



## AGENDA

**Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council  
to be held on August 3, 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 July 6, 2021**

**G. Rise and Report** None.

- H. Business Arising**
- 1 Report to Council Re: Transportation Services Initiatives  
Letter from Jack Taylor, TSS President Re: Tahsis Seniors Society (TSS) Volunteer Ride Service Proposal.
  - 2 Report to Council Re: Review of Tahsis Days 2021
- J. Council Reports**
- 1 Mayor Davis
  - 2 Councillor Elder
  - 3 Councillor Fowler
  - 4 Councillor Llewellyn
  - 5 Councillor Northcott
- K. Bylaws**
- None.
- L. Correspondence**
- 1 Letter from Judy Burgess Re: Native Vegetation, fire, heat and climate change.
  - 2 Email from Stephanie Olsen Re: Tahsis Days.
  - 3 Letter from Rita Aedan Re: Request for removal of a no-parking sign.
  - 4 Email from the Council of the City of Mississauga Re: June 30, 2021 Resolution 0155-2021.
  - 5 Email from Cindy Fortin, Mayor District of Peachland Re: BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP).
  - 6 Letter from the District of Sicamous, Mayor and Council Re: Seeking support for two resolutions at the upcoming UBCM Convention.
  - 7 Email from Steve Williams, President of BCAS-10-7 Association/Society Re: B.C. Ambulance Service Crisis.
  - 8 Email from Island Health Re: Wildfire Smoke and Health Related to Planning.
  - 9 Letter from Jesse Lee, Manager CSWM Operations Re: Campbell River Waste Management Center- Transfer Station Transition Plan.
  - 10 Tracy Amos from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Re: Donation for Gold River Annual Slo-Pitch Tournament
- M. New Business**
- 1 Report to Council Re: Village of Tahsis - Q2 Operation Results to June 30, 2021.
- N. Public Input #2**
- P. Adjournment**



## Minutes

<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>06-Jul-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>

**Present** Mayor Martin Davis  
 Councillor Bill Elder  
 Councillor Sarah Fowler  
 Councillor Cheryl Northcott by video

**Regrets** Councillor Lynda Llewellyn

**Staff** Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Ian Poole, Director of Finance by video  
 Shelley Debruyne, Administrative Coordinator by video  
 Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager by video

**Public** 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**

Email sent by Kerri-Anne Thomas, Re: Village of Tahsis Participation in NDIT/UBCM/BC  
 Internet Speed Study as "L5"

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

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0266/2021**

**THAT** the Agenda for the July 6, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as  
 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 June 15, 2021**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0267/2021**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 15, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 15, 2021**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0268/2021**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 15, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 29, 2021**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 269/2021**

**THAT** the Special Council meeting minutes of June 29, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**G. Rise and Report**

None

**H. Business Arising**

**1 Councillor Elder - Motions Re: The area along the river side of the flood wall**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0270/2021**

**THAT** Council re-consider any previous motions or direction that the Village not mow the Tahsis River bank to protect native wildflowers.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Elder spoke to his motion. A discussion followed.

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0271/2021**

**THAT** Council rescind any previous motions that the Village not mow the Tahsis River bank to protect native wildflowers.

**CARRIED**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0272/2021**

**THAT** the Tahsis river bank area be mowed following the wild flowers bloom (mid-June).

**CARRIED**

**J. Council Reports**

**Mayor Davis** (written report)

Since our last council meeting, I have attended three Strathcona Regional District meetings - First Nations Committee, Municipal Services Committee and the regular board. At the MSC meeting, I introduced a resolution to direct staff to come up with a regional transportation strategy for the small communities of the regional district, which passed unanimously. There is strength and more money in numbers and I believe if we want to attain our goal of a ride service from Tahsis to Campbell River, this is the best way forward.

At the board meeting, I introduced a motion to write letters of support for the provincial old growth strategic review recommendations as well as the provincial trails review recommendations. Both passed, although two directors were opposed to the old growth recommendations.

**Councillor Elder (verbal report)**

I have had discussions with public on the following; municipal dock- moorage fees, Government wharf, available parking and taxes. Lots of people are still very upset

**Councillor Fowler (written report)**

Wenonah is looking for some input from small and rural communities for her Climate Justice project, and she wanted me to ask a few questions:

1. When you think about climate and equity in your communities, what are the issues?
2. What are you trying to do about it?
3. What are you doing to meet equity deserving groups where they're at?

Thanks in advance!

My answers are:

1. Climate and equity in my community is directly attached to history. We are originally a resource town, timber, mostly now we have been divested as the area around our community is largely logged. There was the McKelvie watershed reserve as we had a petition that had nearly every resident sign it. There is a contaminated mill site abandoned at the waters edge, so much is left to remediate. At the same time, old habits die hard and our local economy currently is largely focused on seasonal fishing, again extractive. Prior to the pandemic, it was largely American tourist who came to the area, bringing boats down the gravel road. We are facing issues of wildland interface fires and much of the town is located in a floodplain.
2. We are working on a rain water detention pond and dyke work on the Tahsis River. These projects have a two year timeline. Personally, I am educating myself more about watersheds, habitats and contamination testing. I am happy to be involved in the Nootka Sound Watershed Society.
3. This is equity building to make the property owners in the low lands to have the increase security available already enjoyed by the people who live on high ground. Part of other equity initiatives I am working on is the U4C society or unity trail which builds on partnerships between the two villages of Tahsis and Zeballos with neighbouring MM & EC first nations.

**Councillor Llewellyn**

No Report

**Councillor Northcott**

No Report

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0273/2021**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

**1 Report to Council Re: Short-term borrowing for upcoming Flood Protection Improvements Project**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0274/2021**

**THAT** this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Finance spoke to the short-term borrowing needs for the Flood Protection Improvements Project and responded to questions from Council.

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0275/2021**

**THAT** option # 1 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021  
1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0276/2021**

**THAT** the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021 be received for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0277/2021**

**THAT** the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021 receive a first reading this 6th day of July, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0278/2021**

**THAT** the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021 receive a second reading this 6th day of July, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0279/2021**

**THAT** the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021 receive a third reading this 6th day of July, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**L. Correspondence**

**1 Ombudsperson Quarterly Report- January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.**

**2 Bill Dingwall, Mayor, City of Pitt Meadows letter to MP Dalton and MLA Beare Re: Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75.**

**3 Council of the Township of Spallumcheen letter Re: Request for extension of B C Hydro's Residential Rate Review.**

**4 Email from City of North Vancouver Re: Revised UBCM Resolution on the safe passing distance for all road users.**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0279/2021**

**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0280/2021**

**THAT** correspondence item #1 and #5 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

**1 Ombudsperson Quarterly Report- January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.**

The CAO spoke to this report and responded to questions from Council.

**5 Email from Kerri-Anne Thomas, RE: Village of Tahsis Participation in DNIT/UBCM/BC Internet Speed Study.**

The Mayor Davis spoke to this email. A brief discussion followed.

**N. Public Input #2**

A member of the public asked for an update on the status of "Outdoor Shelters and Benches" project to which staff responded. Also the public commented on a location issue with the Internet Speed Study when conducting the test using a cell phone.

**Adjournment**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0281/2021**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this**

the 3rd day of August, 2021

**Chief Administrative Officer**



## Minutes

<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Special Council</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>19-Jul-21</b>
<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b>1:00 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 Sarah Fowler	by video
	Councillor Cheryl Northcott	by video
	Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by video

<b><u>Regrets</u></b>	Councillor Bill Elder
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<b><u>Staff</u></b>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Ian Poole, Director of Finance	by video
	John Manson, P. Eng., Municipal Engineer	by video
	Amanda Knibbs, IT Co-ordinator	by video

<b><u>Guests</u></b>	Mark DeGagne, MSc, P. Eng., Branch Manager, McElhanney	by video
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<b><u>Public</u></b>	None.
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### **A. 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

### **B. Introduction of Late Items and Agenda Changes**

None.

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

**Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0282/2021**

**THAT** the Agenda for the July 19, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

None

### **H. Business Arising**

#### **1 Tahsis Flood Protection Improvements Project Phase 1 Construction Contract**

**Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0283/2021**

**THAT** the Tahsis Flood Protection Improvements Project Phase 1 Tender bid results be received and considered.

**CARRIED**

Mark DeGagne described the bid results based on the tender and addressed Council's questions regarding the project scope and budget.

