



AGENDA

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
to be held on September 4, 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

- 1 **Judy Burgess: Re Council's correspondence to Chief Forester Dianne Nicholls regarding WFP's logging plan for the McKelvie Creek Watershed and Tahsis River Bank Use as a Recreation Area**

E. Public Input # 1

F. Adoption of the Minutes

- 1 **Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on August 7th, 2018**

G. Rise and Report

- 1 **News Release**

Tahsis, B.C. Home to New Canadian Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station

August 24, 2018 – Ottawa, Ontario

The Canadian Coast Guard plays an essential role in ensuring the safety of mariners and the protection of Canada's marine environment and coastal communities. Through the \$1.5 billion Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada is working to improve marine safety and protect Canada's waters and coasts today and for the future.

As part of this Plan, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, announced today that a new Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue station will be built in Tahsis, B.C to allow for an enhanced response to marine emergencies on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island.

The new station will be home to a 14.7-metre Canadian Coast Guard lifeboat, and will operate 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year. It is expected to open in early 2020.

Tahsis is located in the area of Nootka Sound, which has been identified as a location that would benefit from increased marine search and rescue capacity. The Government of Canada worked closely and in partnership with the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation in selecting the location for this new station.

Under the Oceans Protection Plan, the Canadian Coast Guard is also opening new search and rescue stations in Hartley Bay and Port Renfrew, as well as the new Victoria station which has been in operation since July 2018.

Quotes

“The new Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue station in Tahsis improves our ability to respond to marine emergencies and incidents of all kinds in the waters of Nootka Sound, and the entire area off the northwest coast of Vancouver Island. This station and its professional and highly trained Coast Guard personnel will make these waters safer for mariners.”

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

“The Mowachaht-Muchalaht are a people with a culture engrained in the sea and its resources, and hope the presence of this station will aid in the stewardship of our sea and resources and improve the safety of the people that partake upon it. While acknowledging we can work as partners in this initiative, the addition of this station will provide the additional support needed to improve our way of life, as well as those we share the resource with.”

Chief Mike Maquinna, Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation

“The life and culture of this community and the region are deeply influenced by our maritime environment. Protecting the coast and saving lives are fundamental values espoused by our residents and visitors. This Search and Rescue Station evidences the federal government’s concrete support for these same principles.”

Randy Taylor, Acting Mayor on behalf of Tahsis Council, Village of Tahsis

Quick Facts

- The Canadian Coast Guard relies on the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, a network of 4,000 volunteers across Canada to assist with maritime search and rescue response. A First Nations-led Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary is being established in British Columbia to further support the participation of Indigenous Nations in B.C. in maritime search and rescue.
- There are currently 41 Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue stations located strategically across Canada to respond to maritime search and rescue incidents.
- New stations are also being opened in Old Perlican, Twillingate and St. Anthony, Newfoundland and Labrador, for a total of seven new search and rescue stations across Canada under the Oceans Protection Plan.
- Funding for the seven new stations totals \$108.1 million over the next five years, with ongoing funding of \$12.2 million creating 56 new positions to provide search and rescue services from these new stations.

Associated Links

- **Canadian Coast Guard Maritime Search and Rescue**
- **Oceans Protection Plan**

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H. Business Arising **1** **Donation to the Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation to offset the costs of hosting the Northern Region Games to be held in early to mid-August in Zeballos.**

J. Council Reports

1. Acting Mayor Taylor
2. Councillor Overton
3. Councillor VanSolkema
4. Councillor Bellanger

K. Bylaws **None.**

L. Correspondence

- 1** **Mike and Robbie Carey Re: Participation in Tahsis Election**

- 2** **Judy Burgess Re: 1) Letter to Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Forest Officer re. Western Forest Products Inc's logging plans for McKelvie Creek (Pages 1-2) and 2) Re, Tahsis River bank; use as recreation area and potential problems (Pages 2-4)**

- 3** **Joint Provincial- Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) & Green Communities Committee (GCC) Re: Efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

