



## AGENDA

**Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council  
to be held on June 1, 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**

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**F. Adoption of the  
Minutes**

**1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2021**

**G. Rise and Report**

- H. Business Arising**      1      **Proposed Tahsis Seniors Volunteer Ride Share Service – Notice of Motion from Councillor Fowler:**
- J. Council Reports**      1      **Mayor Davis**  
    2      **Councillor Elder**  
    3      **Councillor Fowler**  
    4      **Councillor Llewellyn**  
    5      **Councillor Northcott**
- K. Bylaws**                      None.
- L. Correspondence**      1      **UBCM Re: CEPF -2021 Emergency Support Services Program - Approval Agreement and Terms of Conditions of Funding**
- 2      **Email from Darlene MacKinnon, Chief Operating Officer, BC Emergency Health Services Re: Scheduled On-Call (SOC) – Vancouver Island / Gulf Islands Prototype.**
- 3      **Julie Colborne, Mayor, Village of Zeballos letter to Hon. Adrian Dix, Ministry of Health Re: Concern for the sustainability of BC Ambulance Service in the Zeballos area.**
- 4      **Letter from Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors to Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development- Re: Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting on Vancouver Island.**
- 5      **Dan Law, Mayor, District of Tofino letter to Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development- Re: Support for expedient and resourced Implementation of the Old-Growth Strategic Review.**
- 6      **Spark BC Re: Say Yes to Access- June 5th Access Awareness Day**
- 7      **Email and resolution from the Mayor and Council of the Village of Gold River submitted to AVICC and UBCM Re: Support Working Forests on Vancouver Island and in British Columbia.**
- 8      **Mike Little, Mayor, District of North Vancouver letter to UBCM Re: BC Government's Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws.**
- N. Public Input #2**
- P. Adjournment**



## Minutes

<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>18-May-21</b>
<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b>

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Bill Elder Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by video by video
<b><u>Staff</u></b>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Ian Poole, Director of Finance Shelley Debruyne, Administrative Coordinator Janet St-Denis, Corporate Services Manager	by video by video by video
<b><u>Public</u></b>	4 members of the public	by phone/video

### **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**

None.

### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0221/2021**

**THAT** the Agenda for the May 18, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **D. Petitions and Delegations**

None

### **E. Public Input # 1**

A member of the public thanked Public Works for erecting the Tahsis Heritage Society and Chamber of Commerce sign.

### **F. Adoption of the Minutes**

**1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2021**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0222/2021**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 4, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 11, 2021**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0223/2021**

**THAT** the Special Council Meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **G. Rise and Report**

At the May 18th closed meeting, Council decided to not accept any offers for the sale of the Wharf Street property (that Part of District Lot 443, Nootka District shown outlined in red on Plan 1748R). Council also decided to accept an offer for the sale and purchase of the property located at 146 Alpine View Road (Lot 2, District Lot 595, Nootka District, Plan 355185).

### **H. Business Arising**

#### **1 Report to Council Re: Community Unity Trail**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0224/2021**

**THAT** this report be received.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Davis spoke to this Report to Council. A discussion on the options set out in the report followed.

**Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0225/2021**

**THAT** staff arrange to meet with Onsite Engineering Ltd. to request a desk review of the RSTBC decision and the information relied upon by RSTBC in making its March 12, 2021 decision to not approve the Village's application under the Forest and Range Practices Act.

**CARRIED**

### **J. Council Reports**

**Mayor Davis** (written report)

On May 5, I was on a call with Island Mayors, the Provincial Municipal Affairs Minister and the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture regarding improving internet connectivity. One of the key topics and major sore point amongst the Mayors is the efforts of telecoms to suppress efforts to bring truly high speed internet to small communities across this coast, by misrepresenting internet speeds available to customers to the Federal Government. For Tahsis, this cost us a potential \$2.4 million dollar federal matching grant (Tahsis would have had to kick in 10%) that would have been used to bring fibre optics to our residents for speeds of around 1 gigabyte. We have a workaround though and will be seeing high speed by 2022 if all goes well with the Connected Coast project, which is bringing service to all the small coastal communities in BC through a public/private partnership. In the meantime, the Union of BC Municipalities is conducting a study of small underserved communities to document the disparity in reported versus actual speeds. I also identified to the Ministers the lack of any cell service on the Head Bay road out of town, which is a safety issue for our citizens.