**Llewellyn/Fowler: VOT 0284/2021**

**THAT** the Village accept the bid submitted by A. Wood Bulldozing Ltd. and award the contract to this company.

**CARRIED**

**2 Report to Council Re: Council Meeting Procedures – post State of Provincial Emergency**

**Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0285/2021**

**THAT** this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed the relative merits of the options and staff described the legal requirements which come into effect on September 29, 2021

**Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0286/2021**

**THAT** option # 3 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

**1 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021**

**Adoption**

**Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0287/2021**

**THAT** the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021 be received for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0288/2021**

**THAT** the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 642, 2021 be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted this 19th day of July 2021.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Fowler/Llewellyn: VOT 0289/2021**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this**

the 3rd of August, 2021

# VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

## Report to Council

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** July 27, 2021

**Re:** Transportation Service Initiatives

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To provide Council with an update on transportation service initiatives under consideration to benefit Tahsis residents

### **OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES**

1. Re-confirm Council's May 4<sup>th</sup> resolution to proceed with a ride service in partnership with the Tahsis Seniors Society (TSS).
2. Provide the TSS with a grant-in-aid of \$4,000, as requested, to support the development and implementation of a local ride share service for Tahsis residents. (This option also requires re-consideration and rescinding of Council's May 4<sup>th</sup> resolution and meeting public notice requirements under s. 24 of the Community Charter.)
3. Temporarily pause proceeding with a Tahsis-centric initiative pending the scoping and planning of a regional transportation service by the Strathcona Regional District and re-visit when the SRD plan is shared with Tahsis Council.
4. Any other option that Council deems appropriate.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At Council's May 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Council passed the following resolution

**THAT** Council approves in principle a ride service with following features:

- \* TSS to operate the service, including vetting drivers, establishing schedules and dispatching;
- \* The Village be responsible for the financial and administrative functions, including handling payments, received and payable; and
- \* The Village commit \$4,000 toward the startup costs and first year of the service (matching funding from the TSS); and

- \* The service connects with Wheels for Wellness to transport Tahsis residents to medical appointments in Gold River, Campbell River and down Island.

**AND be it further resolved that:** Council direct the TAAC to return to Council with a draft plan and agreement with the TSS before implementing the Tahsis Seniors Volunteer Ride Service.

For its June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff provided the Tahsis Age Friendly Action Committee (a Council committee) with a list of issues and requirements in relation to implementing Council's resolution to prepare a draft plan. The list included the following:

### **Financial and Administrative**

- Annual operating budget
- Development of forms
- Development of procedures
- Implications for Village's chart of accounts and financial statement audit
- Development of internal financial controls

### **Legal**

- TSS and Village insurance policies re: liability
- SRD approval by bylaw
- Village bylaw
- Agreement with TSS (as required by Council resolution)
- BC Passenger Transportation Act and Regulations requirements
- Collection and retention of private information (drivers and passengers)

### **Program Tasks, Policies and Standards**

For drivers: recruitment and selection; screening (criminal record checks and vulnerable person checks), registration, records management, reporting, training, safety, motor vehicle accidents, *Motor Vehicle Act* offences, communication during trips

General: vehicle standards, standards of conduct (drivers, other volunteers and passengers); handling luggage, freight, wheelchairs, etc, pets, children, complaint procedures, determining priority of passengers

Client eligibility - criteria (e.g., seniors only) and registration

Following the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the TSS president responded that the society would opt to proceed unilaterally to avoid the regulatory and financial management

standards summarized in the list which scoped out the requirements (above). The TSS believes the Village's involvement entails legal, administrative and policy requirements which will delay the implementation of a service.

The TSS has requested that the Village contribute \$4,000 directly to the TSS to implement the ride service.

As Council is aware, the SRD Board has approved a resolution to research and scope out a draft transportation service to serve the rural and remote communities within the regional district – Gold River, Tsaxana, Tahsis, Zeballos, Fair Harbour, Woss and Sayward. In discussions with SRD staff, they anticipate the program development to be completed within a six month time frame.

In light of the TSS decision to proceed unilaterally (and the SRD initiative), staff have not progressed in implementing Council's May 4<sup>th</sup> resolution and the Mayor has been advised.

**DISCUSSION:**

Any direct or indirect involvement in a ride share or ride service either within Tahsis or beyond the municipality will require the Village to address some or all of the issues (and possibly other issues) listed above.

Council rescinded its grant-in-aid policy through a resolution at its March 17, 2020 regular meeting. While the absence of a grant-in-aid policy does not preclude Council approving a grant-in-aid to the TSS (subject to satisfying the Community Charter requirements), it does open the door for other organizations seeking financial assistance. Council could be faced with funding requests without a policy framework for decision making.

Option 3 is recommended as it is the lowest cost option and prevents potential duplication of services.

**POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. See above.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Council has conditionally committed \$4,000 toward the joint venture with the TSS, as per Council's resolution. The other options may entail financial costs to the Village.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

Develop and implement a transportation service to Campbell Rive

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 3

Respectfully submitted:



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Mark Tatchell, CAO

July 08/20

Tahsis Seniors Society (TSS) Volunteer Ride Service Proposal.

TSS takes sole control and responsibility of the TSS Volunteer Ride Service.

TSS Volunteer Ride Service provided to (Seniors Priority) and all residents of Tahsis to following locations and return.

- Village of Tahsis
- Gold River
- Campbell River
- Wheels for Wellness pickup locations CR and GR

TSS to provide stringent Vetting of all Volunteers Drivers.

Village of Tahsis provide 4000.00 as a grant toward the fiscal budget proposed and agreed upon by Council. Monies to be provided to TSS upon the official Volunteer Ride Service launch date (proposed launch date 09/20/21)

TSS continue to work with TAAC Committee appreciating all future support for this Age Friendly Transportation Action endeavor.

Jack Taylor  
TSS President  
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250-934-6220  
780-970-7357

# VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

## Report to Council

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** IT Coordinator  
**Date:** August 3, 2021  
**Re:** Review of Tahsis Days 2021

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To provide Council with a report of Tahsis Days 2021.

### **OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES**

1. Receive the Report for information
2. Any other option that Council deems appropriate

### **Event Summary**

#### **Events that were Repeated in 2021:**

1. Parade
2. Children's Bike Decorating
3. Bocce Ball
4. Outdoor Movie – Moved inside
5. Floral Arrangement Competition
6. Outdoor Kids Games

#### **Events that were added in 2021:**

1. Name That Tune - Zoom
2. Chicken Bingo
3. 5 Second Game - Zoom
4. Trivia Contest - Zoom
5. Nature Mandala Contest
6. Best Pet Beach Party Photo Contest
7. Tacky Tourist Photo Contest
8. Take Home Craft
9. Online Scavenger Hunt - Zoom

#### **Events that were Modified for 2021 due to COVID:**

1. Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
2. Silent Auction

3. Bingo
4. Duck Dunk

**Events that were Canceled/Not repeated in 2021 due to COVID:**

1. Raft Race
2. Zucchini Race
3. All food/drink related events
4. Car Wash (canceled last minute)
5. Market Square
6. Lego Family Competition
7. JCR Challenge
8. Pool Party
9. Public Swim
10. Nootka Sound Music
11. SlugFest

**Tahsis Days Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction was setup as an online auction this year. 17 items were donated for the Silent Auction. We raised \$668.00, which was over half of the value. Even with the added difficulty of users having to create an account to bid, all items were sold. The mystery bag also went over really well at the auction. The site that was used for the auctions had a few nice features such as it notified users when someone else had bid up their item & it automatically ended the auction so there was no hogging of the line and elbowing to get the last bid in. The site also listed the winners' names, emails, and winning bid in one printable report which was also helpful.

**Events that went well:**

Parade & Children's bike decorating – we had a good turn out this year. We changed the parade route this year and started at the Rec Centre. In doing this we were better able to plan and organize the bikes. I would recommend having a parent or adult in charge of the pick up at the Info Centre to make sure that the kids on their bikes get home safely.

Bocce Ball – this year we had six teams compete, from age 8 to nearly 80! The purchase of the new bocce ball sets helped facilitate all the first-round elimination games.

Best Pet Beach Party Photo Contest – we had anticipated a low number of submissions for the photo events but we had 9 entries for this contest.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt – this event had a great turn out. There were 8 adults and 10 youth that participated. The map worked well for all ages and having it available for the whole weekend allowed some to go back the next day and find the ones that they missed. Next year having a kid's category and an adult category for prizes would be a good idea. Receiving a ticket entry to the draw for each poster they found worked well and gave incentive to find all the posters.

