



AGENDA

**Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
to be held on February 16, 2021 in the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive and by electronic means**

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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 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 2, 2021**
- 2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 2, 2021**
- 3 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting held on February 2, 2021**

G. Rise and Report

H. Business Arising 1 **Presentation by Colleen Evans, Campbell River City Councillor/SRD Director and Co-chair CCSPI presentation Re: CCSPI (Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative)**

J. Council Reports 1 **Mayor Davis**
 2 **Councillor Elder**
 3 **Councillor Fowler**
 4 **Councillor Llewellyn**
 5 **Councillor Northcott**

K. Bylaws **None.**

L. Correspondence 1 **Email from Peter Julian, MP New Westminster-Burnaby Re: Resolution in support of Bill C-213**

 2 **Letter from Diane Nicholls, RPF ADM, Chief Forester, Office of Chief Forester RE: The Provincial Tree Planting Program and COV19-19 Protocols.**

 3 **Request from TELUS for Letter of Support to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Re: TELUS Application: Universal Broadband Fund**

M. New Business 1 **Draft Letter to Honourable Minister Osborne and minutes from January 22, 2021 Re: Provincial Fire Emergency Equipment Funding for Small Rural Communities**

N. Public Input #2 _____

P. Adjournment



Minutes

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| <u>Meeting</u> | Regular Council |
| <u>Date</u> | February 2, 2021 |
| <u>Time</u> | 7:00 PM |
| <u>Place</u> | Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means |

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| <u>Present</u> | Mayor Martin Davis | |
| | Councillor Bill Elder | |
| | Councillor Sarah Fowler | by video |
| | Councillor Cheryl Northcott | by video |
| | Councillor Lynda Llewellyn | by video |
| <u>Staff</u> | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer | |
| | Ian Poole, CPA, CA, Director of Finance | by video |
| | Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator | by video |
| | Shelley Debruyne, Administrative Coordinator | by video |
| <u>Public</u> | 2 members of the public. | by phone/video |

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
 Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon
 Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory

B. Introduction of Late Items and Agenda Changes

Nootka Sound RCMP January 2021 Monthly Report under "Business Arising" as
 "H2".

C. Approval of the Agenda

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0064/2021

THAT the Agenda for the February 2, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted
 as presented amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

None

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 19, 2021

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0065/2021

THAT the Regular Council meeting minutes of January 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

H. Business Arising

1 Report to Council Re: COVID-19 Rent Relief for Village Tenants- Phase 2

Councillor Elder declared a conflict of interest and absented himself from the Council Chambers.

Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0066/2021

THAT this report to Council be received.

Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0067/2021

THAT rents of all business tenants of Village properties be reduced by 25% for the entire year (2021).

CARRIED

2 Nootka Sound RCMP January 2021 Monthly Report

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0068/2021

THAT this report be received.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (verbal report)

Sorry, but I didn't find time to write a proper report, so am making a verbal submission. I have been busy in the media lately. Our McKelvie agreement with Western Forest Products has been getting exposure in social media, several news organizations and I was also interviewed by CBC. On another topic, the federal government has recently taken the position that open net fish farming should be phased out in favour of closed containment, a position that Tahsis Council has affirmed by resolutions, first taken when I was last on council in 2010, then again in 2017. Four north island mayors had recently written a letter to the federal government in favour of maintaining the status quo, and I have made it clear that we do not support this position. That also got the attention of the media, who have interviewed myself for online news and radio coverage. The support from the public has been overwhelming, and I have also heard from some politicians who are supportive.

Councillor Elder (verbal report)

Just with the taxation and the assessments and I passed that along to Sarah Fowler the other day; there is no justification at all.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

Fowler report

February 2 2021

It's groundhog day! And locally is where all the breakdowns happen. Earlier today we had a meeting with Ministry of Forestry staff and 1st round of Budget Talks for 2021. Yesterday I had a Local Government Leadership Academy coffee chat with BC Assessment where I learned today was the deadline to appeal. Since the last meeting I was able to attend the Small Community Forum hosted by the Mayor of Port Hardy with the topic of Provincial Funding For Emergency Fire Equipment and Facilities.

I also have a draft letter as the U4C correspondence, had a productive meeting with the TAAC standing committee, Federation Canadian Municipalities Climate leadership course part 2, Vancouver Island Coastal community climate leader plan budget and funding, Nootka Sound watershed society (which Councilor Northcott also attended.) This week I am attending the virtual forum to Hold A Space For Public Trust, as the ties that bind become loosened during this strange repetitive dance.

