



AGENDA

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
to be held on April 21, 2020 in the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive

Remote access: To attend this meeting remotely please dial
1-877-385-4099 then enter the participant code 5509888#

A. Call to Order Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davis will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon
Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.

B. Introduction of
Late Items

C. Approval of the
Agenda

D. Petitions and
Delegations None.

E. Public Input # 1

F. Adoption of the
Minutes

- 1 Committee of the Whole April 7, 2020
- 2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2020.

G. Rise and Report None.

H. Business Arising None.

J. Council Reports

- 1 Mayor Davis
- 2 Councillor Elder
- 3 Councillor Fowler
- 4 Councillor Llewellyn

5 Cheryl Northcott

K. Bylaws None.

L. Correspondence 1 Maja Tait, UBCM President- Letter to Mayor Davis Re: Provincial Response to 2019 Resolutions

M. New Business 1 UBCM convention delegate selection

N. Public Input #2

Public Exclusion

Recess

Reconvene

Rise and Report

P. Adjournment



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Committee of the Whole
Date	Tuesday April 7, 2020
Time	1:02 p.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present	Mayor Martin Davis	
	Councillor Bill Elder	
	Councillor Sarah Fowler	by phone
	Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by phone
	Councillor Elect Cheryl Northcott	by phone

Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Sarah Greer, Co-op Student	
	Janet StDenis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by phone

Guests	Shaun Koopman, SRD Protective Services Coordinator	by phone
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Public	1 member of public	by phone
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Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
 Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory

Introduction of Late Items

McKelvie Creek Watershed – engagement of EcoLogic for review of WFP proposed reserves- under "Business Arising " as H2.
 Grant-in-Aid – consideration of public communication and/or policy direction - under "Business Arising" as H3.

2020-2024 Capital Plan amendment – video equipment and related costs for livestreaming Council meetings- under "Business Arising" as H4.

Approval of the Agenda

Fowler: COW 032/2020

THAT the Agenda for the April 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**Business
Arising**

1 Village's Response to COVID-19 and related issues

a) EOC update

b) Council's role as a Policy Group under the EOC/BCERMS framework

c) Public communication responsibilities and procedures

Llewellyn : COW 033/2020

THAT this information be received.

CARRIED

The CAO provided council with an update on the Village's response to COVID-19 related issues. A discussion followed.

The CAO spoke to Council's role as a Policy Group under the EOC/BCERMS Framework. Shaun Koopman, SRD Protective Services Coordinator explained other key responsibilities and additional roles and duties of Council during COVID-19.

There was a discussion on public communication and the need for the Mayor as the "central voice".

2 McKelvie Creek Watershed – engagement of EcoLogic for review of WFP proposed reserves

Mayor Davis spoke to this item and the CAO elaborated on the scope of the proposal.

Llewellyn : COW 034/2020

THAT this information be received for discussion.

CARRIED

Llewellyn : COW 035/2020

THAT the engagement of Ecologic for review of WFP proposed reserves be approved for costs up to \$5000.

CARRIED

3 Grant-in-Aid – consideration of public communication and/or policy direction

There was a lengthy discussion on the Grant-in-Aid Policy. A decision was made to put this item on the April 21st, Committee of the Whole Agenda for further discussion.

Llewellyn : COW 036/2020

THAT this information be received for discussion.

CARRIED

4 2020-2024 Capital Plan amendment – video equipment and related costs for livestreaming Council meetings

Llewellyn : COW 037/2020

THAT this information be received for discussion.

CARRIED

Fowler : COW 038/2020

THAT staff be directed to cost out video equipment and related costs for livestreaming Council meetings for the 2021 - 2025 Capital Plan.

CARRIED
1"no" vote
registered
Councillor
Elder

Adjournment

Elder: COW 039/2020

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
21st Day of April, 2020

Corporate Officer

**Minutes**

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	April 7, 2020
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present Mayor Martin Davis
Councillor Bill Elder
Councillor Sarah Fowler
Councillor Lynda Llewellyn by phone
Councillor Cheryl Northcott by phone

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Janet StDenis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager by phone

Public 3 members of the public by phone

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory

B. Introduction of Late Items and Agenda Changes

2 late items under "correspondence", L4 an email from Rita Aedan and L5 a letter from UBCM re: the 2020 Age Friendly Community Transportation Planning Project.

1 late item under "new business" as M1 Council position on visitors – consideration of public notice and/or media release.

