 2 000 000 000 000 000	\$	\$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Annual Deficit Items Not Involving Cash	(177,029)	(147,096)
Equity loss from Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	74,199 245,532 142,702	5,175 218,533 76,612
Changes in Non-Cash Operating Balances Accounts and Taxes Receivable Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities Deferred Grants and Unearned Revenue Prepaid Expenses	(118,356) 35,608 145,009 (3,556) 201,407	98,598 (174,894) 4,142 (16,616) (12,158)
Cash Flows From Capital Activities:		
Purchase of Tangible Capital Assets	(478,080)	(369,200)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Redemption of Portfolio Investments	540.707	209,675
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	264,034	197,517
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	274.403	446,086
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	538.437	274,403

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2017

The Village of Tahsis (the "Village") is a municipality in the province of British Columbia and operates under the provisions of the Community Charter. Its principal activities are the provision of local government services to the residents of the Village. These services include fire protection, public works, planning, parks and recreation, water distribution and sewer collection, and other general government services.

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies:

#### a) Basis of Presentation:

The Village prepares its financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards using guidelines developed by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") for the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

#### b) Investments:

Investments are comprised entirely of Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) pooled investments including money market, intermediate and short-term bond funds. Portfolio investments are recorded at fair value.

#### c) Tangible Capital Assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and are classified according to their functional use. Cost includes amounts that are directly related to the acquisition, design, construction, development, improvement or betterment of the assets. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the tangible capital asset commencing once the asset is in use. Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at fair value at the time of the donation.

Estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets are as follows:

Roads and Bridges	30 to 50 years
Buildings	20 to 40 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 to 20 years
Water Infrastructure	30 to 50 years
Sewer Infrastructure	30 to 50 years
Drainage	30 to 50 years

#### d) Collection of Taxes on Behalf of Other Taxation Authorities:

The Village collects taxation on behalf of other entities. Such levies, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of these other entities are not reflected in these financial statements.

#### e) Deferred Revenue:

Revenues from rental revenues pertaining to the subsequent year have been deferred. These amounts will be recognized as revenue in the next fiscal year.

#### f) Revenue Recognition and Deferred Grants:

Taxes are recorded at estimated amounts when they meet the addition of an asset, have been authorized and the taxable event occurs. Taxes receivable are recognized net of allowance for anticipated uncollectible amounts.

Through the British Columbia Assessment's appeal process, taxes may be adjusted by way of supplementary roll adjustments. The affects of these adjustments on taxes are recognized at the time they are awarded.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

#### f) Revenue Recognition and Deferred Grants (continued):

Charges for sewer and water usage are recorded as user fees. Connection fee revenues are recognized when the connection has been established.

Government transfers, which include legislative grants, are recognized in the financial statements when received if the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

Sale of service and other revenue is recognized on an accrual basis as earned.

#### g) Financial Instruments:

Financial instruments consist of cash and portfolio investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Village is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

#### h) Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relates to the collectability of accounts receivable, valuation of investments, estimates of contingent liabilities, and the provision for amortization and the estimation of potential environmental liabilities. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

#### i) Contaminated Sites:

Governments are required to accrue a liability for the costs to remediate a contaminated site. Liabilities are recognized when an environmental standard exists, contamination exceeds the standards, the government has responsibility for the remediation, future economic benefits will be given up and a reasonable estimate can be made.

Management has assessed its potential liabilities under the new standard including sites that are no longer in productive use and sites which the Village accepts responsibility. There were no such sites that had contamination in excess of an environmental standard which required remediation, therefore no liability was recognized on transition as at December 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

#### i) Government Partnerships:

Government partnerships are accounted for using the proportionate consolidation method.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 2. Portfolio Investments:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	\$	\$
Short-Term Bond Funds	557,664	556,277
Intermediate	609,378	604,636
Money Market Funds - Municipal Finance Authority	1 127 834	1 674 670
	2 294 876	2 835 583

The current yield of the short-term bond fund is 0.25% (2016 - 1.43%), money market funds bear interest at 0.97% (2016 - 0.79%) and intermediate funds have a yield of 0.78% (2016 -1.13%). All portfolio investments are effectively redeemable on demand.