I have also attended regional district and regional health board meetings.

**Councillor Fowler (written report)**

1. Community excellence awards deadline for the UBCM is this Friday, May 21.
2. The Seniors Covid 19 Relief Food Bank has started the second offering and last week delivered fresh food bags in partnership with the Community Cupboard volunteers.
3. It is Local Government Awareness, Public Works and Asset Management Week.

**Councillor Elder**

No Report

**Councillor Northcott**

No Report

**Councillor Llewellyn (verbal report)**

This weekend I will not be available due to the fact I will be conducting interviews for the Executive Director position of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0226/2021**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

None.

**L. Correspondence**

- 1 **Stephanie Olson on behalf of TACo Re: Requesting use of Village property for Saturday Markets.**

- 2 Andy Adams, Mayor, City of Campbell River Re: Logging at-risk old-growth forests.
- 3 George Hanson, President and CEO & Dan Hurley, Chair of Vancouver Island Economic Alliance letter to Mayor and Council Re: State of the Island Economic
- 4 Joan Atkinson, Mayor, The District of MacKenzie Re: Support for the three-digit suicide prevention hotline.
- 5 Letter to Mayor and Council from Barb Murry, Bears Matter Consulting Re: Resolution- Moratorium on Wolf Hunting in B.C.

**Lewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0227/2021**

**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0228/2021**

**THAT** correspondence item #1 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

- 1 Stephanie Olson on behalf of TACo Re: Requesting use of Village property for Saturday Markets.

Council spoke to this correspondence item. A brief discussion followed.

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0229/2021**

**THAT** Village approve the use of the space by the Tahsis Artisan's Co-op next to the Tahsis Fish Processing for three Saturday public markets on June 26th, July 31st and August 28th.

**CARRIED**

**N. Public Input #2**

None.

**Adjournment**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0230/2021**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this**

the 1st day of June, 2021

**Chief Administrative Officer**



April 29, 2021

David Leitch, Chief Administrative Officer  
Strathcona Regional District  
990 Cedar Street  
Campbell River, BC, V9W 7Z8

**RE: CEPF: 2021 Emergency Support Services Program – Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding – IN CONFIDENCE**

Dear Mr. Leitch,

Thank you for submitting a regional application in partnership with Campbell River, Ehattesaht First Nation, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, Nuchatlaht First Nation, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos, Wei Wai Kum First Nation and We Wai Kai First Nation to the 2021 Emergency Support Services funding stream under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee has approved funding for your regional project, *Modernization and Group Lodging Capacity Enhancement*, in the amount of \$125,701.00.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide, grant payments will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, we have the following requirements:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO or designate and returned to UBCM;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval in confidence until May 14, 2021;
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named project and for the expenses itemized in the budget that was approved as part of your application;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide;

*The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC*

- (5) All project activities must be completed within 12 months, and no later than April 30, 2022;
- (6) The Final Report Form is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of the project end date and no later than May 31, 2022;
- (7) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days of project end date;
- (8) Applicants who submitted funding requests for Justice Institute of British Columbia Emergency Support Services courses are advised that if a course is approved for funding under the regular Provincial ESS training program, this cost will no longer be eligible through the CEPF grant. Applicants are also advised that the ESS Director's Course is funded by the Province and is not eligible for funding under CEPF. For more information on ESS training provided by EMBC please contact your EMBC regional manager.
- (9) The approved public bodies are required to comply with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and ensure that any collected personal information about an identifiable individual as part of the approved project is compliant with the residency and sovereignty requirements of that legislation.

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or the provincial government websites, and all final report materials will be made available to the provincial government.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to develop ESS capacity to support the resiliency of BC communities.

If you have any questions, please contact Local Government Program Services at [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca).