1 late item under "business arising" as H2- Revised Budget Meeting Dates.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0149/2020

THAT the Agenda for the April 7, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED**D. Petitions and Delegations**

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public spoke to several COVID-19 related issues to which the Mayor and Council responded.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Committee of the Whole March 16, 2020

Northcott/Elder: VOT 0150/2020

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Committee of the Whole March 17, 2020

Elder/Northcott: VOT 0151/2020

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 17, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 17, 2020.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0152/2020

THAT the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 17, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 Village of Tahsis (in conjunction with the Strathcona Regional District) Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Response Plan Level 3

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0153/2020

THAT the Village of Tahsis COVID-19 Response plan be received.

CARRIED

Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0154/2020

THAT the Village of Tahsis COVID-19 Response plan be activated to Level 3.

CARRIED

2 Budget Meeting Dates (Revised)

The CAO spoke to this agenda item.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0155/2020

THAT the amended budget meeting dates be received.

CARRIED

Mayor/Fowler: VOT 0156/2020

THAT the amended budget meeting dates be approved.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

Since my last report to council, COVID-19 has spread and today there are 1291 documented cases and 43 deaths in BC. I have been posting on social media regarding the measures that need to be taken to minimize spread and have asked visitors to Tahsis to stay away, although doing so is unenforceable under current law. Fortunately, most people have been complying with the measures in town and the businesses have been quite proactive in their approaches to minimizing risk. Unfortunately, not all citizens have heeded the warnings and police have been involved in one circumstance, to my knowledge. The good news is that it appears that measures taken provincially are leading to a decline in new cases, so this is good news. At the same time, we have to continue with these measures to ensure that the trend doesn't reverse. With a bit of luck, we may be back to some semblance of normal by this summer, although the continuing governance issues in the US may lead to the extension of ongoing measures, as their outbreak is now the world's worst with 2,000 deaths in the last day. This may have a profound impact on tourism in Tahsis, particularly sport fishing. I want to take this opportunity to thank our citizens, all village staff and businesses in Tahsis for complying with and often exceeding the recommended measures. Our staff and public works has had to respond, increasing the difficulty of their jobs but they have risen to the occasion. It has also brought to the forefront other issues, such as enhancing food security in Tahsis and the need to continue to improve our preparation for future catastrophic events as they may arise.

Covid-19 has led to cancellation of the regular regional board and other meetings that I attend out of town, but it is also leading to changes in the way we conduct business such as building capacity for electronic meetings, which is something we are also addressing locally. In future, we will be able to conduct our council meetings remotely when the need arises. But business continues and tonight we will hopefully be passing our Official Community Plan, while staff continues to work away on completing our financial plan.

Councillor Elder

No report.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

This past week i have been talking (by phone) to some of our more vulnerable residents about food security and access to healthy fresh food.

I have also been doing twice the webinars I usually do, which has been very informative. Having said that I have cancelled the age-friendly accessibility action standing committee and the U4C AGM until further notice.

Submitted respectfully,
Sarah Fowler

COVID 19 Response for Unsheltered Homeless People

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgJDOOrPTRZs&feature=youtu.be>

COVID 19 Response for Unsheltered Homeless People (PowerPoint)

<https://caehca.sharepoint.com/CAEH%20Shared/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2FCAEH%20Shared%2FCommon%2FCOVID%2D19%2FWebinars%2FApril%201%20Webinar%2FStreet%20Outreach%20During%20COVID19%20March%202020%2Epdf&parent=%2FCAEH%20Shared%2FCommon%2FCOVID%2D19%2FWebinars%2FApril%201%20Webinar&p=true&originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9jYWVoY2Euc2hhcmVwb2ludC5jb20vOml6L2cvRVFicklUcDNGTWWhCdREWkVUcUE1eUVcCcm9BYmpfVXNKbkhoWkJITTRtaTIPz9ydGltZT1TRHhHdTZYzEwZw>

Councillor Llewellyn (written)

Our world is changing daily, almost hourly at the moment and for those who don't do well with change these can be very unsettling times. While a lot of what we hear is bad news there is some good mixed in there and I challenge all of us to find at least one good news story everyday.