- 4** **Margarita James, President of Land of Maquinna Cultural Society Re: the Yuquot Church Restoration Project**

- 5** **Jonathan Van Barneveld, Acting Mayor, District of Houston Re: Employer Health Tax on Local Government (Correspondence from Mayor Walt Cobb of the City of Williams Lake).**

M. New Business

- 1** **Scott Schooner - Presentation Re: Community Paramedicine**

- 2** **Tahsis Community Garden Society Re: Grant in Aid**

N. Public Input #2

Public Exclusion

Recess

Reconvene

Rise and Report

O. Adjournment



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	August 7, 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
 Deborah Bodnar, Director of Finance
 Amanda Knibbs, Administrative Assistant

Public 11 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

- 1 None.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 387/2018

THAT the Agenda for the August 7th, 2018 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public inquired as to the status of the Community Unity Trail and the Off- Road Vehicle Bylaw to which staff responded.

A member of the public Stated their objection to the Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on June 27, 2018

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 388/2018

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes from June 27, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 3rd, 2018

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 389/2018

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes from July 3, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on July 24, 2018

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 390/2018

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes from July 24, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

Village will enter into a 5 year Master Standing Agreement with McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. to provide consulting engineering services to the Village for on-going operations and new capital projects. McElhanney was the successful proponent in response of the Request for Proposal which was issued on BC Bid on April 23rd.

H. Business Arising

1 **Acting Mayor Taylor's July 9th letter to Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester and Diane Nicholls, RPF, ADM Chief Forester's response Re: Harvesting and road building within the McKelvie Creek Community Watershed by Western Forest Products Inc. (WFP)**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 391/2018
THAT these letters be received.

CARRIED

2 **Recreation Centre Q2 Report**

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 392/2018
THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 393/2018
THAT the Council reports be received.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor Taylor: (verbal report)

No report except to say he attended the "Long War" concert at the Tahsis Farm and he was definitely looking forward to the next one in September.

Councillor Brenda Overton (written report)

Good evening Council and Acting Mayor Taylor,

I must start tonight's report with kudos and applause for our acting Mayor Taylor for his fierce advocacy for protection of our McKelvie watershed, His letters to have our McKelvie removed from TFL 19 and more recently an interview with CBC bringing attention to preserving one of the few remaining intact old growth forest on Vancouver Island. I couldn't let this slide by without ensuring our community is aware of your hard work. Well done sir.

On July 18th I attended the Strathcona Regional District meeting. My only report to council is that northern Area D residents are suing Strathcona Regional District and the City of Campbell River. The nature of this dispute is Campbell River supplies water to the northern residents of Area D, Campbell River has raised the bulk water rates to cover its costs and the SRD, in turn, has increased the water utility fees for residents in order to pay Campbell River. Northern Area D residents object to their water rates being doubled or more and want to see evidence from Campbell River of the true costs. They are dissatisfied with what has been provided. I will keep you apprised of the situation.

I would need a Tahsis phone book to thank all of our volunteers that rocked another successful Tahsis days. I hope my report does them justice. Do you know the kind of laughter that is uncontrollable, the snorting, deep belly laughter, damn near pee yourself laugh like a child kind of great time? That was our Tahsis Days. I will start with the mask making at our library. (By the way I want to thank Shawna Gagne for the magnificent black and red feather mask she made for me to match my dragon.) I was on a personal mission to make a mask for my Dragon which was going in the parade on Saturday. I left with brilliant ideas from our young group that was having a blast. I could hear their laughter from the parking lot. Great job Silvie Keen.

Friday morning I watched our Junior Rangers hold an obstacle course for our littles. How lucky our little ones in Tahsis have such fine examples to look up to. The Junior Rangers handled their tasks with encouragement and patience with the goal of ensuring all the littles were filled with pride and accomplishment of completing the course. The Junior Rangers should be proud of making others smile and laugh like that. In these changing unpredictable times we all should take pride that Tahsis turns out such high quality youth.