#### 3. Accounts Receivable:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	\$	\$
GST Receivable	46,202	8,140
Accounts Receivable	101,304	25,205
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(8.929)	(2,853)
	138,577	30,492

## 4. Investment in Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC):

	2017 \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Cost of Investment	42,090	42,090
Accumulated Net Equity Income, Beginning of Year	74,199	37,284
Share of Decrease in Shareholders' Equity During the Year	(7,009)	(5,175)
Dividends issued on Preferred Shares Prior to Redemption	(14,152)	_
Distribution of Retained Earnings on Dissolution	(10.948)	
•	42,090	32,109
Redemption of Preferred Shares	(42,090)	
Accumulated Net Equity Income, End of Year	-	74,199

Condensed supplementary financial statement information of Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation:

	<u>2017</u> \$	2016 \$
Statement of Financial Position	<del>-</del>	*
Total Assets	45.407	235,511
Total Liabilities	45,404	-
Total Equity	3	235,511
	45.407	235,511
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Revenues	8	1,544
Expenditures	15_200	17.068
Net Loss	(15,192)	(15,524)

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 4. Investment in Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) (continued):

	<u>2017</u>	<u> 2016</u>
	\$	\$
Statement of Changes in Equity		
Retained Earnings, beginning of the year	95,208	110,732
Net Loss	(15,192)	(15,524)
	80,016	95,208
Dividends	(80,016)	
Retained Earnings, end of the year	*	95,208
Share Capital	3	140,303
Total Equity	3	235,511

On February 21, 1996, the Village received approval of the Inspector of Municipalities to acquire shares in Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation ("NSEDC"). This corporation was formed by the Villages of Tahsis, Gold River, and Zeballos for the purpose of acquiring and managing a community-based forest license. NSEDC had been granted a forest license that represents non-replaceable quota of 35,776 cubic meters per year.

The Village held one of three common shares of NSEDC and 42,090 of 140,300 preferred shares. The Village's investment in NSEDC is recorded on a modified equity basis.

During 2017, the Corporation's Board of Directors resolved to dissolve NSEDC effective April 4, 2017. The Village received \$14,152 (2016 - \$nil) in dividends from NSEDC on preferred shares and \$10,948 in dividends on common shares as a result of its dissolution. As well, all preferred shares totaling the Village's original investment of \$42,090 were redeemed.

#### 5. Deferred Grants and Unearned Revenue:

	<u>2017</u>	<u> 2016</u>
	\$	\$
Deferred Rental Revenue	5,594	10,730
Prepaid Property Taxes	11,194	6,138
Other Grants	155.987	10.898
	172,775	27,766

#### 6. Tangible Capital Assets:

		Co	st		Acc	umulated A	mortization	l	Net Boo	k Value
	Opening \$	Additions \$	Disposals	Closing	Opening \$	Amort \$	Disposals	Closing \$	2017 <b>\$</b>	2016 \$
Land	1,128,861	1=	*	1,128,861					1,128,861	1,128,861
Buildings	4,483,649	-		4,483,649	3,022,232	113,062		3,135,294	1,348,355	1,461,417
Machinery and	.,,.			, ,	-,,	, , , , , ,			,	
Equipment	1,796,675	354,385	_	2,151,060	1,548,666	47,866	100	1,596,532	554,528	248,009
Roads and Bridges	5,098,508		9.0	5,098,508	3,788,932	56,599		3,845,531	1,252,977	1,309,576
Drainage	259,990	-	=	259,990	259,990	-	- 1	259,990	-	-
Other	179,660	- 9	100	179,660	147,711	2,322	134	150,033	29,627	31,949
Water Infrastructure	2,006,324	30,997	4	2,037,321	1,114,379	23,931	-	1,138,310	899,011	891,945
Sewer Infrastructure	2,712,146	92,698		2,804,844	2,682,898	1,752		2,684,650	120,194	29,248
	17,665,813	478,080		18,143,893	12,564,808	245,532		12,810,340	5,333,553	5,101,005