The VIRL March board meeting was cancelled due to the current crisis but the Executive felt the need to meet and so a ZOOM meeting was set up for this past Friday. There were 19 of at the first ever electronic meeting in VIRL history. We were offered a 20 minute one on one trial with the platform a couple of days before the meeting so all of us who had never used it before could become familiar with it. The meeting lasted almost 4 hours, probably partly to due with the delays as each person who wanted to got to address the group. The meeting went very well and never once did any of us get dropped from the feed. It was a good meeting and I think we were all impressed with how well this technology works. We will be meeting this way in mid April with the whole board.

I heard Monday morning that a long term resident of Tahsis passed away, rest in peace Sheila Orr. My neighbour had to put down her long time canine companion, Loxi, had been by her side since he was 5 weeks old and turned 19 at the end of February. In a time when my natural instinct would be to hug people in their time of loss I am reduced to letting them know I am thinking of them through messages and waves.

Stay safe everyone,
Respectfully submitted
Councillor Llewellyn

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0157/2020

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

1 Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 625, 2020

A Bylaw to Amend the Village of Tahsis Council Procedure Bylaw (Consolidated and Amended) No. 495, 2004 to facilitate electronic Council meetings.

Adoption

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0158/2020

THAT the Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 625, 2020 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0159/2020

THAT the Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 625, 2020 be reconsidered, finally passed, and adopted as presented on this 7th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED

**2 Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 623, 2020
Second, Third and Adoption**

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0160/2020

THAT the Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 623, 2020 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0161/2020

THAT the Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 623, 2020 receive a second reading this 7th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0162/2020

THAT the Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 623, 2020 receive a third reading this 7th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0163/2020

THAT the Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 623, 2020 be reconsidered, finally passed, and adopted as presented on this 7th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

**1 Vincient Hanemayer, P. Eng. email Re: Western Forest Products Inc.
Contaminated former Hemlock Mill Site (Tahsis)**

2 Charles St-Denis, Retired Captain, Letter to Mayor and Council Re: EOC
Censorship of Personal Expression

3 City of Prince George- UBCM Resolution Re: Payments from Opioid Class
Action Lawsuits

4 Email from Rita Aedan Re: Remote First Nations tell visitors to go away
and stay away.

5 UBCM letter re: 2020 Age-Friendly Community Transportation Planning
Project

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0164/2020

THAT these correspondence item be received.

CARRIED

Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0165/2020

THAT correspondence item #1 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

L1 The CAO spoke to this item. A discussion followed.
Staff was directed to draft a letter for Council's review to be sent to
municipalities in similar situations with contaminated sawmill sites on the
contaminated site registry that are not being studied.

M. New Business

1 **Council position on visitors – consideration of public notice and/or media
release**

Both the Mayor and the CAO spoke to this item. A lengthy discussion
followed.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0166/2020

THAT this item be received for discussion.

CARRIED

Llewellyn:/Northcott VOT 0167/2020

THAT the Staff draft a press / social media release asking visitors not to
come to Tahsis until the state of emergency is rescinded.

CARRIED

2 "no" votes registered

Councillor Fowler

Councillor Elder

N. Public Input #2

The mayor spoke individually to the members of the public who had joined
the council meeting remotely by phone.

Adjournment

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0168/2020

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

21st Day of April, 2020

Chief Administrative Officer



March 27, 2020

Mayor Martin Davis
Village of Tahsis
Box 219
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Dear Mayor Davis:

Re: Provincial Response to 2019 Resolutions

UBCM has received the Province's response(s) to your Council resolution(s) from 2019. Please find the enclosed resolution(s) and their provincial response(s).

Responses received from the Province have been posted to the UBCM web site under Resolutions & Policy.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst at 604.270.8226 ext. 100 or jjustason@ubcm.ca

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maja Tait".

Maja Tait
UBCM President

Enclosure

2019 B121 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Framework

Sayward, Tahsis

Whereas the *Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act* was intended to create safe and more convenient incidental access to public roads and highways to better connect BC's rural communities and support a first-rate ORV trail network, and to allow local governments to expand their trail networks to take advantage of economic development opportunities by way of tourism;

And whereas the current administrative process to obtain Operation Permits as permitted under the ORV Act is onerous and not conducive to convenient incidental access to trail networks connecting multiple communities as a separate operation permit must be obtained from each jurisdiction:

Therefore be it resolved that the following changes to legislation are made:

- Only one (1) Operation Permit required for approved access to multiple jurisdictions and/or communities along a connecting designated ORV route and trail network issued in any of the jurisdictions or communities along the route.
- Operation Permits can be issued by any local RCMP or local government along a designated route.
- Operation Permit term extended from 2 years to 5 years to align with the driver's licence term.