Chicken Bingo – This event was sold out (all 100 squares)! Everyone was very excited to buy their squares, and zoom in to watch the chickens. Next year when we can have this in person, I believe there could be more squares. This event was self-funded, but I think it could also be used as a fundraiser potentially.

Take Home Craft – The rock painting kits that were supplied by the Literacy Society were a hit. We had to limit the number of rock kits to one per family to make sure there was enough for everyone, but we were also able to provide mini bird houses with extra paint & paint brushes for those that had more family members.

Nature Mandala's – This photo contest saw a total of 7 entries. Most of which were completed by families. Everyone enjoyed getting out and being creative and we were also able to get a submission from out of town.

Tropical Fun Games – While both this event and the outdoor games (moved inside) saw about the same number of youths participating, the Tropical Games saw more parent participation. These games allowed everyone to participate in the same game. The hula hoop toss, lawn darts, and lay relay race were just some of the games that parents and youth participated in.

Zoom Bingo – This bingo was a pay to play with all card sales going to the Lions Club as a fund raiser. We had 12 participants. There were a few technical difficulties with participants not having microphones but these were all sorted out in the first round. We also utilized a website that allowed us to call the numbers and track them so everyone could see what was called. The Lions Club has mentioned that they would want to make use of this site in future bingos since their current bingo caller is starting to show signs of age.

Zoom Trivia – Trivia saw 12 participants. Ruth Russel organized all the questions and answers. There were some real tough questions that made participants think. Everyone had fun, and the top scorer managed to get 14 out of 20 questions.

### **Prize distribution:**

There was a combination of physical prizes, cash prizes, and gift cards given out. Please see attached for break down.

### **Suggestions for Next year:**

1. Start collecting prizes for auctions earlier. We were able to collect from a lot of local vendors, but with the short notice, and COVID, we were not able to collect as many as past years.
2. We let people choose which gift certificate they wanted if they won first and found that it was hard to keep track. Next year set the gift cards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at each event.
3. Get more participation gift card/prizes. For events like the photo contests, it was difficult to estimate the amount and age of participants, especially since it was the first time hosting such events. Also there were some technical glitches that
4. Start the outdoor movie earlier. There was a low participation for the movie this year. I would suggest moving the movie inside for the younger kids and starting it earlier in the night. We could also potentially have two movies, a kids movie and a teen/adult movie.
5. Less zoom events. While there was participation for these events, next year I would suggest only one zoom event a day. It was also observed that zoom events that happened later in the day had higher attendance.
6. Bring back popular in person events that were cancelled in 2021 due to COVID restrictions, particularly the food!

**POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Please see the attached financial break down.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 1: That Council receives the staff report for information.

Respectfully submitted:



Amanda Knibbs

**Village of Tahsis****2019 Tahsis Days Event & Deferred Donations***Updated October 25, 2019*income 10-1-080-1460  
expense 10-2-140-2265  
10-2-110-2273

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Account	Description	Batch No	Vend #	Invoice #	Debit	Credit
	<b>Budget</b>					<b><u>\$3,500.00</u></b>
10-1-080-1460	Donated From Benevity Community Impact Fund	613225				-\$360.52
10-1-080-1460	Donation to Tahsis Days	613590				-\$100.00
10-1-080-1460	Donation to Tahsis Days 2021	613596				-\$250.00
10-1-080-1460	Donation to Tahsis Days 2021	613598				-\$300.00
10-1-080-1460	Silent Auction Income					-\$668.00
10-2-110-2273	cash for tahsis days prizes	613736	P0024	TahsisDays2021	\$915.00	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Prizes			118400651135	\$184.88	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Prizes			32168	\$344.82	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Prizes			77880	\$289.01	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Prizes				\$246.84	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Sally's Grill Gift Cards			1207	\$125.00	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Ocean View Gift Cards			2177	\$125.00	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Westview Gift Cards			1-284673	\$151.15	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Tahsis Building Supply Gift Cards			83079	\$75.00	
10-2-110-2273	Tahsis Days Ruggand Mountian Cofee Prize			31887	\$64.00	
	Sub-total 2021				\$2,520.70	-\$1,678.52
	<b>Net 2021</b>					<b><u><u>\$2,657.82</u></u></b>

**Initial Estimated Budget Per Event**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Type of Prize</b>	<b>how many</b>	<b>Physical prizes</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Outdoor Scavenger Hunt	physical	3	3	\$300.00
Zoom BINGO	Cash	0	0	\$150.00
Silent Auction Bidding	none	0	0	\$0.00
Parade	Cash	3	0	\$225.00
Children's Bike Decorating	physical	6	6	\$100.00
Online Scavenger Hunt	cash	3	0	\$90.00
Outdoor Movie	physical	15	1	\$150.00
Bocce Ball	cash	3	0	\$225.00
Nature Mandala Contest	gift card	10	0	\$50.00
Tachy Touris Photo Contest	cash	1	0	\$50.00
Pet Photo Contest	cash	1	0	\$50.00
Floral Arrangement Competition	physical	3	3	\$175.00
Take Home Craft	physical	10	10	\$50.00
Name that Tune - Zoom	cash	3	3	\$90.00
Chicken Bingo	none	0	0	\$0.00
Duck Dunk	none	0	0	\$0.00
5 Second Game	cash	3	3	\$90.00
Outdoor games	physical	10	10	\$100.00
Tropical Games	physical	10	10	\$100.00
Trivia Contest	cash	3	3	\$90.00
Purchase New Outdoor games	cash	3	0	\$500.00

Total Planned Budget	90	52	\$2,585.00
Original budget			\$3,500.00
Spent			
Over/under Budget			

total cash      \$1,410.00

## Tahsis Days 2021

### Online Auction Sales Summary

Item	Bid (CAD)	Quantity	Sold	Paid?	Delivered?	Bidder (Show Contact Info)
\$50.00 to the Campbell River Garden Centre	\$31.00	1	Yes	No	No	Maureen Roth
4 etched glasses	\$30.00	1	Yes	No	No	Grant Eliuk
Air Nootka T-shirt	\$15.00	1	Yes	No	No	Ruth Russell
Birds of BC framed etching	\$25.00	1	Yes	No	No	Sally McLachlan
Campfire set	\$110.00	1	Yes	No	No	Grant Eliuk
Carhartt zip up hoodie with McElhanney logo	\$42.00	1	Yes	No	No	Amanda Knibbs
Echo Valley Bath and Body gift basket	\$70.00	1	Yes	No	No	Kathy Ainsworth
Elk & cow framed etching	\$19.00	1	Yes	No	No	Amanda Knibbs
Geeni Smart Dot wifi plug 2 pack	\$11.00	1	Yes	No	No	Ruth Russell
Hamilton Beach Electric knife with case	\$60.00	1	Yes	No	No	Jason Kydd
Handmade Pouch	\$40.00	1	Yes	No	No	Jason Kydd
Manna insulated stemless tumbler	\$13.00	1	Yes	No	No	Kathy Ainsworth
Manna insulated water bottle	\$34.00	1	Yes	No	No	Kathy Ainsworth
Mystery tote	\$40.00	1	Yes	No	No	Debra Van Solkema
Nutri Ninja	\$60.00	1	Yes	No	No	Kathy Ainsworth
Set of 12 homemade jams & jellies	\$48.00	1	Yes	No	No	lynne williams
Variety of books	\$20.00	1	Yes	No	No	Sam Kattilakoski
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$668.00</b>					

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Mayor and Council, Village of Tahsis

Wednesday, July 21st, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would first like to say how much I appreciated our C.A.O. Mark Tatchell informing me, almost immediately, of Council's decision, at the July 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, to have Public Works cut the long grass on the river bank in order to reduce the fire risk to the Community. He did mention that the native plants, that I have always been so concerned about, should by now have finished flowering anyway so that they might not suffer so much of a set-back as previous earlier (Spring) mowings have caused. I actually tended to agree with him, as I too had heard of such wild plant survival of long grass cutting and said I had rather expected the long grass would have to be cut.

However, the long and rainy spring we so recently experienced, had not really encouraged me to stroll on the river-bank and enjoy the plants as I have in the past. I had also, unfortunately, rather assumed that the rain-encouraged long grass I could so clearly see waving its brown seed-heads over the wall, had probably "out-competed" our poor native plants. I assumed that there would probably be very few of them even to worry about! Oh dear! How wrong could I be? However, at least Mark's so helpful warning stimulated me to go and LOOK to see what was actual happening! (a couple of days later)

As usual, I struggled over the wall in front of my house using my little step-ladder. I am certainly not getting any younger, and it seemed a bigger struggle this time than I previously remembered! (I am really hoping that a higher floodwall in the future will incorporate steps! I don't think I would be able to control a bigger, heavier ladder!)