Submitted respectfully,
Councilor Fowler

Councillor Llewellyn

I attended the VIRL AGM on Saturday January 30, 2021. I put my name forward for the Executive Committee again but lost out in a runoff ballot to another Trustee. There was a change in the chair with Gaby Wickstrom replacing Brenda Leigh. I received thank you emails from both of them for allowing my name to stand again and for the work I did this past year. VIRL has put in a grant application for a new Library in Tahsis. They built in the cost of preparing the ground into the application. Should they be successful we will have a new library by the end of 2021 as all work must be complete this year to fulfil the grant requirements.

I also attended the SRD Health Network meeting this past week. The Health Network has 2 practicum students who wish do something around low cost housing. One of the students will be working on Gold River's needs and will be supervised by Kaitlyn Nohr. The other student will be working on the needs in Tahsis and I will be her supervisor. Libby King will oversee the complete project. Our student's name is Janet and she has already had some conversations with a local resident who is willing to help answer some of her questions. I forwarded her questions on to council and staff and am happy to receive any and all feedback.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Llewellyn
Feb. 2, 2021

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0069/2021

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

1 Email from Karrenn Baily to Dorothy Hunt Re: Interpretive signage at Muchalaht Lake, Malaspina Lake and Leiner River Campground.

2 Email from Jesse Rand, Vegetation Coordinator, BC Hydro to Don Cox Re: Zeballos Trail/ Maps.

3 Email from Linda Buchanan, Mayor of City of North Vancouver to Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for Translink Re: Implementing a Province-wide Ban on Anticoagulant Rodenticides.

4 Email from Tatesh (Tash) Yamada Re: Work Order 2020-34 and Policy No 4021

5 Letter from Lucy Lobmeier, Honours and Awards Secretariat Re: Order of British Columbia - 2021 Call for Nominations.

6 BC Yukon Command, The Royal Canadian Legion Re: Military Service Recognition Book

7 Email from Sasha Prynn, Program Officer UBCM Re: 2020 Age-Friendly Communities program (Stream 1: Age-Friendly Transportation Planning Project).

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0070/2021

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0071/2021

THAT correspondence items # 1, 4 and 6 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

1 Email from Karrenn Baily to Dorothy Hunt Re: Interpretive signage at Muchalaht Lake, Malaspina Lake and Leiner River Campground.
Discussion followed

4 Email from Tatesh (Tash) Yamada Re: Work Order 2020-34 and Policy No 4021

Staff asked to draft a letter in response denying the property owner's request.

6 BC Yukon Command, The Royal Canadian Legion Re: Military Service Recognition Book

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0072/2021

THAT the Village spend \$275.00 plus tax on business size advertisement in the Royal Canadian Legion, Military Service Recognition Book

CARRIED

M. New Business

1 Resilient Civic Leadership: 5 Week University Certificate Program

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0072/2021

THAT this information be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0073/2021

THAT Councillor Fowler be approved to attend the Resilient Civic Leadership Course.

CARRIED

2 Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Climate Action Goals (working draft)

Llewellyn/Elder: VOT 0074/2021

THAT this document from the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan Steering Committee be received.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

None

Adjournment

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0075/2021

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

16th Day of February 2021

Chief Administrative Officer



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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| Meeting | Committee of the Whole |
| Date | 2 February, 2021 |
| Time | 1:00 p.m. |
| Place | Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means |

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

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| Staff | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer | |
| | Janet St-Denis, Corporate Services Manager | by video |

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| Guests | Lesley Fettes, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natuaral Resource Operations and Rural Development | by video |
| | Gary Gwilt, Resource Manager, Ministry of Froests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development | by video |

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| Public | None. |
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Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory

Introduction of Late Items

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Fowler: COW 001/2021

THAT the Agenda for the February 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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| H. Business Arising | <p>1 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Re: Community Forest Agreement- issues and considerations.</p> <p>After introduction of Lesley Fettes, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Operations and Rural Development, Gary Gwilt provided some background information and spoke to the history of Community Forest Agreements. Mr. Gwilt also explained why seeking a CFA in TFL 19 would likely require a provincial policy change. He indicated that a CFA within the North Island Timber Supply Area might be possible, subject to the Minister's apportionment decision. A question and answer period followed.</p> <p>Fowler: COW 002/2021</p> <p>THAT this presentation be received.</p> | CARRIED |
| Adjournment | <p>Fowler : COW 003/2021</p> <p>THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:01 p.m.</p> | CARRIED |
| | <p>Certified correct this 16th of February, 2021</p> | |