Convention Decision: **Endorsed**

Provincial Response***Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development***

The ORV Management Framework promotes the safe and responsible use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORV) on Crown land (including resource roads) under the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act and provides more convenient incidental access to highways by ORV's to promote tourism. Changes to highway laws have involved amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR), Division 24.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) is currently seeking support from other ministries responsible for the Motor Vehicle Act, the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) and policing services in order to further amend the MVAR, Division 24; specifically, to address the following two highway ORV access scenarios (which require different ICBC Basic Insurance products):

- 1. Improve incidental access to highways for Crown land trail systems by further simplifying the process for police-issued operation permit as described in UBCM's resolution; and*
- 2. Seeking support for ICBC to develop a new Basic Insurance product to support increased access to municipal streets by ORV's; this would require select rural communities to be designated pilot projects, similar to golf carts on roads in Chase.*

UBCM is encouraged to continue to liaise with FLNRORD ministry staff responsible for the ORV framework. UBCM's ORV Local Government Working Group has been re-engaged to ensure a common approach when engaging the Province. FLNRORD is pleased to hear that this group includes participation from rural communities impacted by the downturn in forestry and who are seeking to expand their local economy by promoting ORV tourism.

2019 B162 Cave Protection Act

Whereas caves are uncommon and unique environments that can harbour rare and threatened species, unique mineralogy and sediments, First Nation heritage values; and are non-renewable, site-specific landscape features with natural, cultural, spiritual, aesthetic and scientific value;

And whereas caves are sensitive ecosystems that can underlie developed landscapes and as such are vulnerable to pollution, destruction by quarrying, vandalism, mismanagement, species extinction and general degradation caused by human activities:

Therefore be it resolved that the Provincial Government should pass a Cave Protection Act in order to conserve caves, in perpetuity.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response**Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development**

The Provincial Government acknowledges that caves are uncommon and unique environments that provide a diverse set of natural, cultural, spiritual, aesthetic and scientific values; also, that caves are sensitive to human-caused developments and disturbances. The Province is not pursuing specific legislation for the protection of cave formations at this time because there are a number of existing legislative and policy tools already available to protect and minimize impacts to cave formations.

The following are tools to protect caves through legislation and policy in British Columbia:

- *The Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) and associated Government Actions Regulation (GAR) enables the identification of karst caves and other significant karst features, by legal order, as a Resource Feature, which in turn requires forest licensees to identify results and strategies for its management as part of Forest Stewardship planning.*
- *GAR orders are also used to establish Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHA) for habitat of plant and animal species at risk, as well as Wildlife Habitat Features (WHF) for habitat features requiring special management. These could include cave formations. WHAs and WHFs are a legally-enforceable, site-specific protection for identified species/features during forest and range practices, authorized under FRPA, and under the Oil and Gas Activities Act.*
- *GAR orders are also considered during the adjudication of Land Act applications to ensure that existing interests and values on Crown land are protected in authorizations for use of Crown land e.g., permitting of activities other than forestry and oil and gas developments.*
- *Any commercial or organized not-for-profit use of caves on Crown Land would need to be reviewed and approved by the Crown Land Authorizations Division (CLAD) under the Land Act.*
- *Caves are protected where they occur within provincial parks, Wildlife Management Areas, federal parks, and other conservation tenures on Crown Land and on private conservancies (e.g., The Nature Trust and The Nature Conservancy of Canada). In 2017, provincial protected areas totalled roughly 15 percent of the province. Spatially Managed Areas and Resource Exclusion Areas, comprising around 25 percent and 12 percent of the province, respectively, also contribute to protection measures where they overlap caves.*
- *Caves are protected through government policy. This is non-legal direction for inventory, assessment and management, including guidance on best management practices. For example, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development maintains the provincial Karst Inventory Standards and Vulnerability Assessment Procedures and the Karst Management Handbook for British Columbia. The handbook identifies recommended best management practices when conducting forest operations on karst terrain.*
- *Best management practices are also available for several sectors in relation to caves as follows:*
 - o *Best Management Practices for Bats in BC*
 - o *Caving, Rock Climbing, Geocaching and other Activities Around Cave and Crevice Habitat*
 - o *Mine Developments and Inactive Mine Habitats*
 - o *Develop with Care 2014*