The first little plant I wanted to check for is called "Wild" or "False" Lily-of-the-Valley. I prefer the earlier name (as used in my 1964 wild-flower book). Why should this delightful little plant be considered "false" in any way? Could this be because it is not quite the same as the British species after which it was (probably) named? Ridiculous! I also really like this 1964 description of "Wild Lily-of- the-Valley";

"Sociability is an outstanding feature of this lovely little plant for it always grows in extensive groups, usually under a coniferous tree in rich moist soil.

The leaves first appear like twisted spills which soon unfurl and carpet the ground with a sheet of shining green. Later the slender cylindrical spikes of waxy white flowers emerge from between the two leaves, gleaming like little candles.

The blossoms are succeeded by small round berries, at first grey-speckled then turning red." (Page 76, "wild flowers in the pacific northwest" by George and Winifred Hardy)

And, there they were! “Socially” packed together! “Carpeting the ground with a sheet of shining green.” All there under the big Sitka spruce tree, which grows so tall and stately-looking on the other side of the floodwall opposite my house! These little plants had not only made it, they had thrived! I could hardly believe my eyes! They had not only resisted the invasive powers of the extremely long grass, they had actually fought back! It even looked as if they were winning the battle! These little plants normally described as “ground cover” were positively climbing over the grass! Grass spikes seemed to have a problem even finding tiny gaps where they could thrust through! The grass was barely visible! And I had had no idea that they had it in them to do this! Amazing!

It was all the more amazing to me since I had actually tried to grow these same little plants when I lived on the other side of the Island. I had bought several very healthy-looking plants, grown in a native plant nursery. Although I attempted to match what I had read of the “correct” conditions for these little plants, they would not thrive for me! Sadly I watched them slowly disappear altogether. Native plants do seem to have a preference for choosing their own locations themselves! They do not transplant well when found growing in the wild either, apparently. Leaving them where they choose to grow seems to be a more successful strategy!

As I continued to gaze with delight at this story of success, I noticed that the plants were actually still in the process of developing their little green berries. Far from being done with their reproduction they were still only half-way through it! I then remembered, from past years, that it had always taken quite a long time for these little shade-loving plants to even get to the first ripening stage for them, the mottled berry stage. As I thought back I realised that the “red” ripe stage was still a very long way off for them. How could I have forgotten that?

Clearly, our native stream- side plants are very different from the flowering plants that evolved to grow in natural, long grass “meadows”. Those are the flowering plants that can tolerate being cut, especially when they have finished their seeding. Such seeding, presumably, coincides with that of the grass they evolved with!

I then looked at the Lily-of-the-Valley, still so lush and green under the shade of the sheltering tree and compared this pleasing sight with that of the already seeding, already browning, grass, baking in the sunshine, just a few yards away. I thought about the horrible experience of excessive heat we had all just endured here. Had I been looking to escape outside from that heat, which of these environments would have looked and been most cooling?

I remember some years ago when Quebec experienced incredible heat, many seniors died in their apartments because they had no-where cooler to go. It was said at the time that, as they lived in a city with no nearby green parks to escape to, this was why they died. Now B.C. has experienced something similar. Again, people died in apartments, unable to escape the 40-degree heat that killed them. In Tahsis we don’t live in a city, but where are our out-door cooling places? When I looked around me, at that time, I could see short grass; short grass everywhere, browning in the heat!

Interestingly, the grass growing near the Lily-of the Valley, in the shade of the trees had not actually turned brown yet. Without direct exposure to the sun and with more moisture left in the soil, it would have survived in a green state for a bit longer, had it not also been cut along with the sun-exposed grass, and, very regrettably, the lilies.

I did also notice some Alder seedlings growing in a nice healthy clump in the brown grass area. These seedlings, with very different roots than grass, had leaves that were still green and healthy. However, unfortunately, they too fell victim to the grass cutting. I have been surprised to find that some people in Tahsis really seem to dislike Alders, and even describe them as "weeds". This, of course, is how the timber industry looks at trees that are not commercially useful to them. However, they grow very well here because they are well adapted to this particular environment. This is truly an advantage for us, because we can then grow shade trees much faster!

I have experienced this advantage on my own property, as it happens. About twelve years ago many tiny seedlings grew up in my grass. Being interested in growing native plants, I left them to their own devices, eager to see what nature might provide. Happily, Nature provided me with excellent shade trees, (Alders) which I was so very thankful for during our recent heat horror! One of these trees shaded my very large, west-facing, sitting room windows. Another partially shaded my East-facing (second story) bedroom window. In addition, the shade in my sitting room took the form of leaf shadows that danced on my walls as they blew in the wind. As I relaxed in the cool with a book, this tree provided me with beautiful shadow patterns, which I so enjoyed. And I didn't actually plan or plant any of it! Alders are not the only native trees that will grow really fast here. I believe our native Big-leaf Maples have this same useful characteristic.


It seems to me that, rather than dead-looking, brown grass we do need more shade trees. Even long grass, which has evolved to go brown, once it has seeded and dried in the sun, stays green longer in shade. Since we could well be looking at much more excessive heat events in the future, surely we need to think about how to plan for this?

Another advantage of trees over the dry brown short grass, that we have so much of in hot weather, is that tree leaves stay green so much longer. They are then busily providing us with oxygen, at the same time as shade, and stashing away carbon in tree trunks and branches. The short brown grass just reflects heat back on to any one foolish enough to try walking, sitting or standing on it!

As you probably realise, I could write pages and pages more on these important matters. However, I hope some of you may have persisted this far at least. I thank you for being so patient. I would expect that, after our frightening heat experience, you will all, like me, have many thoughts and ideas about how we can best address the so worrying problems we are now faced with. This, of course, includes deciding what we, as a community, can do to play our part in battling climate change. Quite a challenge!

All the best,

Judy Burgess



**From:** [Stephanie Olson](#)  
**To:** [Janet St. Denis](#)  
**Subject:** July 19, 2021 7:29:15 AM  
**Date:**

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Despite uncertainty of what contact would be possible, the Tahsis Days 2021 was planned so well it was a total success.

As I understand it, Lauren Roth and Amanda Knibbs were in charge and they were very creative. They found a variety of ways to get people involved - via ZOOM, by submitting entries via facebook, outdoor activities with distance as needed and an online auction. They filled the days and provided lots of fun.

Tahsis Days is never easy to plan, this year was much more complicated but the organizers deserve a big thank you.

Stephanie Olson



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July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mayor & Council,  
Village of Tahsis,  
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Dear Mayor & Council:

Re: Request for Removal of No Parking Sign

Please accept this letter, with request as noted above, for consideration within your next Council meeting.

In the past my former neighbours, Gordon & Pat O'Connell, of 922 Princess Victoria View, had requested parking signs be installed at the end of their short driveway and to the eastern side of their driveway. The sign installed at the end of their driveway is directly in front of my property and is the one I am requesting please be removed. The O'Connell's have recently moved from Tahsis to Comox so removal of the one sign should not pose a resident problem.

Please see the enclosed pictures and note that because of the positioning of the sign, access to my basement door and to the door under my deck where recycling and garbage day containers are stored is restricted. I will be removing the Bay Leaf tree directly behind the sign and when both are removed, ease of access will be open to both of the doors.

Thanking you for considering my request and I trust the outcome will be positive.

Yours truly,



Rita Aedan

Encl: Photos

**From:** ritaaedan ritaaedan@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Photos  
**Date:** July 19, 2021 at 11:08 AM  
**To:** ritaaedan@gmail.com

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.







**From:** [Michelle Sanstra](#)

**To:**

[SOPHOS GATEWAY – DKIM FAILED] FW: City of Mississauga, Ontario Council Resolution 0155-2021  
July 13, 2021 1:06:03 PM  
[Resolution 0155-2021.pdf](#)

**Subject:**

**Date:**

**Attachments:**

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Good afternoon,

At the City of Mississauga's Council meeting on June 30, 2021 Council passed the attached Resolution 0155-2021, regarding Canada Day. The direction from Council includes distributing the attached Resolution to all Canadian municipalities.