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bishop, CEPF Program Officer – *VIA EMAIL*

cc: Shaun Koopman, Protective Services Coordinator

*Enclosure*



**Approval Agreement** (to be signed by the CAO or designate)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions, and the requirements for funding under the 2021 Emergency Support Services funding stream.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Strathcona Regional District

*Please return a scanned copy of all three pages of the signed  
Approval Agreement Letter to [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca)*

May 19, 2021

**Village of Tahsis**

*Via e-mail:*

Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer

[mtatchell@villageoftahsis.com](mailto:mtatchell@villageoftahsis.com)

Hello Mr. Tatchell,

**RE: Scheduled On-Call (SOC) – Vancouver Island / Gulf Islands Prototype**

We are pleased to be able to provide an update on how BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) is enhancing emergency services in rural and remote communities like yours.

Historically, BCEHS has relied on on-call staffing (often referred to as 'casual' in other areas of health care) to maintain ambulance service in small communities. We have been fortunate to have dedicated and committed paramedics in many communities, but this staffing model presents challenges for reliable coverage, pay and career pathways as well as maintaining staff in these communities. Without a regular, predictable income, paramedics seek to move to larger communities to secure full-time work.

As part of the 2019-2022 Collective Agreement between BCEHS and the Ambulance Paramedics and Dispatchers of BC (CUPE Local 873), several initiatives were agreed on to create permanent, salaried jobs for paramedics, including a new staffing model called Scheduled On-Call (SOC). BCEHS and CUPE 873 - the union representing paramedics - have agreed to these changes and the employees themselves ratified the agreement. With plenty of collaboration, joint committees and planning, we are working together to see the successful implementation of this model.

With the introduction of SOC, we will be creating regular part-time SOC unit chief positions at every rural and remote station in BC that does not currently have a regular unit chief. Many areas will also see an expansion of community paramedic services. Introducing the SOC model, as well as changes we are making to convert 'stand-by' on-call shifts to regularized positions, where possible, will help stabilize staffing and improve emergency coverage in these communities. These changes are now underway on Vancouver Island and on some Gulf Islands. Other parts of the province are still under analysis and more should be known about those resources later this summer.

Although these changes are exciting and necessary for improvements to happen, we understand there may be impacts and transitional periods along the way. We are talking with our staff and providing as much information as we can during this time of change and encouraging those interested in regular work to apply for the many permanent positions being created. Overall, the SOC model will be creating more than 170 regular positions across the province. In addition, BCEHS has also invested and implemented changes to other staffing and scheduling models to improve patient care. These initiatives are adding hundreds of new regular positions across the province.

The intent of all these changes is to increase the number of regular positions in smaller communities, provide stable employment for paramedics and opportunities to further their careers in these communities. For residents in these communities, SOC aims to provide more consistent emergency health coverage along with new opportunities for paramedic support to local health services.

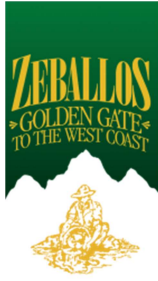
This kind of transformation is the largest ever undertaken by our organization and one that we expect will better integrate with community health services and enhance our services to patients in a variety of ways.

If you would like more information, we would be happy to meet with you virtually. Alternatively, you can email [MyCommunity@bcehs.ca](mailto:MyCommunity@bcehs.ca) for more information.

Sincerely,

*Signed by*

Darlene MacKinnon  
Chief Operating Officer  
BC Emergency Health Services



## VILLAGE OF ZEBALLOS

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File: 7100-01 and 0400-20

May 10, 2021

### EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Adrian Dix  
Minister of Health  
PO BOX 9050 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

**Re: Concern for the sustainability of BC Ambulance services in the Zeballos area**

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Dear Minister Dix,

I am writing to you today to plead for the reinstatement of a model of BC Ambulance Services healthcare that suits the needs of small, rural, remote communities. We are the people you serve and are in dire need of sustainable, quality healthcare access like any other BC resident.

The Village of Zeballos is the smallest municipality in BC, with only 107 permanent year round residents located on the territory of the ʔiɬʔatisaθ činaɣint First Nation. The First Nations Village of Ehatis is located in the valley adjacent to Zeballos, and the villages of Oclucje, where the Nuchatlaht First Nation resides, and Fair Harbour, with access to Kyuquot are 12 and 37 km away respectively. Zeballos and Ehatis are located at the end of a 42 km unpaved Forest Service Road with active logging. There are limited services and amenities in the Village, meaning residents must travel to larger centres to meet many basic needs, such as specialized medical appointments, hospitals, and major grocery shopping. The nearest commercial centre is Port McNeill, which is 84 km away.