The Tahsis Parade was a blast for me. Where else but in Tahsis can I have a water gun trained on Officer Walker while hiding behind my dragons tail, being able to spray cold water on the watchers that super hot day, watching them duck and giggle that I believe was when my belly laugh came out. Thanks so much to Raj Sharma, John Falavolito, and Judy Ellis our parade judges. I'm hoping next year to see more floats maybe rafts in our parade. Exactly what will it take to entice our community to create more floats? Please let me know it's so much fun I want to share the laughter. I am aware of the bike mistake but not everything runs as planned. I was happy to see staff do their best to chase down the bikes and make sure everyone had a prize.

Coordinating these events is an enormous task. There's bound to be a misstep somewhere along the way. Speaking of missteps with respect to the River Rats Race, I promise in writing I will check the tides myself next year so there is no portaging. It was a great honour that our Member of Parliament, Rachel Blaney had driven to Tahsis to join in the water war games. Armed with water guns and water balloons in the back of my truck Rachel, Jesse, her staff member and myself headed to the start of the race we shot a few people who looked hot. We laughed our heads off watching rafts bottleneck, fall apart and lob water balloons at each other. We then went to the half way mark, pulled out some balloons and all three of us threw them at the unsuspecting rafters. Jesse has a great arm. Then we were off to the finish line to see who was coming in first. The best part was the attack from the bridge. Low and behold our Fire Chief Stephane Dionne, Ramsey Dyer, and more volunteers were annihilating rafts coming in with the fire hoses with wonderful enthusiasm. It was epic. This is where we laughed like children. Next year promises to be just as amazing. I believe I've extracted a promise of Rachel and/or her staff building and entering the raft race next year. I will hold her and Jesse to it. They are so much fun.

I also had planned on apologizing for my two black labs that had dug under my fence and thought to join the raft race or help anyway. lol. Then I thought, hmmm maybe more challenges should be in the mix. Stay tuned. I will also be inspecting the rafts next year. No styrofoam or you will be eliminated. We have to protect our ocean.

With a wee bit of time on our hands until the next event, I brought them to meet Frank Hosker a talented character, who does a variety of art with the crystals from our tree planters Seth Goossens and Chris Monaghan nice of him to provide samples for Rachel and Jesse, I love when people leave with a piece of us.

After I took them to the beer garden, we laughed watching the water games in the field hosted by Bigs and Smalls. Then it was off to the jello eating contest. I couldn't talk her into entering but there's always next year. This was my first time entering. It was not as easy as it looks. I must practice. I am not sure how my Rusty is going to feel about me eating jello at the table without utensils but I would like to win and that takes practice. Thanks so much Allison Stiglitz for the lovely pics of jello on my face.

Then it was off to the food competition. Wow! It was certainly not easy to judge by any means. It was wonderful to sample and an honour to have Rachel Blaney give out the prizes to the winners.

I had a great time showing off Tahsis for the few hours we had before they had to leave, I can't remember the last time I laughed like a child. Thank you Rachel and Jesse.

This last bit I'm reporting on has to do with the saw blade sign. A well meaning person was hoping to spruce it up before Tahsis days but it obviously didn't go as planned. As a result with Councils indulgence I would like to have it transferred to my garage and redo it properly. I hope to get Councillor Bellanger on board to donate her time and talent. She, too, was in on the sign when it was put there. This will be of no cost to the taxpayers. The only help we need is public works to transfer it to my garage. I am hoping for a motion for this.

This is all for now

Brenda

Staff were directed to request public works to move the sign to Councillor Overton's residence for repainting.

Councillor Bellanger: (written report)

Good evening Deputy Mayor and Council.

Well, we are already in to August and I have to say "well done" to public works and the community. It is looking clean and I am happy to see garbage bins at the campground and at the trail at Bull of the Woods. I am sure everyone has been busy with company or out to see company. I know I have been. Our small Village almost seems like a city to me with all the traffic, people and vehicles.