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

December 31, 2017

#### 7. Taxation - Net:

	Budget 2017 \$	Actual <u>2017</u>	Actual <u>2016</u>
General Municipal Purposes	ь 683,277	\$ 701,017	\$ 666,350
Collections for Other Governments			,
Strathcona Regional District	-	8,894	8,500
Province of British Columbia - School Tax	-	187,236	182,496
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District	-	29,361	29,311
Municipal Finance Authority	-	7	7
British Columbia Assessment Authority	-	2,125	2,317
Vancouver Island Regional Library	-	12,102	12,263
Province of BC - Police Tax	-	12,349	13,990
Comox Valley Regional District			
Waste Management		6.841	3.417
	683.277	959 932	918 651
Transfers			
Strathcona Regional District	-	8,842	11,917
Province of British Columbia - School Tax	_	183,402	182,465
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital Districts	_	28,957	29,311
Municipal Finance Authority	-	8	
British Columbia Assessment Authority	_	2,207	2,317
Vancouver Island Regional Library	_	12,052	12,264
Province of BC - Police Tax	-	12,349	13,990
Comox Valley Regional District		•	•
Waste Management		6 871	
		254.688	252,264
Available for General Municipal Purposes	683 277	705.244	666.387

#### 8. Contingent Liabilities:

- (a) The Village is responsible as a member of the Stratchona Regional District and a member of the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Function for its share of any operating deficits or long-term debt related to functions in which it participates. Management of the Village have assessed the risks of any contingent liabilities as unlikely at this time therefore no provision has been recorded in the financial statements.
- (b) The Village is partially self-insured through the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia. Should the Association pay out claims in excess of premiums received, it is possible that the Village along with the other participants, would be required to contribute towards the deficit.

#### 9. Pension Plan:

The Village and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (the Plan), a jointly-trusted pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the Plan, including investment of the assets and administration of the benefits.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 9. Pension Plan (continued):

The Plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2016 the Plan had about 193,000 active members and approximately 90,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 38,000 contributors from local government.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the Plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the Plan. This rate is then adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2015, indicated a \$2,224 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis. As a result of the 2015 basic account actuarial valuation surplus and pursuant to the joint trustee agreement, \$1,927 million was transferred to the rate stabilization account and \$297 million of the surplus ensured the required contribution rates remained unchanged.

The Village paid \$29,410 (2016 - \$49,911) for employer contributions, while employees contributed \$25,045 (2016 - \$34,877) to the Plan in fiscal 2017.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2018, with results available in 2019.

Employers participating in the Plan record their pension expense as the amount of the employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contributions pension plan accounting). This is because the Plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the Plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the Plan.

#### 10. Related Party Transactions:

The Village of Tahsis and the Village of Zeballos established a non-formalized government partnership in 2016 in pursing a economic development tourism trail project between the two villages. The Village of Tahsis is the project manager, and in 2017, the Village of Zeballos applied for grants to be used towards the project. In 2017, total funds received from the Village of Zeballos is \$77,153 (2016 - \$0).

Condensed government partnership financial statement information:

	2017 \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Statement of Financial Position		
Total Assets	7,700	
Total Liabilities	28,482	20,365
Total Equity (Deficit)	(20,782)	(20,365)
	7,700	
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Revenues	77,153	14,365
Expenditures	77,570	34,730
Net Loss	(417)	(20,365)

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

December 31, 2017

#### 10. Related Party Transactions (continued):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	\$	\$
Statement of Changes in Equity		
Retained Earnings (Deficit), beginning of the year	(20,365)	_
Net Loss	(417)	(20,365)
Retained Earnings (Deficit), end of the year	7.700	(20,365)