Thank you,

**Michelle Sanstra**

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## MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0155-2021  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on June 30, 2021

0155-2021

Moved by: P. Saito

Seconded by: C. Parrish

**WHEREAS** The City of Mississauga operates on the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Anishinaabe peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Huron-Wendat First Nation. We recognize that these peoples, and their ancestors live and lived on these lands since time immemorial on these lands called Turtle Island. The City of Mississauga is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of the Town, now City, of Mississauga chose for their name an anishinaabemowim name which speaks to the shared settler and Indigenous history within these lands; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Mississauga has committed to a path towards Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and has responded to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Mississauga is committed to speaking truths about our history to further our collective understanding of the past to help create a better future; and

**WHEREAS** the terrible uncovering of over one thousand unmarked and forgotten children burials at residential schools which have been reported over the past month is a truth about Canada's past; and

**WHEREAS** because of these truths the government of Canada has declared this year's Canada Day should be a time of reflection and focus on reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS** Gimaa Stacey LaForme of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation has called for this to be a time for supporting each other and contemplating the legacy and future of Canada; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Mississauga will mark Canada Day virtually this year in a manner that provides an opportunity for reflection on our shared history and commitment to a better future:

- Singing of National Anthem
- Greetings and Opening Remarks, Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Comments from Mayor of Kariya, Japan Takeshi Inagaki
- Comments from Gimaa Stacey LaForme
- Oath of Reaffirmation performed by Members of Council
- Closing Remarks, Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Lighting the Clock Tower orange to remember those lives lost and changed forever as a result of residential schools

- Changing the digital signage at the Square to “As we mark Canada Day, the City of Mississauga stands in solidarity with Indigenous communities across Canada.”

**AND FURTHER** to mark this Canada Day:

That the Council of the City of Mississauga call upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada.

**AND** That this Resolution be sent to all municipalities in Canada.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Unanimous (12, 0)

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**From:** Philippa Harding <[legislativeclerk@peachland.ca](mailto:legislativeclerk@peachland.ca)>

**Sent:** June 30, 2021 11:22 AM

**Subject:** Letter from District of Peachland

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Good day,

Please find attached a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy from Mayor Fortin, District of Peachland regarding the BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program.

Regards,

**Philippa Harding**

Legislative Clerk / Executive Assistant

District of Peachland

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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 9, 2021

The Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

The Honourable George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
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### **RE: BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)**

Dear Ministers Osborne and Heyman,

The recent decision to discontinue the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) has the District of Peachland deeply concerned, as this decision will impact our municipality's ability to reach our climate action goals and targets.

The District has used CARIP funding for numerous initiatives including the addition of an Electric Utility Vehicle to the District's fleet, installation of LED street lights, and the development of a Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) that will aid in improving energy efficiency, reduce green house gas emissions, and foster local green energy solutions.

The Province's decision to end CARIP will have negative implications for communities across BC. The most significant of these is the loss of reliable, consistent, and flexible funding. Without funding through CARIP many communities will be unable to continue the work that they are doing to reach climate action goals and targets as mandated by the Province. While there may be climate-related grants available, now and in the future, they often require an extensive application process, and our acceptance for a grant can not be relied upon or anticipated when planning our climate action goals.

Moving forward, Peachland Council recommends consultation with BC Municipalities in order to develop an alternative program with the same consistency and reliability. A simplified process for applying and reporting is also encouraged.

Peachland Council strongly urges the Province of BC to reinstate CARIP until such time as consultation with local governments is complete and an alternate program is established.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Fortin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cindy" and last name "Fortin" clearly distinguishable.

Cindy Fortin

Mayor

District of Peachland

CC: Premier John Horgan  
Brian Frenkel, President UBCM  
All BC Municipalities

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**From:** Sarah Kylo <[SKylo@sicamous.ca](mailto:SKylo@sicamous.ca)>

**Sent:** July 19, 2021 2:45 PM

**Subject:** Protection of outdoor recreation opportunities and established snowmobile Recreational Sites or Trails in B.C.

Hello,

Please accept the attached letter sent on behalf of District of Sicamous Mayor and Council, seeking support for two sponsored resolutions at the upcoming UBCM Convention. You will find the two resolutions for consideration attached as well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sarah

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**Sarah Kylo, Executive Assistant**

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July 15, 2021

Member Municipalities

Sent via email.

## **Re: Protection of outdoor recreation opportunities and established snowmobile Recreational Sites or Trails in B.C.**

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To Whom It May Concern,

District of Sicamous (DOS) Council is seeking support from fellow municipalities to support two resolutions the DOS has agreed to sponsor from the BC Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) concerning the Forest Range & Practice Act (FRPA) objectives and site-level objectives for snowmobile trails.

Currently there are 53 non-profit snowmobile organizations across the province who hold partnership agreements with Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) to maintain trails in return for operating on Crown land. Many of these non-profit organizations exist in rural communities and largely contribute to the local economies—\$299M annually according to the BCSF.

The BCSF notes that of the 11 values within the FRPA, recreation is the only value without declared objectives, and that without these declared objectives industrial licensees have no requirement to consider, consult, or coordinate activities with recreation groups who hold partnership agreements with RSTBC. Within the existing FRPA framework, recreation organizations are legally required to maintain trails without communication from industry and are not guaranteed the very trails they are responsible for managing are not disrupted by industrial forest activity.

As these resolutions address issues impacting rural communities across B.C. and a disparity within the provincial legislation of the FRPA, DOS Council endorses the resolutions presented by the BCSF and asks for support from member municipalities at the 2021 UBCM Convention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Terry Rysz,  
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

Encl.    Protection for Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in BC  
            Protection for Established Snowmobile Recreational Sites or Trails



## British Columbia Snowmobile Federation

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### FRPA Recreation Resource Value Objective (all recreation in BC)

## Background

The BC Government brought the Forest Range & Practice Act (FRPA) into force in 2004. This legislation outlines parameters for how public lands and resources are managed within the province. Specifically, FRPA serves to align government, private, and public interests by defining values such as biodiversity, cultural heritage, and timber. These land 'values' are then assigned 'objectives' detailing how land users must work together and apply meaningful strategies to protect and retain these resources. Of the eleven FRPA values, recreation remains the only one for which the Ministry of Forests has never assigned 'objectives'. Without declared objectives, industrial licensees currently have no requirement to consider, consult, or coordinate their activities on registered public trails or around public recreational resources in the province.

We believe that FRPA land use objectives should encompass the values which are important to BC residents, our communities, and to the outdoor recreation sector with at least equal consideration.

Therefore, the BC Snowmobile Federation would like to propose the following regulatory change:

## Proposed Objective

The objective set by government for recreation is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts to any recreation site, trail or facility that exists on Crown land.

### Community | Integrity | Engagement | Leadership

**MISSION STATEMENT** "The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation is dedicated to provide strong leadership and support to member clubs to establish, maintain and protect quality opportunities for organized snowmobiling in British Columbia and to promote the safe and environmentally responsible use of these opportunities."

## **Draft Resolution #1**

Title: Protection for Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in BC

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

WHEREAS many local governments and communities rely on meaningful outdoor recreation for economic stability and development and, at the same time, those local governments and communities care about maintaining existing Recreation Sites and Trails Management and/or Partnership Agreements with the Province of British Columbia for respectful stewardship of the lands.

AND WHEREAS Government has established broad Forest Range Practices Act (FRPA) objectives under the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR) for ten of the eleven FRPA values. They have not established an objective for recreation. Which makes recreation the only value without a FRPA objective and leaves recreation out of planning processes.

AND WHEREAS only the BC Government can set Objectives within the Forest Range Practices Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to create the following objective under the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation Part 2 Division 1:

The objective set by government for recreation is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts to any recreation site, trail or facility that exists on Crown land.



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# Section 56 Individual Sites & Trails Objectives (snowmobile specific)

## Background:

Section 56 of the Forest Ranges and Practices Act (FRPA) allows the government to establish or disestablish recreation sites, trails and interpretive forest sites. It also allows the government to establish Site Level objectives for these sites or trails at the time they are established or by amendment at anytime. This can easily be done by the authorized designated decision maker which is often the Recreation Sites and Trails BC District Manager.

Snowmobile Clubs across BC enter into Partnership Agreements with the Government to ensure the provision of safe, sanitary, socially acceptable and environmentally sound recreation sites and trails for public use. This is done through the investment of many volunteer hours, user fees and fundraising by BC Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) Member Clubs to support trail maintenance efforts. However, under the current FRPA Framework, snowmobile clubs are not even assured that the services and recreation sites they are responsible for managing will not be disrupted by industrial forest activity. Licensees are not currently obligated to consider, communicate, or mitigate any snowmobile trail disruption in their Forest Stewardship Planning. The BCSF has been told that Industry must only plan for and consider sites where a government registered objective is set and where their operations might impact that established objective.