I understand that BC Ambulance has changed to a new model of service within the organization from a call-out with 4 hour pay (also called a KILO guarantee) model of service to Scheduled on Call (SOC) program. This new model would see one regular part time paid position and the rest of the paramedics on call being given pager pay (at \$2/hr). This is concerning to a small community (as noted above) for several reasons including availability of paramedics in community; issues with recruitment and retention, coverage for the area; and safety of our community, the area, its visitors, and workers.

Firstly, the change to an SOC model does not support the sustainable and working health model that the KILO guarantee model provided as this change means a real possibility of fewer shifts covered. The SOC program means zero coverage on weekends, and as few as four ambulance working days where two paramedics are required to staff the car in a month. Zeballos Clinic is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5

*Sent from the territory of the Ehattesaht Chinehkint First Nation.*

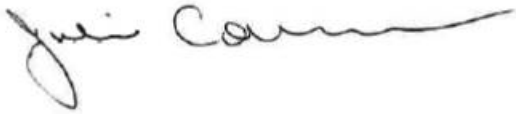
pm. As the nearest ambulance outside of community comes from Port McNeill or Port Hardy stations, that call out time is dramatically increased from 10-20 minutes (attendants available in Zeballos) to upward of two hours. These are life saving minutes.

Secondly, the KILO program guaranteed a living wage for ambulance attendants in community, and when that was not enough, the flexibility to have 12-hour shifts alternate from other jobs and careers they have in community. Zeballos has fought long and hard to keep people working and living here, and just as we see our population increase, our levels of service are going down. This project may be working in larger places but is not sufficient for a remote community such as ours. The KILO guarantee that is in use now has our attendants staffing a car 24/7 and THAT is a full coverage, fantastic model for our communities and beyond.

Lastly, as our ambulance covers the villages of Zeballos, Ehatis, Oclucje, and Fair Harbour; there is a need for reliable services. We are rebranding the Village from resource-based industry to tourism and have many visitors throughout the year. We also are remote, and resource extraction from forestry, mining and fishing are still a large part of the economies in the area. For these reasons, and as our population grows, the call volume and need for service are both increasing.

I put this to you, Mr. Dix, as our health minister. Please protect our communities, and our essential ambulance attendant's livelihoods. I see this move as a catastrophic collapse of a service. We are still in the thick of a global pandemic and are trying to see to the healthcare needs of our residents, the area, and the visitors who are seeking a break from urban locales. Help us do just that by finding a model that works for all the service users.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Julie Colborne', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Julie Colborne

Mayor

**From:** [Janice Hill](#)  
**To:** ["FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca"](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
**Cc:**

Correspondence regarding the Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting on Vancouver Island  
May 18, 2021 10:16:28 AM  
[Minister Conroy re Wolf Moratorium.pdf](#)

**Subject:**  
**Date:**  
**Attachments:**

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Honourable Katrin Conroy,  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,

Please find attached correspondence from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors regarding the Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting on Vancouver Island.

**Janice Hill**

**Executive Assistant to the CAO**

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District  
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May 17, 2021

Honourable Katrin Conroy  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development  
Victoria, BC  
Via Email: [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Conroy,

We write to you today in relation to the letter from the District of Sooke dated March 8, 2021 calling for a Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting on Vancouver Island. The letter references the District of Oak Bay's AVICC resolution to *"implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting on Vancouver Island, pending completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with the Island's Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on the Island's biodiversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the resident wolf population."*

We respect and support our local government peers taking an active role in using their voice to improve provincial policy. We wish to observe, however, that the hunting and trapping of wolves is not unrestricted within Region 1 (Vancouver Island). Rather, the current synopsis specifies harvest limits, methods, dates, closed or restricted geographic areas, as well as guidelines for compulsory inspections, which is required for all wolves harvested in Region 1.

There may be excellent reasons to suspend hunting wolves in a certain geographic location, or for a certain sub-species while the matter is scientifically studied (including to determine if a population is sufficiently distinct to be categorized as a sub-species). However, a blanket moratorium ignores other important issues such as instances of aggressive wolves that threaten humans or agricultural livestock.