#### 11. Accumulated Surplus:

The Village segregates its accumulated surplus in the following categories:

	<u> 2017</u>	<u> 2016</u>
	\$	\$
Internally Restricted Funds for Future Expenditure	590,657	524,352
Unrestricted Funds	1,186,274	1,341,744
Reserve Funds (a)	1,093,884	1,417,852
Investment in Non-Financial Assets (b)	5 396 517	5 160 413
	8.267.332	8 444 361

- (a) Reserve funds represent funds set aside by bylaw or council resolution for specific purposes.
- (b) The investment in non-financial assets represents amounts already spent and invested in infrastructure and other non-financial assets.

2017

2017

Details of reserve funds are shown below:

	<u>2017</u> \$	2016 \$
Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve (a)	546,694	531,397
Fire Hall Reserve (b)	252,251	595,306
Recreation Centre Capital Works, Machinery and		ŕ
Equipment Reserve (c)	270,619	267,949
Economic Development (d)	24,320	23,200
	1.093.884	1 417 852

#### (a) Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve

The Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve was established by Bylaw 364 to provide for new capital works, extensions or renewals of existing works and to provide for machinery and equipment necessary for capital projects for the maintenance of Municipal Property or for the protection of persons and property. Money from the sale of land, current revenue or General Operating Fund surpluses may be transferred into the Reserve Fund.

#### (b) Fire Hall Reserve

The Hall Reserve fund was established by Bylaw 400 to provide for the cost of a new fire hall including land, buildings, machinery and equipment. Money from current revenue, General Operating Fund surpluses or as otherwise provided in the Local Government Act may be transferred into the Reserve Fund.

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#### 11. Accumulated Surplus (continued):

(c) Recreation Centre Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve

The Recreation Centre Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund was established by Bylaw 418 to provide for the cost of the recreation centre. Money from current revenue, General Operating fund surpluses, or as otherwise provided in the Local Government Act may be transferred into the Reserve Fund.

(d) Economic Development Reserve

The Economic Development Fund was not established through bylaw. The Community Charter stipulates that reserve funds may be established for certain types of activities, which is how this fund was established. Money from current revenue, General Operating fund surpluses, or as otherwise provided in the Local Government Act may be transferred into the Reserve Fund.

#### 12. Fiscal Plan

The Fiscal Plan amounts represent the Financial Plan Bylaw adopted by Council on May 2, 2017.

The budget anticipated use of surpluses accumulated in previous years to balance against current expenditures in excess of current year revenues. In addition, the budget anticipated capital expenditures rather than amortization expense. The following schedule reconciles the approved bylaw to the amounts presented in the financial statements.

	<u>2017</u>
	\$
Financial Plan (Budget) Bylaw Surplus Approved for the Year	-
Deduct:	
Budgeted Transfers to Offset Amortization	209,807
Less:	
Budgeted Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	419.612
Annual Surplus (Deficit) Presented in Financial Statements	(209,805)

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#### 13. Segmented Information

The Village is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens such as recreation, fire, sewer, water, and solid waste. Distinguishable functional segments have been separately disclosed in the segmented information. The nature of the segments and activities they encompass are as follows:

#### **General Government**

This item relates to the revenues and expenses of the operations of the Village itself and cannot be directly attributed to a specific segment.

#### **Protective Services**

Protection is comprised of fire protection services. The fire department is responsible to provide fire suppression service, fire prevention programs, training and education. The members of the fire department consist of volunteers.

#### **Transportation Services**

Public works and transportation is responsible for the maintenance of roads and outdoor lighting.

#### **Environmental Treatment Services**

Environmental Treatment Services consists of providing waste disposal to citizens.

#### **Economic Development Services**

This department develops outside awareness of the economic area.

#### **Recreation and Cultural Services**

This service area provides services meant to improve health and development of the Village's citizens. Recreational programs and cultural programs are provided at the aquatic centre and community centre.

#### Water Utility

The service provides distribution of water to residents.