For the snowmobile sector many snowmobile trails have been established under FRPA Section 56 but in a recent study completed by the BC

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Snowmobile Federation it is clear that almost all have no site specific objectives set. The only sites that have objectives were established prior to 2004 when FRPA was enacted. These have vague objectives that have little meaning in today's working forest and do not properly reflect the tourism value of snowmobile trails today.

Also, many of our registered snowmobile trails have sections that overlap Forest Service Roads/Wilderness Roads in the winter months. They essentially carry a dual status depending on whether they are plowed or not. If the road is unplowed it is a registered snowmobile trail and when it is plowed it becomes an industry road. Without an objective the registered snowmobile trail can be plowed out at any time with industry not being currently obligated to consider, communicate, or mitigate this snowmobile trail disruption to the club that has the registered snowmobile trail on the same road.

Therefore, the BC Snowmobile Federation would like all existing and new snowmobile recreation sites or trails to have the following standard government registered objectives established:

## Proposed Objectives

Section 56 - Recreation Site Level Objective (snowmobile specific) -  
All snowmobile trails

- 1. The alpine and coniferous forest features along recreation sites or trails will be retained to preserve the outdoor recreation experience and prevent early season melt on snowmobile trails.*
- 2. Forest planning will include safety considerations for recreational access during the winter months and after harvesting is complete. This will include harvest planning consideration above and below a*

*recreation site or trail to ensure that new exposures and avalanche paths are not created. Or that any new avalanche paths are mitigated by terrain modifications such as deflection berms.*

- 3. This recreation site or trail is part of the working forest, and as such, activities that are likely to impact access or the recreation experience need to be communicated with the Designated Partner on the trail at least six months in advance.*

## Section 56 - Recreation Site Level Objective (snowmobile specific) - “High Value” Snowmobile Trails

Furthermore, in British Columbia we have areas that have a high recreation value for the snowmobile community that represent significant tourism and community benefit. These trails are designated as high value forest recreation sites and trails, by Recreation Sites and Trails BC or identified as an important recreational area by the FLNR Regional Executive Director. The BC Snowmobile Federation would additionally like the following objectives to be established to these sites or trails.

- 1. Opportunities for snowmobiling, viewing and exploring must be provided on this designated snowmobile trail (site) during the snowmobile operating season of December 1 to March 31.*

## Draft Resolution #2

Title: Protection for Established Snowmobile Recreational Sites or Trails

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

WHEREAS many local governments and communities rely on the 299 million dollars the snowmobile industry provides to rural communities in British Columbia for economic stability and development.

AND WHEREAS, local governments, communities and snowmobile clubs care about maintaining existing meaningful Recreation Sites and Trails Partnership Agreements with the Province of British Columbia for respectful stewardship of the lands.

AND WHEREAS, BC Snowmobile Federation member Snowmobile Clubs are the largest partner of established Recreation Sites and Trails in BC.

AND WHEREAS, Site level objectives under Section 56 of FRPA have not been established for snowmobile trails in BC resulting in a lack of communication or need to include consideration in Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP).

AND WHEREAS only a Government authorized designated decision maker can set Individual Recreation Objectives for an established recreation trail (site).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to establish the following site level objectives on all new and existing established snowmobile sites under Section 56 of FRPA

1. *The alpine and coniferous forest features along recreation sites or trails will be retained to preserve the outdoor recreation experience and prevent early season melt on snowmobile trails.*
2. *Forest planning will include safety considerations for recreational access during the winter months and after harvesting is complete. This will include harvest planning consideration above and below a recreation site or trail to ensure that new exposures and avalanche paths are not created. Or that any new avalanche paths are mitigated by terrain modifications such as deflection berms.*
3. *This recreation site or trail is part of the working forest, and as such, activities that are likely to impact access or the recreation experience need to be communicated with the Designated Partner on the trail (site) at least six months in advance.*

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to establish the following site level objectives on all new and existing snowmobile sites that are established under Section 56 of FRPA and that are considered to be high value forest recreation sites and trails, by Recreation Sites and Trails BC or identified as an important recreational area by the FLNR Regional Executive Director.

*Opportunities for snowmobiling, viewing and exploring must be provided on this designated snowmobile trail (site) during the snowmobile operating season of December 1 to March 31.*

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: [SOPHOS GATEWAY – DMARC FAILED] B.C. Ambulance Service Crisis  
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**Subject:** [SOPHOS GATEWAY – DMARC FAILED] B.C. Ambulance Service Crisis

Good Day Ladies & Gentlemen,

We write to you today with a plea for the survival of our once world renowned B.C. Ambulance Service. You are the peoples voice. Please... encourage our Provincial Government to put the B.C. Ambulance Service back in the hands of Emergency Health Services Commission under the Ministry of Health. The provision of emergency medical services is the responsibility of the Provincial government. Your tax payers should not be burdened with supplementing their failures.

The BCAS 10-7 Association Society is a group of 274 retired BC Ambulance Service professionals. Our membership is comprised of trailblazers in BC's Emergency Medical Services including Paramedics, Managers, Emergency Dispatchers and Support Staff. Our years of experience and broad understanding of BC Ambulance Service mandate and history make us subject matter experts in the complex field of pre-hospital care and emergency management in BC. We have watched with concern over the past weeks, months and years as the BC Ambulance Service has been neglected and mismanaged to the point of imminent failure and are compelled to speak out today.

The BC Ambulance Service was established in 1974 to provide comprehensive and effective emergency medical services for all residents of British Columbia. Through dedicated first responders and effective leadership BCAS became a world-renowned emergency service, emulated by many both within Canada and abroad. It is distressing to witness the degradation of the service that we were a part of building and once proud of. It is important to note that the service breakdown that unfolded over the course of the recent heatwave did not suddenly happen over the past week. There has been a systematic dismantling of BCAS starting in 2010 with the removal of the Emergency Health Services Commission, an arm's length branch of the Ministry of Health.

The government placed the service under the umbrella of the Provincial Health Services Authority, an organization with no experience in pre-hospital emergency services. The entire operational

structure was dismantled, and the experienced Operational Managers and leaders were replaced with health care administrators. The costs of these so called “labour adjustments” soared into hundreds of thousands of dollars in severance and legal costs. The loss of operational expertise was immeasurable. Following these “adjustments” the number of non-operational staff skyrocketed as much as 10-fold, while the workload of emergency responders was stretched beyond capacity. The physical and mental health of Paramedics and Dispatchers plummeted yet the senior administrative staff appeared to be more focused on “changing the culture” of proud Paramedics rather than advancing a strong, resilient, and cost-effective emergency service for the citizens of BC.

We have watched our colleagues suffer through these ill-conceived, damaging changes. The unimaginably long waits for service and negative patient outcomes as a result of a poorly managed system are inexcusable. We say enough is enough. The citizens of BC deserve better. The hard-working, caring, and dedicated Paramedics and Dispatchers deserve better. We call on the Minister of Health to take immediate action and restore the BC Ambulance Service to the efficient provincial service that it was designed to be. Provide adequate funding and support to attract and retain talented paramedics and dispatchers. Consult with the expertise within the ranks of BCAS to identify deficiencies and solutions. Trim the unnecessary and costly non-operational staff and redirect those funds back to front line care. And above all, show respect and compassion to your front-line workers who have endured years of neglect through dysfunctional decision making by unqualified leaders in senior management.

The BCAS 10-7 Association/Society offers our support in finding solutions to secure a healthy future for the BC Ambulance Service, the Paramedics and Dispatchers who proudly serve, and the people of British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of all retired and dedicated active Paramedics and Dispatchers.

Steve Williams  
BCAS-10-7 Association/Society  
President  
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"Serving Those Who Have Served"

Semper Memoria

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**Subject:** Village of Tahsis\_Wildfire Smoke Health Letter\_Jul\_15\_2021.pdf

Please distribute to Chief Administrative Officer and Council.

Thank you!

**Shelley Verge**

Administrative Assistant - for

Dr. Shannon Waters – Medical Health Officer CI – Cowichan Area

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**AFTER HOURS ON CALL**

**1.800.204.6166**

July 15, 2021

*Sent via email*

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Dear Colleague:

**Re: Wildfire Smoke and Health related to Planning**

Island Health would like to follow up on correspondence sent earlier this month related to our recent region-wide Extreme Heat Alert. Increasing annual temperatures, leading to hotter, drier summers, are precipitating ripple effects, such as Level 3-4 drought conditions covering all of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Severe wildfire seasons, seasonal water shortages, and heat waves are the three highest-ranked future risks predicted for the province - they are closely related and could have further compounding consequences ([MOE, 2019](#)). Our current [high to extreme fire danger](#), and what we see elsewhere in the province, means the potential for wildfires locally and drifting smoke from elsewhere blanketing our region, a sure reality warranting preparation. This letter does not address emergency planning for interface wildfires, however, we encourage local governments to create or update their all-hazard [emergency management plan](#) and encourage members in your community to [understand what to do before, during and after a wildfire](#).