Corporate Officer



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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| Meeting | Committee of the Whole |
| Date | 2 February, 2021 |
| Time | 2:00 p.m. |
| Place | Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means |

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

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| Staff | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer | |
| | Ian Poole, Director of Finance | by video |
| | Janet St-Denis, Corporate Services Manager | by video |

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| Public | No public were in attendance |
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Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory

Introduction of Late Items

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Fowler: COW 004/2021

THAT the Agenda for the February 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole Budget meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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| M. New Business | 1 | Draft#1 2021 Operations Budget and 2021-2025 Capital Plan |
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The Director of Finance presented the proposed 2021 Operations Budget and 2021-2025 Capital Plan for Council's consideration. There was a discussion if whether some capital items should be removed from the Capital Plan. Direction was given to add a passenger van (\$40,000) in the 2022 Capital Plan to meet the recommendations of the Age Friendly Transportation Study report.

Council would like to explore a 3% property tax increase and an increase to the water and sewer rates.

Fowler: COW 005/2021

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

Fowler: COW 006/2021

THAT Council recess for a 10 minute break.

CARRIED

Fowler: COW 007/2021

THAT Council reconvene.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Fowler : COW 008/2021

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
16th of February, 2021

Corporate Officer



DFO-CRF Project: Nootka Sound Chinook Salmon River Habitat Riparian Project

Project Update, January 2021



Year 2 Overview

- \$584,603 for Year 2
- Year 2 ends 31 March 2021



Year 2

Activity 1: Develop and implement prioritized riparian treatment prescriptions for Chum Creek, Little Zeballos River, Tahsis River, Leiner/Perry River and Tsowwin River

- Assessments and prescriptions
- Authorizations
- Contracts
- Work plan changes



Year 2: Tahsis River – Strategies

- Brushing, girdling, planting
- Removal of areas to protect potential archaeological features
- Daily production and input



Treatment Strategies - Girdling



Treatment Strategies - Brushing



Treatment Strategies – Planting & Coning

- 20,250 trees: 8,190 western red cedar (large and regular stock) and 12,060 Sitka spruce
- Half the cedar will have tree shelters; the rest obstacle planted



Treatment Strategies – Planting & Coning

- Trees, shelters, stakes were flown into predetermined caches along the river



Year 2

Activity 2: Gravel bar colonization and stabilization trail with suitable species

- Oktwanch River was selected
- Field work mostly completed
- March 2021 cutting, soaking, planting



Year 2

Activity 3: Revise monitoring plan to include watersheds treated in Year 2 and evaluation of Year 1 treatments

- Monitoring Plan developed for Tahsis River, Leiner/Perry River, Little Zeballos River and Chum Creek
- Conceptual monitoring schedule



Year 2

Activity 4: Continued engagement with local communities

- Led by the NSW



Project Benefits

- Area treated and on its way to accelerated recovery from past practices
 - Skills developed, capacity built
 - Relationships built
 - Local employment and purchases
 - Lessons learned
- All done safely...
- ... All through a global pandemic!