#### **Sewer Utility**

Provision of sanitary sewer collection by providing and maintaining pipes, manholes, and culverts and sewer treatment.

#### 14. Comparative Figures

Certain 2016 comparative figures have been reclassified, where necessary, to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.

# Schedule 1 - Government Grants and Transfers to the Village and Ratepayers

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	201	2017	
	Budget	Actual	2016
	\$	\$	\$
	(Note 12)		
Federal Government			
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	10,000	9.026	9,721
Province of BC and Federal/Provincial Programs			
General Fund			
Small Communities Protection	325,000	325,738	309,834
Infrastructure and Other	132,573	144,341	102,054
	457.573	470,079	411.888
General Capital			
Infrastructure (Provincial)	-	190	1.006
	467,573	479.295	422.615

# Schedule 2 - Combined Statement of Operations by Segment Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Treatment Services	Economic Development Services	Recreation and Cultural Services	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	2017 Actual	2017 Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues										
Taxation Utility Connection Fees and User Rates Government Grants and Transfers Fees and Service Charges Other Revenues	705,244 - 440,718 - 100,967 1,246,929	1,335 1,335	-	165,646	38,577 168 38,745	55,642	48,498	97,607 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	705,244 146,105 479,295 221,288 102,845 1,654,777	683,277 236,256 467,573 152,456 27,399 1,566,961
Expenses										
Operating Goods and Services Labour Amortization	268,438 348,682 21,807 638,927	51,734 16,510 39,293 107,537	151,667 113,130 77,778 342,575	229 15,309 1,363 16,901	46,984	116,990 229,503 79,608 426,101	64,373 59,260 23,931 147,564	79,563 23,902 1,752 105,217	779,978 806,296 245,532 1,831,806	859,667 707,292 209,807 1,776,766
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	608,002	(106,202)	(342,575)	148,745	(8,239)	(370,459)	(99,066)	(7,235)	(177,029)	(209,805)

# Schedule 3 - Combined Statement of Operations by Segment Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Treatment Services	Economic Development Services	Recreation and Cultural Services	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	2016 Actual	2016 Buduet
	S	S	S	\$	\$	\$	\$	S	\$	\$
Revenues										
Taxation	666,387	90		-	· ·	*	-	**	666,387	645,209
Utility Connection Fees and User Rates		1.4	9	=	1.0	25	136,677	110,947	247,624	311,858
Government Grants and Transfers	403,250	4	-	-	19,365		-	Ŧ1	422,615	443,733
Fees and Service Charges	(7)	2.20	- 3	91,125	-	33,994	-	-	125,119	115,820
Other Revenues	94,044	1,093			7,999			90	103,226	32,500
	1,163,681	1,093		91,125	27,364	33,994	136,677	111,037	_1,564,971	1,549,120
Expenses										
Operating										
Goods and Services	219,341	45,811	143,239	50	50,567	107,298	38,794	84,649	689,749	722,915
Labour	314,030	15,846	134,350	16,605	F 2	213,624	80,162	29,167	803,784	692,841
Amortization	48,380	15,582	56,600			78,718	17,732	1,522	218,534	219,860
	581,751	77,239	334,189	16,655	50,567	399,640	136,688	115,338	1,712,067	1,635,616
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues										
over Expenses	581,930	(76,146)	(334,189)	74,470	(23,203)	(365,646)	(11)	(4,30I)	(147,096)	(86,496)

# **Schedule 4 - Reserve Fund Transactions**

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Capital Works Machinery and Equipment	Fire Hall	Rec Centre	Economic Development	Total 2017	Total 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, Beginning of Year	531,397	595,306	267,949	23,200	1,417,852	1,421,587
Interest Earned	15,297	11,330	2,670	1,120	30,417	18,535
Transfer From Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Used for Capital Expenditures	-	(354,385)			(354,385)	(22,270)
Balance, End of Year	_546,694	252 251	270,619	24 320	1.093 884	1 417 852