Vancouver Island is home to two large game ungulates – Roosevelt elk and Columbia black-tailed deer, while also being home to three big game predators – grey wolves, cougars, and black bears (and, as noted in the synopsis, now some grizzly bears on the north end of the Island). A blanket moratorium on one of our large predators risks creating a negative imbalance on Region 1 big game wildlife management, especially to our deer and elk populations.

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors supports a balanced, fact-based, scientific discussion on this matter (a discussion that must be necessarily broad to include First Nations, wildlife interest groups, recreational hunters, biologists, etc.) and we thank our peers in Sooke for raising this issue and the Minister and her staff for their studied approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Jack". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Jack, Chairperson

cc: AVICC  
AVICC Local Government Membership



**From:** Nikki Best <[nbest@tofino.ca](mailto:nbest@tofino.ca)>

**Sent:** May 18, 2021 5:28 PM

**Subject:** District of Tofino - Letter to Minister Conroy re: Support for the Expedient and Resourced Implementation of Old-Growth Strategic Review

Hello,

At the May 11, 2021 regular meeting, the District of Tofino Council unanimously carried the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 226/21:**

**“THAT the District of Tofino Council send the letter titled “Support for the Expedient and Resourced Implementation of Old-Growth Strategic Review” to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and MLA Josie Osborne;**

**AND THAT the letter be carbon copied to the local governments of British Columbia.”**

Please see the attached correspondence for your records.

Sincerely,

**Nikki Best** (*she/her*) | Manager of Corporate Services | **District of Tofino** | 121 Third Street, Box 9, Tofino BC V0R 2Z0 | T 250.725.3229 ext 610 | E [nbest@tofino.ca](mailto:nbest@tofino.ca) | **COVID-19 INFORMATION:** [www.tofino.ca/covid-19](http://www.tofino.ca/covid-19)

**Sent from within the Hahuulthii of the Tla-o-qui-aht Ha'wiih.**

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Honourable Katrine Conroy  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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Victoria BC, V8W9E2

May 11, 2021  
File No. COM-02 FLNRORD  
[FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Conroy,

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**Re: Support for Expedient and Resourced Implementation of the Old-Growth Strategic Review**

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On behalf of the District of Tofino Council, I write to you expressing support for the expedient and resourced implementation of the 14 recommendations in the report titled “A Strategic Review of How British Columbia Manages for Old Forests Within its Ancient Ecosystems” (the Strategic Review) written by Registered Professional Foresters Garry Merkel and Al Gorley.

We commend the Minister and Premier Horgan for having publicly committed to implement the Strategic Review in its totality. However, to adequately manage and protect BC’s old forest biodiversity, attributes, values and benefits for future generations, we specifically request an expedient Provincial response to recommendations 6 and 7:

6. Until a new strategy is implemented, defer development in old forests where ecosystems are at very high and near-term risk of irreversible biodiversity loss.
7. Bring management of old forests into compliance with existing provincial targets and guidelines for maintaining biological diversity.

The District of Tofino also adds our voice to concerns that BC Budget 2021 shows no allocated funding toward the implementation of the recommendations, or to transitional supports for communities and Indigenous governments as they adapt to changes resulting from new forest management systems.

While BC Budget 2021 does include increased funding for land-use planning modernization, support for negotiations with Indigenous communities, and funds to enact the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, the budget is missing critical funding pieces needed to fully implement the Old Growth Strategic Review recommendations.

Situated within the Territory of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, thirty years ago our region was also at a crossroads with respect to the ongoing harvest of timber resources. Since that time, the District of Tofino has continued to engage with the Province and other governments on issues of sustainability and equity, as noted in our most recent Strategic Plan, protocol agreements and other corporate strategies.

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Office of the Mayor

Our intention in writing to you, Minister, is to not only show the District of Tofino's support for the expedient implementation of the Strategic Review's recommendations, but also to add our voice to the calls for dedicated funding to enact the recommendations in an economically just manner to build healthier ecosystems, better long-term land management and greater public support for this much needed paradigm shift.