Great weather for Tahsis Days this year and for all our guests that were out. I did enter the raft race but I didn't get too far before the crash and burn at the first big rock, but we already have plans for our raft next year, so look out.

So we did meet with our newest member of the RCMP, Sargent Josh Wiese. To me it seems like he will be a fine asset to Gold River and Tahsis. Welcome Josh and family.

On Sunday I went to the farm for the first inhouse concert, "Long War". It seemed to me in my opinion that everyone was having a good time and enjoying it. I hope that we will have many more to come.

K. Bylaws

Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw No. 608, 2018

Adoption:

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 394/2018

THAT the Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw No. 608, 2018 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

L. Correspondence

- 1 Pascal Pelletier Re: Invitation for proposals to paint the two shipping containers located at the townsite playground.**

- 2 Lisa G Hendra- Email Re: Local Farmers Market held every Sunday on HeadBay Road**

- 3 Lisa G Hendra - (2) Emails Re: 176 Alpine View Road**

- 4 Lisa G Hendra - Email Re: Gifts of Property**

Jonathan Barry, Executive Director- Child Care Capital, Community and
5 ECE Registry Services, Ministry of Children and Family Development Re:
Childcare BC New Spaces Fund

6 Wendy Booth, UBCM President Re: Gas Tax Agreement Community
Works Fund Payment

7 District of Houston Letter of Support for the Province of B.C.'s Caribou
Recovery Program

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 395/2018

THAT this correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 396/2018

THAT this correspondence items #1 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

A discussion regarding the Invitation for Proposals to paint the two
shipping containers located at the townsite playground followed.

Councillor Overton: (written response to correspondence item #1 which
was read into the minutes at the meeting.)

As the one who brought this to Council I feel the need to respond. My intent and hope was that the paying of supplies and the \$500 bonus would attract some of our local talent. Perhaps one that would enjoy having a community, have coffee and watch, encourage maybe even take a budding young hopeful artist under their wing, take great pride in being a part of a community project. Watching the magic of others talent unfold would bring people together. At this table I am ever cautious at the words I use for there is always someone that can take a positive intention and try to sully it. So let me make this crystal clear , Mr. Pelletier your need to educate this council on your process as an artist is obviously important to you, but every decision of monetary value at this table is made with the fact it is the taxpayers money at the forefront. Our budget is for water and sewer and with any luck turning our economy around. If we had a well full of money rest assured we would buy genuine First Nation art from Mowachaht/Muchalaht or Ehattesaht/Chinehkint to reinforce our great relationships. But by all means many members of our public have been extremely successful with petitions as its the majority of the public we listen to. I certainly hope as time goes on Mr. Pelletier that you would take a page from our community, we like to encourage, not discourage artists.

M. New Business

Village of Tahsis 2018 Election- Methods to Communicate Elections Information

1 Notice of Nomination Period

Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 397/2018

THAT the Village utilize flyers in the local mail boxes for 2 consecutive weeks between August 5th and August 28th as an alternative means of providing the public with Notice of Nomination Period along with posting on the Village Website and social media.

CARRIED

2 Notice of Election by Voting and Notice of Advance Voting Opportunities

THAT the Village utilize flyers in the local mail boxes on September 25th and October 2nd as an alternative means of providing the public with a Notice of Election by Voting and Notice of Advanced Voting along with posting on the Village Website and social media.

CARRIED

Public Input #2

None.

Adjournment

O. Overton/ Bellanger: VOT 398/2018

THAT the Regular Council meeting adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

4th Day of September 2018.

Chief Administrative Officer

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27 August 2018

Mayor Randy Taylor and Tahsis Counsel



We have been a home owner in the Village of Tahsis since 2003 and are active members of the community while we are here.

We would like to further our participation by being able to vote in the elections in Tahsis.

As residents of Tahsis at least 4 months out of the year, paying full taxes each year, and being a stakeholder within the Village, we have no say in Village process. While not residing here in Tahsis, we are in Oregon.