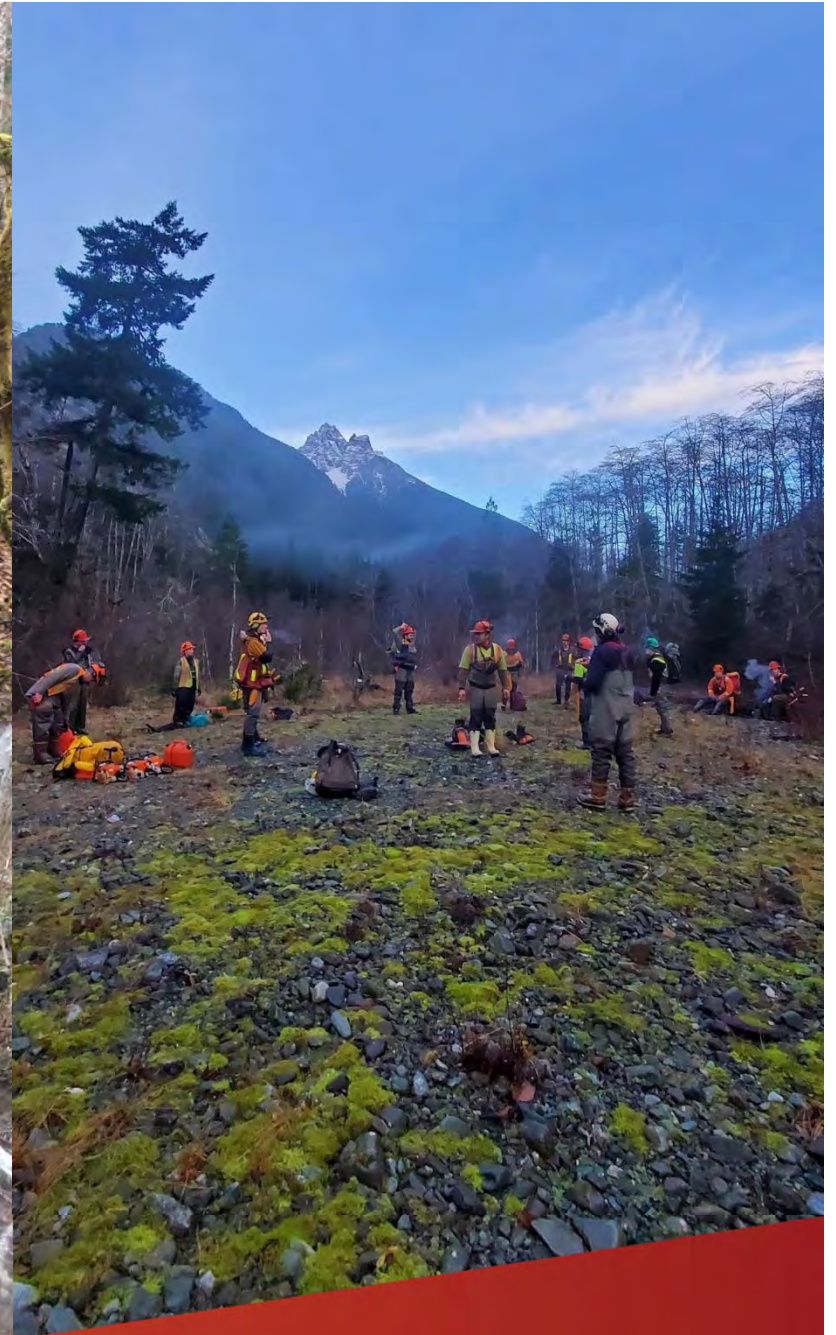


Looking Forward: Year 3... and beyond

- Leiner/Perry River ~2.5 hectares
- Chum Creek ~1.5 hectares
- Little Zeballos River ~17 hectares
- And beyond – brushing treatments, cone removal
- Linkage with other funds



Look at those smiles!



Leigh Stalker, RPF

Project Manager

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I own waders now 😊



Nootka Sound Watershed Society
 Draft Minutes
 Wednesday, November 25th, 2020
 7pm, Online via Zoom
 Meeting ID: 782 446 6504
 Password: none
 Direct Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7824466504>

1. Welcome and attendance

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| Kent O'Neill – President, NSWS Teresa O'Neill – Treasurer, NSWS Karenn Bailey – Stewardship Coordinator, NSWS Lyndy Vroom – Conuma Hatchery, DFO | Craig Blackie – Campbell River Resident Sarah Fowler – Village of Tahsis Samantha Kagan – Secretary, NSWS |
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda - Motion to accept: Teresa 2nd: Sarah

3. Review and adopt of the Minutes from October 28th, 2020 meeting - Motion to accept: Craig 2nd: Teresa

4. Review of action items from October 28th 2020:

New Items

| Action | Who | Status |
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| Write letter of support for work being performed by Karenn – Living Labs | Roger | Done |
| Write letter of support for the Coastal Restoration Society | Roger | Check with Roger. |

Old Items

| Action | Who | Status |
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| Assess pump house ramp for GR egg take | Kent/Roger/Kadin | Ongoing. The access site that was used in 2020 will be used again – the pumphouse ramp may not be a big deal |

5. Old Business

a. **Stewardship Coordinator Report**

Karenn:

Grants written & proposed and updates if available

BCSRIF (habitat modelling tool + riparian silviculture)

Grant Mike McCulloch submitted

HCTF E&R (NSWS riparian silviculture), HCTF (BCCF snorkel survey + habitat)

BC Parks Living Lab (BCIT/NSWS drone + ground-truthing & research plots)

(proposed) FFS Native Trout (NSWS Substrate Muchalaht Lake Outlet/Oktwanch)

(proposed) FFS Native Trout (NSWS MC Wright risk/habitat report)

(proposed) (unidentified grant) Watershed WQ sampling

(proposed) Eco Canada Co-op student (NSWS/BCIT) + CDN jobs grant (Feb 2021)

Community Outreach & Events

preliminary planning for 2021

Intern and Academia & Solutions for Steelhead initiative

partnership with BCIT Ecological Restoration faculty and students continues to grow and evolve

S4S Task Force has met twice since our last NSWS meeting and collaboration is going well

Strategic Partnership Development & Communications

new media contact with the Narwal

b. Fisheries Habitat

Kent: Followed up with Jim Dobinson who was leading the work on the Burman River based on an old Mike Wright proposal.

Kent: Salmon Parks moving ahead full steam.

c. Hatchery Update

i. Conuma

Lyndy:

Targets met except for Tlupana chum. 186 000 there.

Gold came up a little shy at 419 909

Very little mortality at the incubation stage.

Very smooth season over all.

Collaborative agreement up end of March 2021. Need to decide whether 2 term. Mike Austin looking into whether Conuma Hatchery can supplement Tlupana Chum with Conuma/Canton Chum.

ii. Tahsis

This is the first year they are marking both Leiner and Tahsis at the hatchery.

No reports.

iii. Zeballos

No Reports.

iv. Fisheries Management/Area 25 Roundtable Updates

Kent: First post season meetings in a couple weeks.

Boundaries will come up – some discrepancies between sport fish and First Nations fishery causing confusion.

Get DFO to commit to an escapement goal on the Gold River.

d. **Mass Marking**

Kent: BC SRIF application in for the marking trailer. Not feeling great about the outcome, some concerns from DFO about this interfering with CWT program.

e. **Coastal Restoration Fund**

Kent read out status update report.

f. **Fundraising**

Nothing to report.

g. **Terms of Reference review**

Nothing to report.

6. New Business

Karenn: has there been any talk about a Marine Risk Assessment by WCA?

Kent: its on the agenda for A25 roundtable. Will follow up.

7. Correspondence.

Nothing to report.

8. Financial Report

Teresa read out the Financial Report

Motion to accept the financial report: Samantha 2nd: Craig

9. Next Meeting

January 27th 2021.

10. Adjournment

Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

7pm, Online via Zoom

Meeting ID: 829 2035 6477

Password: 943338

Direct Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920356477?pwd=Y3hDc1A0TU9MWG56MDdqeIR5MWJuZz09>**1. Welcome and attendance**

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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda - Motion to accept: 2nd:**3. Review and adopt of the Minutes from November 25th, 2020 meeting - Motion to accept: 2nd:****4. Review of action items from November 25th 2020:**

New Items

No new items

Old Items

| Action | Who | Status |
|---|------------------|--------|
| Assess pump house ramp for GR egg take | Kent/Roger/Kadin | |
| Write letter of support for the Coastal Restoration Society | Roger | |

5. Old Business

a. **Stewardship Coordinator Report**

Karenn would like to discuss the following:

- outstanding PSF grant for Green Crab Education
- the grant for the fish trailer
- the net pen in Muchalat Lake
- If we get the BCSRIF grant, allocating \$6,000 to BCIT student Alex Heckles in a summer co-op program (this enables us to ask for the other half from EcoCanada)
- CRF signage discussion and how this dovetails to our other initiatives/grants
- consideration of making our fiscal year tie in with government
- consideration of hiring a Membership & Communications Coordinator (to full these duties and also raise funds - role funded through a % of money raised)
- the education line item in my contract and what the BOD sees as do-able/overall goal here (public education?) and if they are willing to pay mileage from campbell River and inform them the outstanding stuff from the last application
- My contract re-negotiation date pushed to April 1st (basically pending BCSRIF results)
 - 15K grant available from NTC for training

b. **Fisheries Habitat**

c. **Hatchery Update**

i. **Conuma**

ii. **Tahsis**

iii. **Zeballos**

iv. **Fisheries Management/Area 25 Roundtable Updates**

- d. **Mass Marking**
 - e. **Coastal Restoration Fund**
 - f. **Fundraising**
 - g. **Terms of Reference review**
- 6. New Business**
- a. 7:15pm: Leigh Stalker from Strategic Natural Resource Consultants will give a presentation/update on Year 2 of the Coastal Restoration Fund project
- 7. Correspondence.**
- 8. Financial Report**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Adjournment**