**Health effects of wildfire smoke:** In addition to the direct threat from burning, wildfires also release pollutants detrimental to human health and ecosystems ([WHO, 2018](#)). Smoky air makes it harder for the lungs to oxygenate the blood supply ([BCCDC, 2021](#)). The small particles can travel deep into the lungs on inhalation. They can cause both irritation and inflammation, which can persist until the air quality improves ([BCCDC, 2021](#)). Wildfire smoke causes episodes of the worst air quality that most of the public will ever experience in British Columbia ([BCCDC, 2021](#)). It is, therefore, essential to be alert to this smoke affecting the health of many in our communities. As has been well documented medically, people with pre-existing health conditions, respiratory infections, older adults, pregnant women and infants, children, and sensitive individuals are more likely to experience health effects from smoke exposure ([MoE, 2021](#)).

**The role of the Medical Health Officer:** In conjunction with the BC Ministry of Environment, we may issue an [Air Quality Advisory](#), such as a Smoky Skies Bulletin. This office supports communications, provides public health advice, and supports preparations to shelter in place. For instance, our Environmental Health Officers can work with local governments, through the EOC structure, to determine suitable community clean air shelter locations and facilities ([BCCDC, 2021](#)). As our local government partner, your support to amplify this messaging and proactively plan is instrumental in addressing adverse health impacts.

**Where to find data? –** We encourage utilization of the following resources:

- [Air quality advisories](#) posted on the BC Ministry of Environment website, air quality advisories are issued when pollutant concentrations approach or exceed predetermined limits, or when degraded-air-quality episodes are expected to continue or worsen.

- [FireWork](#) – produced by Environment and Climate Change Canada, this wildfire smoke prediction system makes it possible to include the effects of wildfire smoke in forecasts of air quality by estimating the amount of pollution that will be added to the air. These smoke forecast maps show how the air quality in your community may be affected by wildfire smoke.
- The [BC Asthma Prediction System](#) (BCAPS) interactive online mapping system is intended for use by members of the public to support health protection during wildfire smoke events.
- The [Air Quality Health Index \(AQHI\)](#) provides hourly air quality readings and related health messages. The AQHI reports on the health risks posed by a mixture of pollutants.

**What can be done at an individual level?** To empower individuals, the BCCDC offers the following advice and [10 steps](#) on planning, air cleaners, masks and more.

**What can be done at a collective level locally?** – In order to assist decision makers the guidance below is available for planning and intervention during wildfire smoke events. The BCCDC has an [overarching webpage on Wildfire smoke](#) which has pertinent community planning resources related to [preparing for wildfire smoke events, filtration in institutional settings during wildfire smoke events](#), and an assessment of suitable options for [community clean air shelter\(s\)](#), where possible. To support planning efforts these case studies may be useful to tailor to your own purposes, such as: [Wildfire Smoke & Health](#) fact sheet by the Community Health Network in the [Capital Regional District](#), [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) from the Village of Zeballos, or supportive resources from [First Nations Health Authority](#). In addition, consider risk to your surface water supplies and ensure that your Emergency Response Plan speaks to the [longer-term impacts to water quality](#) from wildfires. Island Health also has information on our website related to wildfire smoke at <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/environment/wildfires>.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact our office or your local Environmental Health Office:

Victoria – 250.519.3401  
Duncan – 250.737.2010  
Nanaimo – 250.755.6215  
Campbell River – 250.850.2111

Parksville – 250.947.8222  
Port Alberni – 250.713.1355  
Courtenay – 250.331.8518  
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We look forward to ongoing engagement, support and protection for all in our communities.

Sincerely,



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File: 5360-03

July 19, 2021

Village of Tahsis  
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 Tahsis BC V0P 1X0

Dear Hauler:

**Re: Campbell River Waste Management Center – Transfer Station Transition Plan**

The Campbell River Waste Management Center (CRWMC) is closing and the Comox Valley Regional District is fully transitioning the waste management center in Campbell River to a transfer station. As a result, select waste will be prohibited from acceptance in Campbell River and will need to be hauled directly to the Comox Valley Waste Management Center (CVWMC), located at 3699 Bevan Road in Cumberland. This change is effective immediately.

The following is a list of materials that will no longer be accepted at the CRWMC and must be hauled directly to the CVWMC:

- Boats and recreation vehicles, including travel trailers and campers;
- Construction and Demolition (C&D) loads delivered with an end dump;
- Any bins of waste larger than a twenty (20) yards (20 yard bins will be accepted);
- Any dimensional lumber or timbers longer than 6 feet.

As a reminder any loads containing drywall will be turned away, unless proper paperwork and analytical is provided. Changes to the drywall program will be coming soon and all pre-1990 drywall disposal will require advanced approvals.

We appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions regarding acceptable materials for landfill or recycling, please do not hesitate contact us at 250-334-6016 or by email at [cswm@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:cswm@comoxvalleyrd.ca).

Sincerely,

***J. Lee***

Jesse Lee  
 Manager of CSWM Operations

cc. Berry and Vale Contracting, operating contractor (CRWMC)

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Thursday July 15, 2021

To: Village of Tahsis  
From: Tracy Amos  
PO Box 1152  
Gold River, BC V0P 1G0

**Re: Donation – GR Annual Slo-pitch Event**

To whom it may concern,

I am Tracy Amos from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, I am volunteering my time to host the Slo-pitch Tournament in Gold River August 27-29, 2021. I am writing to ask for support for the Tournament.

We do have 18 teams registered this year and it is quite costly to host a tournament. Costs include NSA Insurance Registration (\$800.00) (4) Umpires Travel \$200.00 each (\$800.00), Accommodation for the weekend (\$780.00), Meals \$50/day (\$600.00) and they also get paid for each game they umpire for (approximately 1700.00) and we also need small and big balls (500.00) ordered for the tournament. Then we have prizes for each division that places. This year there will be 3 Divisions (A-B-C). If the tournament receives more interested teams, the costs go up, these costs are based on 18 teams only.

This is my first time running this tournament, each year this tournament is held the Village of Gold River do some in-Kind donations such as the use of the field, lights and garbage fees are waived, upon approval. Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation also covered the accommodations for 4 Umpires for this year. Also, there is \$1000.00 in an account to use for this Tournament. A total of \$1780.00 is what we have covered so far, in the costs.

All donations will benefit Gold River and help off set some costs for the tournament.

I would like to apologize for the late request, I just stepped up to volunteer my time to organize and host this tourney last week.

We look forward to your response at your earliest convenience, the tournament is right around the corner. I would like to assure you that all donations will go towards costs of the Slo-pitch Tournament.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

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Telephone: 250-283-2936

Respectfully,

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**Tracy Amos**

# VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

## Report to Council

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Director of Finance

**Date:** July 23, 2021

**Re:** **Q2 Operating Results to June 30, 2021**

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with information regarding the operating financial results to June 30, 2021.

### **BACKGROUND**

The attached reports break down the following information to June 30, 2021:

Budget	Budgeted amounts to June 30 for expenses and revenue
Actual to Date	Actual amounts paid for salaries, labour, goods and services for Village programs
Budget Variance Fav (Unfavourable)	A budget variance is the difference between the budgeted amount of expense or revenue, and the actual amount. The budget variance is favorable when the actual revenue is higher than the budget or when the actual expense is less than the budget. A budget variance is unfavourable when the actual revenue is less than budget or when the actual expense is greater than budget.
2021 Approved Budget	Per Schedule A of Bylaw No. 637, Amended 2021-2025 Financial Plan
Projected Actuals	Anticipated revenues and expenses to December 31 based on trends to date, assumptions and best judgement by the Director of Finance.
High Level Variance Explanation	Explanation of the <u>major</u> reason(s) for the budget variance

### **POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Community Charter (sec. 167)

### **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

Overall financial operating results for the 6 months ending June 30<sup>th</sup> and the 12 month projections to yearend will produce small operating deficits. These are considered to be within normal budgetary parameters. We are experiencing higher administrative salary costs and higher legal fees related to the purchase and sale of property. The fire department administrative costs were higher due to the closure of the firehall and relocation to the recreation centre and public works yard. Fire operations have now returned to "normal". Additionally, we have experienced higher labour and maintenance costs in our water and sewer

utility funds due to ongoing leakages and power outages which require pump station supervision. Management is constantly reviewing the accounts and feels these financial pressures are being properly managed.