We would like you to consider some sort of referendum to allow our selves to be able to participate in the voting here in Tahsis.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to your response.

Mike & Robbi Carey
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Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is "Mike Carey" and the bottom signature is "Robbi Carey". Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

751 North Maquinna Drive
P.O. Box 174
Tahsis, B.C. V0P 1X0

August 27th, 2018

Mayor and Council,
Village of Tahsis,
977 South Maquinna Drive.

Dear Mayor and Council

- 1) Re. Letter to Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Forest Officer re. Western Forest Products Inc's logging plans for McKelvie Creek. (Pages 1-2)
- 2) Re. Tahsis River bank; use as recreation area and potential problems. (Pages 2-4)

I was very happy to read a copy of the letter from Acting Mayor Taylor to Assistant Deputy Minister (and Chief Forest Officer) Dianne Nicholls, which was attached to the agenda for the Council meeting of August 7th. This letter detailed, very specifically, the many reasons why it would be such an appalling mistake to allow Western Forests to log in the McKelvie Creek old-growth rain forest.

It is so vital that we prevent this action. With McKelvie Creek flowing straight into our Tahsis River, just before the Tahsis River flows through our village, the flow in McKelvie affects and impacts this community directly.

As we know, old-growth rain-forests consist of layer upon layer of different kinds and ages of vegetation. This complexity enables the forest to act as a kind of "sponge" absorbing hundreds of gallons of winter rain. This rainwater is then released very slowly and gradually into the rain-forest river, so reducing the risk of floods. This particular river flows directly into our Tahsis river. We need this "sponge" to be preserved in its entirety. It works as a total system. Forestry regulations currently do not recognise this. They seem to think they can "tinker" with a system that has taken hundreds if not thousands of years to achieve its current complexity. Not too much help if, after it's cut, they say "Oops, sorry." If we lose this natural "sponge" we can expect the huge quantities of rainwater, no longer held in that "sponge" to pour from McKelvie Creek and into our Tahsis river. Inevitably, we will experience floods the like of which we have never seen before!

I firmly believe that we must keep questioning the status quo that has been followed by Governments in B.C. for so many years. At least with the current NDP Government, I think we can feel that our concerns do register with them. It is, of course, very disappointing that this (Assistant Deputy) Minister's response seemed to follow the usual path of quoting Government procedures, rather than addressing our specific concerns. However I feel we must continue to pressure our Government about these concerns. The

results for us in Tahsis if Western Forests should continue with their original cutting plans, will be nothing short of disastrous!

Thank you so much for sending that letter on our behalf.

I was not quite so happy, however, to hear about a decision made on July 3rd by Council. I understand that a petition was presented at this meeting and that Council agreed that the Tahsis River Bank should be mowed on a regular basis as it used to be in the past. I feel this decision was maybe a rather hasty one.

It is certainly rather a shame that no thought was given to preserving such native plants as might have continued to enhance the appearance of this river bank area. For instance, there was a lovely patch of an attractive native plant called "Cooley's hedge-nettle" (happily, hedge- nettles are not equipped to sting.) Known as "Stachys cooleyae" in books, this native flood-plain plant can grow quite tall, which is useful for hummingbirds. These jewel-like, favourite birds are attracted to the plants' pinky-purple tubular flowers. I would have thought this would have been a very pleasant feature for a "recreation" area. Surely both children and adults would have enjoyed the occasional glimpse of a humming bird feeding on these flowers?

In addition to being an attractive plant, potentially for us, and also for hummingbirds, this plant was providing good service as part of a natural system of erosion control for our river-bank. Rivers are always eroding their banks to a certain extent, but vegetation that grows up quite naturally, over time, on these banks really helps to limit, by the action of their roots, how much soil etc. is washed away. The roots of many different native plants, of different heights, also vary in the depth that they grow down into the soil. Together they combine to perform this useful service. Like the old-growth rain-forests themselves, river banks also have a natural working "system", which also develops naturally over many years.