Sincerely,

**Dan Law, Mayor  
District of Tofino**

cc. MLA Josie Osborne  
Local Governments of British Columbia

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**Subject:** FW: Say Yes to Access - June 5th Access Awareness Day  
**Attachments:** SayYesToAccess\_SPARCBC.pdf

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**From:** Info <[info@sparc.bc.ca](mailto:info@sparc.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** May 17, 2021 9:47 AM  
**Subject:** Say Yes to Access - June 5th Access Awareness Day

Hello Community,

**Saturday June 5, 2021** is Access Awareness Day – A day for communities to come together to celebrate what it means to be truly accessible and inclusive for everyone!

Access Awareness Day falls within *National AccessAbility Week* which is always celebrated in the last week in May and is designed to draw attention to the talents and contributions that people living with disabilities make in their communities every day!

This year, the theme for Access Awareness Day is “**Say Yes to Access**”. As part of this year’s celebrations, our focus is on the different ways that people and communities across B.C. can come together to build true inclusion. To help support local efforts, small grants of **\$500** are available to help celebrate the different ways that communities have been successful in promoting greater inclusion.

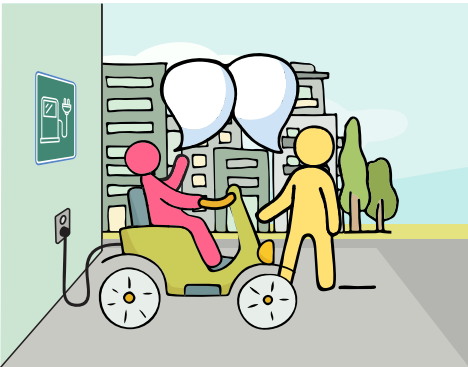
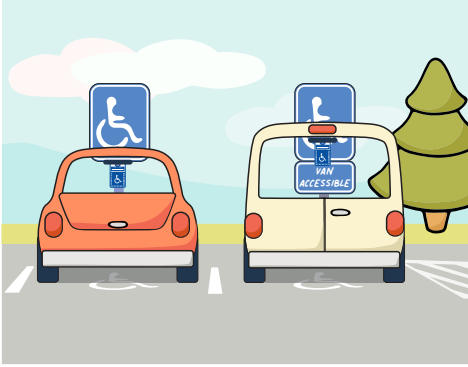
We will be happy to share more information, please do not hesitate to reach us at [info@sparc.bc.ca](mailto:info@sparc.bc.ca) with the subject line - **Say Yes to Access**.

- If you would like to **host an event**
- If you would like to **share information** about the different ways that your community has been successful in coming together to promote greater accessibility.
- If you have **ideas** about ways to *promote* greater accessibility
- If you wish to explore *potential opportunities* for **partnership**

By working together, it is possible to create communities where everyone can share their talents and abilities in real and meaningful ways and where the possibilities are limitless. We know the difference that we can together make when we **Say, Yes to Access**.

Thank you for the role that you play every day in making this vision a reality!





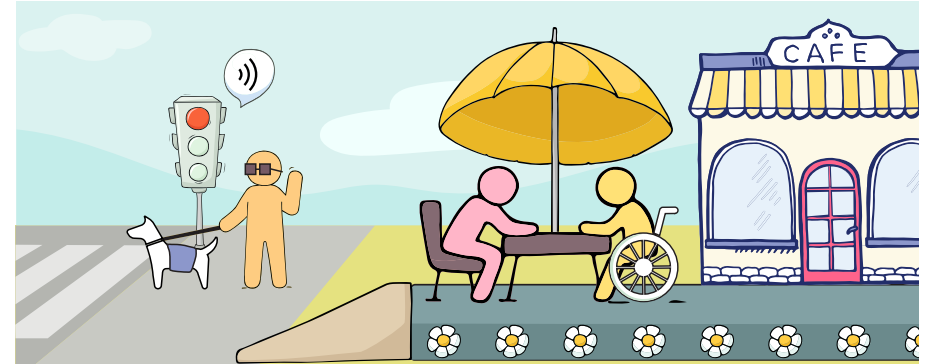
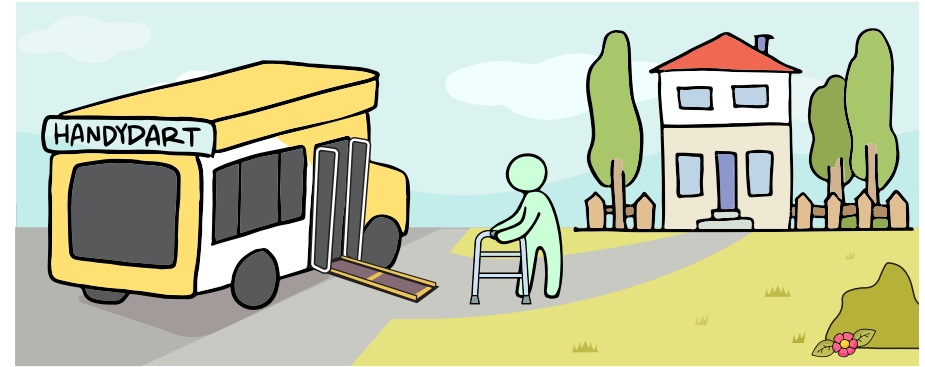
The first Saturday in June is  
Access Awareness Day