Subject: FW: Resolution in support of Bill C-213

From: peter.julian.c1@parl.gc.ca <peter.julian.c1@parl.gc.ca>

Sent: January 26, 2021 1:56 PM

To: Martin Davis <iskarst22@gmail.com>; Mark Tatchell <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>

Cc: Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>; Councillor Elder <beldertahsis@gmail.com>; Councillor Fowler <sarahfowlertahsis@gmail.com>; councillor Llewellyn <lyndabs1983@gmail.com>; Cheryl Northcott <northcott.council@gmail.com>; Mayor Davis <Mayor@villageoftahsis.com>

Subject: [SOPHOS GATEWAY – DKIM FAILED] RE: Resolution in support of Bill C-213

Dear Mayor Davis and Council of Village of Tahsis,

Thank you for your endorsement in supporting my Private Member's [Bill C-213, An Act to Enact the Canada Pharmacare Act](#). I hope that you and your family are healthy and staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bill C-213 is a groundbreaking new federal legislation, modelled off the Canada Health Act, to establish a universal, single-payer, comprehensive and public pharmacare plan that is accessible and affordable, the very principles of universal medicare. The Canada Pharmacare Act will deliver better healthcare and improve the health and lives of millions of Canadians.

We are reaching a crucial period for Bill C-213. **The second hour of debate and first parliamentary vote will take place this upcoming February.** Bill C-213 could be the law of the land by next spring. That is why your endorsement is such a critical stepping stone to help move Bill C-213 forward.

Thank you again for taking part in this life-changing movement that will positively affect the health and wellness of all Canadians.

Stay healthy and safe in these challenging times,

Peter Julian

MP New Westminster-Burnaby

NDP House Leader

NDP Spokesperson on Finance

Bonjour membres du conseil municipal de Village of Tahsis,

Nous vous remercions vivement pour votre soutien de mon projet de loi [C-213, Loi édictant la Loi canadienne sur l'assurance médicaments](#). J'espère que vous et votre famille êtes en bonne santé et en sécurité pendant la pandémie de la COVID-19.

Le projet de loi C-213 est une nouvelle législation fédérale novatrice, inspirée de la Loi canadienne sur la santé, qui vise à établir un régime d'assurance-médicaments universel, à payeur unique, complet et public, tel que

recommandé par le Conseil consultatif Hoskins. C-213 permettra de fournir de meilleurs soins de santé et d'améliorer la santé et la vie de millions de Canadiens et de Canadiennes.

Nous arrivons à une période cruciale pour le projet de loi C-213. La deuxième heure de débat aura lieu le 18 février, suivie par le premier vote parlementaire. Le projet de loi C-213 pourrait devenir une loi au printemps prochain. C'est pourquoi votre soutien est une étape essentielle pour nous aider à faire avancer ce projet de loi.

Je vous remercie encore une fois d'avoir pris part et de vous être impliqué dans ce mouvement positif d'intérêt national en faveur de la santé et le bien-être de tous les Canadiens et Canadiennes.

Restez en bonne santé et en sécurité en ces temps difficiles,

Peter Julian,

Député, New Westminster-Burnaby

Leader Parlementaire du NPD

Porte-parole du NPD en matière de finances



Reference: 260847

Feb. 2, 2021

The Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Mayor / Chief and Council

It was my intent to reach out to the municipalities, indigenous communities, forest licensees and the planting contract community prior to the start of the 2021 planting season. The past year has been filled with new and challenging business processes focused on keeping workers and communities safe as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the province. As you'll remember, last spring's planting season began as our knowledge of the pandemic started to unfold, and through an unprecedented season of collaboration by all sectors, we successfully planted over 300 million trees with close to 6000 tree planters and without a single confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus in our workforce.