A proper functioning system also involves both shrubs and trees. Shrub roots go down deeper than perennial plants and tree roots go down deeper still. Tree roots also spread out very effectively underground. The roots of different species of trees also vary in their patterns of growth. Thus an erosion control network is formed by the growth of all these different roots extending to different depths, and spreading sideways, underground.

I understand that the present Tahsis River and its banks are now very different than the way things were before the mill and village were established. Back then, in 1946, there were no fears of climate change and there was probably very little knowledge or concern about the natural ecology of rivers. In those days, planting grass on what became the river-bank would have seemed like a very civilising thing to do. No doubt at one time (especially before the flood wall blocked easy access), it would have been a delightful thing to spend time by the river sitting on the grass. However things have changed drastically since those more innocent times. Now we are paying for the damage we have all contributed to in so many different ways.

We have to pay more attention to natural processes and how they work and what stops them working properly. We need to keep the presently working system of the McKelvie rain-forest intact and protect it from being damaged. We need to look at our river and its banks and realise that this system is not functioning well at the moment.

In addition to the problems of what we could call “everyday” erosion, we also have to worry about what happens to the river-bank when the river floods. We already have serious problems with this, as I observed during a flood we had a few years back. This took place not long after I moved here in 2006. It occurred during September and was partly the result, I was told, of the extra high tides of that time of year coinciding with an unusually heavy rainfall.

I have to admit I did find it quite exciting, at first, as I eagerly tramped (in my sturdy Wellington boots) through the water flooding the road to take a look over the flood-wall. I gazed with interest at the foot or two of water on the other side and was then amazed to spot a salmon swimming through the long grass growing there. Fortunately, on that occasion, the storm-water, draining down from all the roads that lead to Maquinna Drive, was only flooding the half of the road next to the floodwall and so did not extend as far as my house. I was therefore not too worried, until, that is, I took a walk along the river-bank a few days later, after the flood had receded.

I gazed in amazement and disbelief at what had previously been the outer five feet of the river-bank, adjacent to the river itself. In two areas, an outer width of five feet of bank by several feet along the length of the bank, had now sunk down by about two feet! I looked in horror at exposed roots and a now crooked tree or two and shrubs that had been taken down to this lower level with the subsiding stretches of bank! How on earth and why on earth had this happened? I had no idea, at the time, how this could happen. I was both horrified and very puzzled. I have only just recently come across the actual explanation, which I found in an excellent book, called “Fresh Water” by scientist and ecologist, Chris Pielou. In this book she describes “Erosion in an alluvial channel” (pages 111-112)

“When the water level is high and the banks are submerged, they become saturated with water; when the water level falls, the pressure of this “trapped” water causes chunks of the bank to break away and fall into the river. The chunks disintegrate in the flowing water and are carried off as dispersed mud and sand. In many alluvial rivers this is the chief cause of erosion, but it is not always the only one;”

If you take a walk along the river bank now, the wide part that has just been mowed, you will see how many of the trees still growing there, seem to be clinging to the very edge of the bank or have subsided down to a level closer to the water. Our tree part of the natural erosion protection system is very sadly compromised. Another flood could see many of these trees plunging right into the river, leaving sections of the bank completely treeless. (It is actually considered “a good thing” for trees to fall into the river, as long as they are left where they fall and become securely wedged in the river. This apparently helps in providing the kind of river-bed environment, preferred by salmon and other desirable creatures.)

“Downed rainforest trees embedded in streams offer hiding places and resting pools for migrating salmon in search of cool, shaded waters to spawn.”

(“Temperate and Boreal Rainforests of the Pacific Coast of North America” (page 45) which is a chapter in “Temperate and Boreal Rainforests of the World; their ecology and conservation.” Edited by Dominick A. Della Sala.”)