### **2021 Operating Results Year-to-Date June 30, 2021**

Overall, the operating results to June 30, 2021 indicates a net operating deficit of \$37,889. Total revenues from taxation, fees and other sources are \$1,027,220 which is higher than budget by \$6,758 – essentially on budget. Operating expenditures for all programs/projects total \$1,065,109 which is \$41,243 lower than budget or 3.7%. The combination of higher revenues and lower expenses results in the favourable variance to budget of \$48,002.

#### **Major Budget Variance Explanation – Favorable (Unfavourable)**

##### **Revenues**

- Grants in lieu of taxes exceed budget by \$1,846.
- User fees revenues exceed budget due to an audit adjustment from 2020. Rec, Centre fees remain low due to Covid related closure and low Daycare attendance.
- Environmental Health revenues (Landfill fees recovered from the SRD) are under budget (unfavourable) by \$8,452 due to less manpower spent at the landfill.
- Interest and penalties are \$5,711 favourable to budget due to taxpayer late payment on taxes.
- Grants re other governments exceeds budget by \$15,486 which is due to 2020 EMBC COVID-19 funding.
- Investment income is currently \$26,548 below budget due to low investment returns earned to date.

##### **Expenditures**

- General Government – Council expenses are \$1,484 below budget (favourable) due to ongoing conference and travel savings due to Covid. Virtual conferences continue this year.
- General Government – Admin expenses are \$66,335 higher than budget or unfavourable by 19.5%. This is due to higher salary cost and higher legal fees due to bylaw infractions/enforcement and the sale of surplus property and the flood grant property negotiations with a property owner. The flood grant related legal costs are not recoverable from the grant. The salary component is expected to resolve by yearend.
- General Government – Projects are \$79,595 under budget (favourable) (57.8%) due to some of the planned project work not yet having been either started nor completed.
- Protective Services are \$4,522 over budget (unfavourable) (5.15%) due to higher administrative salaries due to the relocation of the fire operations. It is expected this will recover over the remaining portion of the year.
- Public works is \$59,281 under budget (favourable) (31.8%) due to manpower savings as increased time was spent on water and sewer activities (R&M).
- Recreation, Cultural & Development is \$3,992 over budget (unfavourable) (.3%) due to higher staffing costs re an operational adjustment. It is expected this variance will improve over the remaining portion of the year.
- Water Services is \$22,735 over budget (unfavourable) (27.0%) due to higher staffing costs and high R&M. This unfavourable variance will likely continue to yearend.

- Sewer Services fared somewhat better being \$7,065 over budget (unfavourable) (7.5%) due to higher R&M costs but less a result of higher manpower costs.

### **Operating Result Projections to December 31 Year End**

Management is projecting a net operating deficit at yearend of \$2,525 which is just under 1%. This number is *before* the standard year-end adjustments for actual amortization of tangible capital assets and transfers to reserves. This deficit is a result of higher than budgeted revenues and but offset by higher expenditures.

Projected revenues are anticipated to be \$2,388,060 which is \$5,974 (0.25%) higher than budget. Projected expenditures are projected to be \$2,390,585 which is \$8,500 (0.35%) higher than budget.

#### **Major Budget Variance Explanation – Favorable (Unfavorable)**

##### **Revenues**

- Grants in lieu of taxes exceed budget by \$15,693 due to higher than anticipated taxation from the CG facility.
- User fees revenue are not expected to achieve budget being lower by \$7,700 (6.02%) (unfavourable) due to lower concession and program revenues due to the Covid related closure of the Rec. Centre and lower Daycare revenues.
- Water and Sewer revenues are expected to exceed budget which will help offset higher operating costs.
- Interest and penalties are projected to exceed (favourable) budget by \$7,961. This was previously an unbudgeted item.
- Grants re other governments are anticipated to be slightly less than budget by \$5,000 or essentially on budget.
- Investment income is projected to be \$20,000 below budget due to the low interest rate environment.

##### **Expenditures**

- General Government – Council expenses are projected at \$1,500 below budget (4.0%).
- General Government – Admin expenses are anticipated to exceed budget by \$55,000 (7.8%) (favourable) due to marginally higher staffing costs (CFO part-time), and higher legal and bylaw related infraction costs.
- General Government – Projects are anticipated to be \$30,000 under budget (favourable) (13.6%) due to some projects not occurring this year such as the municipal wharf demolition (project taken over by DFO).
- Protective Services are \$5,000 over budget (unfavourable) (2.6%) due to the previously mentioned relocation of fire operations due to the fire hall closure.
- Public works is expected to be \$30,000 under budget (favourable) (9.3%) due to increased time spent (and therefore charged to) water and sewer operations.
- Recreation, Cultural & Development is predicted to be \$10,000 less than budget (favourable) (3.2%) due to lower staffing costs and related expenses due to the ongoing reduced operations of the facility due to Covid-19.
- Water Services is anticipated to remain above budget at \$20,000 (unfavourable) (11.8%) due to higher staffing costs and R&M costs. (Water breaks and power outages).

- Sewer Services is projected to exceed budget by \$5,000 (unfavourable) (2.6%) due to higher maintenance costs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ian C. Poole, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance

Village of Tahsis  
2021 Operating Results  
For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2021

		Year-to-Date			Projections to Year End			
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to June</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Variance</u>	<u>2021 Approved</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Variance</u>	
		<u>adjusted</u>	<u>30th</u>	<u>Fav (Unfav)</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Fav (Unfav)</u>	<u>High Level Variance Explanation</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues</u></b>								
Taxation	Property taxes	396,408	396,408	0	792,815	792,816	1	
	Grants in lieu of taxes	11,612	13,459	1,846	23,224	38,917	15,693	Higher taxation from CG facility
Fees	User fees and charges	31,325	34,966	3,641	127,700	120,000	-7,700	Lower daycare and development permits
	Water	84,175	91,373	7,198	168,350	181,147	12,797	Higher commerical utility billings
	Sewer	93,500	98,848	5,348	187,000	197,696	10,696	Higher commerical utility billings
	Environmental Health	97,120	88,668	-8,452	154,240	144,240	-10,000	Lower landfill recovery
	Protective Services	1,500	500	-1,000	3,000	1,000	-2,000	Lower permit fees
Other	Interest and penalties on taxes	18,750	24,461	5,711	22,500	30,461	7,961	Higher penalties and late interest on taxes
	Grants re other governments	260,572	276,059	15,486	678,003	673,003	-5,000	Timing on grants will likely even out over year
	Investment income	25,500	-1,048	-26,548	51,000	31,000	-20,000	Lower returns on investments
	Other	-	3,528	3,528	-	3,528	3,528	Gain on sale of used asserts
	Transfer from reserves			-	174,253	174,253	0	
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b>1,020,462</b>	<b>1,027,220</b>	<b>6,758</b>	<b>2,382,086</b>	<b>2,388,060</b>	<b>5,974</b>	
<b><u>Operating Expenditures</u></b>								
	General Government - Council	18,855	17,371	1,484	37,359	35,859	1,500	
	General Government - Admin	338,516	404,851	-66,335	701,374	756,374	-55,000	Higher admin salary, bylaw and legal fees
	Protective Services	87,713	92,235	-4,522	190,552	195,552	-5,000	Higher costs due to operations relocation
	Environmental Health	29,207	23,675	5,532	106,414	101,414	5,000	Savings on operational supplies
	Public Works Services	186,139	126,858	59,281	321,279	291,279	30,000	Lower manpower see water and sewer
	Recreation, Cultural & Dev.	130,719	134,710	-3,992	311,522	301,522	10,000	Savings on staff and reduced programing
	Projects	137,571	57,976	79,595	220,141	190,141	30,000	Budget savings and deferred projects
	Water Services	84,190	106,925	-22,735	168,381	188,381	-20,000	Higher manpower and mntce
	Sewer Services	93,444	100,509	-7,065	186,888	191,888	-5,000	Higher R&M
	Transfer to reserve funds	-	-	-	138,176	138,176	0	
	Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>		<b>1,106,353</b>	<b>1,065,109</b>	<b>41,243</b>	<b>2,382,085</b>	<b>2,390,585</b>	<b>-8,500</b>	
<b>Net Operating Surplus before Year End Adj.</b>		<b>-85,891</b>	<b>-37,889</b>	<b>48,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,525</b>	<b>-2,526</b>	