The combination of Public Health Office orders and operating guidelines, along with the forest sector working collaboratively with government and local communities, was paramount in helping make the 2020 planting season successful. The forestry sector is currently preparing for the 2021 tree planting season again, to ensure community and worker safety with respect to COVID-19. Forest activities, including tree planting, continue to be designated an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an important part of the provincial economy and for environmental sustainability, every year the forest sector in BC engages in Canada's largest tree planting program to ensure that areas harvested or destroyed by insects and wildfire are replanted. The 2021 planting season will be equally significant to last year, with about 300 million seedlings scheduled to be planted.

The 2021 planting program will begin on BC's coast at the end of February and in the interior in about mid-April. Learning from our experiences last year, the forest sector response and safe delivery of the 2020 tree planting program, preparations began last fall and will continue through the tree planting season to ensure that the safety of our workers and the surrounding communities are our highest priority.

For the 2021 tree planting season our goals are once again to:

- Prevent the transmission of any potential infection from the silviculture workers to communities around the province; and
- Ensure that the planters are kept safe and healthy so they can complete another planting season successfully.

- Keep municipalities and indigenous community leaders informed of the planting as it moves with the spring openings.

To ensure that we can achieve our goals, as we did in 2020, please be aware of the following:

- Those working in the silviculture industry in the north of the province must follow the requirements of the new Provincial Health Officer (PHO) order, *Resource Sector Worksites and Industrial Camps in the Region of the Northern Health Authority* published as of January 12, 2021, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-industrial-camps-northern-health.pdf> while the rest of the province is required to follow the pre-existing order *Industrial Camps – July 2, 2020*. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/archived-docs/pho_order_industrial_camps_april_23_2020.pdf All workers will be required to follow the PHO orders as they are amended to address changing conditions.
- Along with PHO orders, there are a number of guidance documents available to the planting contractors, both from the Ministry of Health and the Western Forestry Contractors Association (WFCA).
- A key success factor in 2020, which will continue for 2021, is the commitment for government and industry to align and collaborate on delivery of the planting program. A critical piece of that commitment includes frequent and clear communication.

An essential part of that commitment to communication is to identify and resolve issues both within the planting programs and also, most importantly, to provide information to communities about what is happening as the tree planting season progresses. As with all good communication, it will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and provide details about local issues.

Outreach and communication will begin over the next few weeks as we approach the planting season in your area.

I have asked the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development District Managers to be the point of contact for tree planting information for communities following on the success and effectiveness of the role they played in 2020.

In the interim, if you have specific questions please direct them to Shane Berg, Deputy Chief Forester at Shane.Berg@gov.bc.ca. With your assistance, I am confident we will accomplish similar successes in 2021.

Yours truly,



Diane Nicholls, RPF
ADM, Chief Forester
Office of the Chief Forester

pc: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister
Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer

Subject: FW: TELUS Letter of Support - UBF Funding
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From: Doug Anastos <Doug.Anastos@telus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:02 PM
To: Mark Tatchell <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>
Subject: TELUS Letter of Support - UBF Funding

Hi Mark,

I hope that all is well with you. TELUS is planning to submit an application to UBF to assist in costs to upgrade our cell site in Tahsis to better serve the community. The support of local governments can really help the success of our applications. As such, we would like to request a letter of support from the Village.

I have attached a draft letter of support for your consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Doug

Doug Anastos

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To: Whom it May Concern

Re: TELUS Application: Universal Broadband Fund

Cc: Doug Anastos – TELUS – Senior Manager – Technology Strategy – Doug.Anastos@telus.com
Harmen Kahlon – TELUS – Senior Manager – Technology Strategy - harmen.kahlon@telus.com

The Village of Tahsis fully supports TELUS's application to provide increased wireless connectivity under the Universal Broadband Fund.

The proposed project under consideration will improve existing wireless connectivity to our community. This will allow the Village to better serve our community members within Tahsis. It will greatly improve safety by enabling e911 calls and will enable tele-health, and tele-work. Reliable cellular coverage will also provide opportunities for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop in an increasingly virtual world.

Improving connectivity within rural communities enables residents to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy, including those residents from underrepresented groups. Internet has become an essential service and provides access for residents to numerous benefits such as tele-health, distance learning, and telework. Today, reliable internet access has become a virtual requirement for commercial and industrial businesses, whether small or large, to operate and develop.