However, our immediate problem is that there are no more trees growing behind the ones now poised to fall into the river! We desperately need more trees on the bank. First we need some to be growing several feet behind the existing precariously situated ones, ready to replace any that plunge into the river. But in addition we need a more extensive planting of trees to provide shade from the increasingly hot sun. This would protect people as well as the shade-loving native plants. Vitally, this would also help in the development of a more extensive area of protective roots, at all depths, to protect against further erosion throughout the bank area. As in the rain-forest an intact system is needed. A token narrow strip, as with the rain-forest, just does not provide a working system of protection.

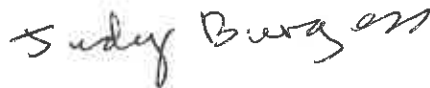
I had hoped, during the years that the bank was left unmown, that natural processes might do something to restore both trees and shrubs to the bank, in addition to the native plants that were starting to spread by themselves. Some shrubs were beginning to sprout some new shoots in the ground adjacent to the parent plants. Just a few very small tree seedlings were beginning to appear. Unfortunately, this just-beginning shrub growth as well as the few tree seedlings have all just been cut down along with the native plants.

I don't think that we can now really just depend on nature, by itself, to solve the problems we have, so unfortunately (and unintentionally, I'm sure) just encouraged. With climate change threatening more frequent flooding, as well as lengthier droughts, we are really running out of time. Unlike invasive, non-native plants (i.e. “weeds”) native plants do not re-establish themselves all that quickly. Some take longer than others. It could take several or many years, for native plants and shrubs to re-establish themselves, unaided. Trees take even longer.

I would suggest that Council consider hiring a properly experienced and trained ecologist/landscape designer (with knowledge and experience of working, specifically, in a west coast rainforest environment) to design and implement an appropriate design. We would need a plan showing how the river-bank could most appropriately be vegetated to allow for recreational use, at the same time as helping protect the bank from erosion.

Hoping we can develop fruitful plans, while their (Western Forest's) plans are frustrated!

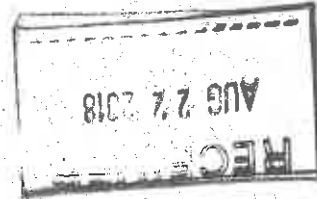
Sincerely,



Judy Burgess



GREEN COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE



L3

Ref: 238245

August 15, 2018

His Worship Mayor Randolph Taylor and Councillors
Village of Tahsis
Box 219
Tahsis BC VOP 1X0

Dear Acting Mayor Taylor and Councillors:

On behalf of the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee (GCC), we would like to extend our congratulations for your efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your corporate operations and community over the 2017 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter (Charter) you have demonstrated your commitment to work with the Province and UBCM to take action on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your community and corporate operations.

The work that local governments are undertaking to reduce their corporate emissions demonstrates significant climate leadership and sets the stage for broader climate action in the community. Your leadership and commitment continues to be essential to ensuring the achievement of our collective climate action goals.

The GCC was established under the Charter to support local governments in achieving their climate goals. In acknowledgement of the efforts of local leaders, the GCC is again recognizing the progress and achievements of local governments such as yours through the multi-level Climate Action Recognition Program. A description of this program is enclosed for your reference.

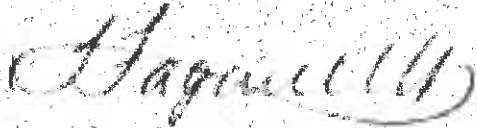
As a Charter signatory who has demonstrated progress on the fulfillment of one or more of your commitments, the GCC is pleased to acknowledge your achievement of Level 1 recognition – 'Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments.'

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Acting Mayor Taylor and Councillors
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Congratulations again on your progress. We wish you continued success in your ongoing commitment to the goal of corporate carbon neutrality and your efforts to reduce emissions in the broader community.