Say Yes to Access

Saturday June 5, 2021  
is Access Awareness Day—  
a day for communities to come  
together to celebrate what it  
means to be truly accessible  
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**Janet St. Denis**

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**Subject:** FW: Resolution to Support Working Forests on Vancouver Island and in British Columbia  
**Attachments:** 20210519 Resolution to UBCM and AVICC.pdf

From: Michael Roy <mroy@goldriver.ca <mailto:mroy@goldriver.ca> >

Sent: May 19, 2021 1:31 PM

Subject: Resolution to Support Working Forests on Vancouver Island and in British Columbia

Please see the attached late resolution from Mayor and Council of the Village of Gold River, submitted to AVICC and UBCM. Council, within the resolution, is calling upon other forest-based communities to develop similar motions to further support working forests in British Columbia.

Michael Roy  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Gold River  
(250) 283-2202 Ext 104

## **SUPPORT WORKING FORESTS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND AND IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS** a ban of Old Growth logging would result in job losses and impact the broader business community;

**AND WHEREAS** a sustainably managed, working forest is critical for assisting carbon sequestering, managing climate change, supporting continued indigenous reconciliation, providing a vibrant economy for forest-based communities, and employing the hard-working men and women of the forest industry in British Columbia where millions of dollars are invested in the North Island, directly supporting forest-based communities and the overall Provincial economy; British Columbia is recognized as having stringent legislation and enforcement related to elements of sustainable forest management, including requirements for wildlife habitat, water quality, and public and First Nations involvement.

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** policy on the management of forests in British Columbia should continue to be managed through a rigorous, science-based approach;

**AND THAT** UBCM calls on the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to continue to support working forests on Vancouver Island and in British Columbia;

**AND THAT** Council calls on all forest-based communities to develop similar motions to further support working forests in British Columbia;

**AND THAT** the above motion be sent to the Union of BC Municipalities and AVICC for late submissions;

**AND THAT** the above motion be distributed to the Council of Forest Industries.

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May 17, 2021  
File: 01.0115.30/002.000

Brian Frenkel  
President  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
525 Government Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Dear President Frenkel:

**Re: BC Government's Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws**

At its April 26, 2021 regular meeting, the District of North Vancouver Council voted to write a letter in support of the City of Penticton's request that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities advocate for Premier Horgan to reconsider his government's use of provincial paramountcy in the case of 352 Winnipeg Street in Penticton.

In March, Penticton city council voted unanimously to reject a request from B.C. Housing to allow for the continued operation of a 42-bed shelter. Housing Minister David Eby responded, saying he would override council's decision by using provincial paramountcy.

This is more than a jurisdictional dispute between the City of Penticton and the province over a homeless shelter, the matter is about the protection of our role as the third level of government and respecting the decisions that local government make on behalf of our citizens. Land use is the primary reason local government exists and to have those powers over-ruled, should be of the utmost concern to all BC local governments and UBCM.

On behalf of District of North Vancouver Council, I ask that you honour the request from the City of Penticton and write Premier Horgan to have him and Minister Eby reconsider, and ultimately to reject, use of provincial paramountcy in such matters of local jurisdiction and interest. Obviously social and affordable housing is a critically important issue to address but it must be done in partnership with the municipalities.

Sincerely,

Mike Little  
Mayor

Copy: City of Penticton  
UBCM Members