Access to reliable internet also provides social services within the municipality valuable avenues to serve the residents. The internet has made connecting key social service institutions with the residents who use those institutions much easier. Furthermore, this access, expedited through the Universal Broadband Fund, will contribute to a multitude of government strategies that have become easiest to access via the internet.

We are working to support the long-term growth of our community. A key enabler to achieve this goal is the ability to connect government and social service offices, businesses and homes in my community to high-speed broadband networks. As such, access to wireless infrastructure is critical for my community to engage in numerous aspects of the digital economy.

The funding assistance from the Universal Broadband Fund for the delivery of wireless connectivity is invaluable to the prosperity of the Village of Tahsis. Without the support of this fund, many communities would not be able to enjoy the level of connectivity that is required to fully participate in society.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Sincerely,

The Village of Tahsis

**PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY
FIRE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES
FRIDAY JANUARY 22, 2021 11:00 AM
VIA ZOOM**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Dugas welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting is virtually being hosted on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people, Gilakas'la.

Introductions:

Mayor Dennis Dugas- Port Hardy

Mayor Gaby Wickstrom- Port McNeill

Mayor Bill Beamish- Gibson's

Mayor Martin Davis - Tahsis

Councillor Sarah Fowler- Tahsis

Mayor Mark Baker- Sayward

Director Andrew Hory- RDMW

Mayor Kevin Cameron- Port Alice

Mayor Dennis Buchanan- Alert Bay

Mayor Leslie Baird- Cumberland

Mayor Brad Unger- Gold River

Mayor Julie Colburn- Zeballos

Mayor Mayco Noel- Ucluelet

Mayor Dugas provided the background to the process of the UBCM and resolutions passed or endorsed at those conferences and how the Province has not supported the requests from local governments to help us fund fire services.

The need to form a coalition of small communities to lobby the government to ensure that the service, which yes is listed as a 'may have' in the Community Charter is obviously not a service that people do not want or need.

Mayor Baird communicated to the group the issues they had accessing funding for an upgrade to their Fire Hall in Cumberland. The community had to take out debt in order to fund the service, A referendum was done with 82% support, but the province and the federal government was not able to provide support.

2. Background Discussion, challenges and strategies for small communities

- Access to reliable funding
- Aging infrastructure
- Road Rescue requirements
- Worksafe BC
- Playbook training requirements
- Cost for apparatus and other equipment is high
- Assisting only when there is capacity and need the funding to build the capacity
- Of the small communities in attendance only 3 have paid departments and volunteerism is low
- Insurance funding and the requirement to protect structures in the community. Insurance companies are making money off our ability to respond
- Rescue highway calls turn out to be false alarms with no cell service to call off the responders

- Claims from ICBC will be reduced when we are better equipped and able to respond to save their costs
- We need cell coverage to ensure we can communicate false alarms.
- Levels of policing funded through government similar model needed for fire services

3. Draft Letter to Honourable Minister Osborne

See attached updated letter

4. Next steps

Letter to be sent to the communities for endorsement and sent to the Minister

5. Adjournment

12:15 pm

Honourable Josie Osborne Minister Municipal Affairs

Dear Ms. Osborne

We are looking for your support regarding a critical public safety issue in our small rural communities, specifically the lack of Provincial funding for essential local fire and road rescue services, which would include apparatus, equipment, training and facilities.

As you are aware the cost of protecting our communities has increased significantly over the years. The cost of apparatus, equipment, training, and facilities are putting the small rural communities in a critical financial bind, taxing the residents beyond what is affordable and without provincial support we feel our financial situation will be unsustainable.

This request for Provincial funding assistance has been presented to the Province through endorsed resolutions to the UBCM for over 27 years, to date the provincial response has been "NO". We feel we cannot accept this answer anymore.

Through the Insurance Premium Tax, the Province has collected a 4.4% tax revenue through residential / commercial fire insurance and automobile insurance since 1921, which we now believe goes into the government's general revenue fund. The estimated revenue collected is in the hundreds of millions annually, we are asking for some of this revenue to be available through grant programs or another form of assistance to support our communities so we can provide an affordable, reliable, and sustainable essential fire protection and road rescue service for our regional residents and businesses.

We look forward to your assistance in setting up meetings with the appropriate Ministers to discuss ways we can leverage reliable funding support for fire and road rescue services in small rural communities.

We look forward to your reply.

All Mayors names below AVICC members