Sincerely,



Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister
Local Government Division
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Gary MacIsaac
Executive Director
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Enclosure



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June 24, 2018

Ms. Deb Bodnar
Village of Tahsis
PO Box 219, 977 South Maquinna Drive
Tahsis, BC V8X 3R1

Dear Ms Bodner,

I am very sorry that we have not been in touch with you before now to thank the Village of Tahsis for the generous donation to the Yuquot Church Restoration Project. This support is very much appreciated. We did important work in 2017-2018, especially with completion of a new roof for the tower, new windows and window repair in many places, a new doorway and steps to return the old Priest's Quarters to their original configuration, and a completely new interior floor. I am happy to tell you that we have received another federal government grant to undertake more work this Fall, and we are hoping to deal with gutter, foundation, front door and steps, and interior of the Priest's Quarters issues.

This year the society also produced and installed eight interpretive panels in the church These will provide visitors this summer with important information about the long and significant history of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, and of our ancient village at Yuquot.

Thank you again for the village's support. A receipt for \$250 is enclosed.

Sincerely

Margarita James
President

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 14, 2018

File: 0530-00

The Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
PO BOX 9048 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC
V8W 9E2

Attention: The Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier

Dear Minister / Deputy Premier James,

RE: Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government

At the Regular Meeting on August 7th, 2018 the District of Houston received the attached correspondence from the Mayor Wait Cobb of the City of Williams Lake.

At that meeting Council passed the following resolution:

"That Council resolves to issue a letter of support to Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier, regarding support of the City of Williams Lake correspondence re: employer health tax impact of local government."

The District of Houston supports the City of Williams Lake's request for the Province of British Columbia to exempt local governments, regional districts, and school boards from the imposition of the EHT to lessen the financial burden on local taxpayers, especially those that are on fixed incomes. The District of Houston, like many local governments have a limited revenue base that relies heavily on property taxation. The new Employer Health Tax will put additional cost pressure on the District of Houston (and other B.C. local governments) that would have to be passed to municipal taxpayers, placing an undue share on lower and middle income British Columbians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Van Barneveld
Acting Mayor

Attach: Correspondence from the City of Williams Lake Re: Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government

cc: Union of B.C. Municipalities Members



CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

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July 17, 2018

The Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
PO BOX 9048 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC
V8W 9E2

Dear Minister / Deputy Premier James:

Re: Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Government

This is to advise that the City of Williams Lake Council passed the following resolution at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 29th, 2018:

"That pursuant to the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated May 17, 2018, Council support the resolution of the Council for the City of Langley and request the Province of BC to exempt local governments, regional districts and school boards from the imposition of the EHT to lessen the financial burden on local taxpayers, especially those that are on fixed incomes and further that correspondence to that effect be sent to the Province of BC."

The City of Williams Lake, like many local governments have a limited revenue base that relies heavily on property taxation. The new Employer Health Tax will put additional cost pressure on the City of Williams Lake (and other BC local governments) that would have to be passed to municipal taxpayers, placing an undue share on lower and middle income British Columbians.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Mayor Walt Cobb

cc: UBCM Member Municipalities



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Grant in Aid Application Policy #2007

Name of Group or Organization _____ Date: Aug 28/2018
The Tahsis Community Garden Society

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.

The Tahsis Community Garden Society is requesting the Village's Public Works to include the community garden's porta-potty in ~~the~~ its seasonal clean-up of porta potties in the Village.

2. Briefly outline the purpose of this assistance.

The garden society does not have any other access to a 'honey wagon' to perform this maintenance.

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

Community garden members (24) visitors to the garden, CMESSE seniors working at their Farm to School garden (8) and residents in the neighbourhood will all breathe easier with the removal of the raw sewage.

4. What steps have you taken to raise funds?

The society has not taken steps in this regard as it was done by Public Works in 2016 as part of end of season honey wagon rounds, and at no charge to the garden Society.

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.

N/A



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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.

N/A

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

no - the society does not have the means
for completing this task

Signature of Authorized representative
SILVIE KEEN, SEC TREAS
TCGS.

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:

N/A

and be mailed to: P.O. Box 218, Tahsis, B.C. V0P 1X0

Contact person: SILVIE KEEN / TCGS

Phone number: 7979

