



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	February 1, 2022
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Bill Elder Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by video by video
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Kira Marshall, Tahsis Community Tourism Coordinator Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by video (left at 7:48) by video
<u>Guests</u>	Mary Ruth Snyder, Executive Director, Campbell River and District Chamber of Commerce	by video (left at 7:20)
<u>Public</u>	5 Members of the public.	(3 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

None.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Fowler: VOT 046/2022

THAT the Agenda for the February 1, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

Mary Ruth Snyder, Executive Director, Campbell River and District Chamber of Commerce- Presentation Re: District wide database for businesses and community organizations.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 047/2022

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

The Executive Director of the Campbell River and District Chamber of Commerce presented to Council the new and soon to be launched searchable directory of community organizations and Businesses.

A question and answer period followed. Staff to provide a list of local businesses and organizations to be added to the database.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public spoke to Council Elder's motion regarding the disposition of the materials from the recently demolished derelict barge at the Tahsis Landfill.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 11, 2022.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 048/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 11, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 18, 2022.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 049/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 18, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

At the January 18th Closed Council meeting Council approved the proposal and terms

1 for architectural services by PHI Architecture Inc. dated January 6, 2022 for the Tahsis Firehall Project.

At the January 18th, 2022 Closed Council meeting Council passed the following resolution; **THAT** Staff submit an application for grant funding for the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment - Capacity, Sustainability and Climate Resilience Upgrade Project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program- Environmental Quality and; **THAT** Council supports the project and commits to its share of the project as well as cost overruns.

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H. Business Arising

1 Councillor Fowler notice of motion brought forward from the January 18, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 050/2022

THAT this resolution be received.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this resolution. A discussion followed.

2 Councillor Fowler notice of motion brought forward from the January 18, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 051/2022

THAT this resolution be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 052/2022

THAT Mayor Davis' November 12th, 2021 letter to Minister Conroy regarding Old Growth Deferrals be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED

3 Kira Marshall, Community Tourism Coordinator - Report to Council - January 2022 Update.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 053/2022

THAT this Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED

The Community Tourism Coordinator provided Council with an overview of the current and future projects for 2022.

A summary of the Village of Tahsis website audit was provided along with recommendations.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

None

Councillor Elder

None.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

Since the last meeting I have attended the following list of virtual meeting events webinars.

1. Food Security From An Indigenous Perspectives
2. 2 Billion Trees, Q&A, A call for proposals.
3. WE-CAN. How climate groups can influence Local Government
4. How to raise more major gifts without face to face meetings
5. New year, New plan, explore TFSA's, RIF, RSP solutions to keep you on track.
6. Doughnut Economics Panel On Green Policies
7. January 21, featured CarolAnne Leishman on Waterfowl Podcast
8. Attended virtual wellness practices hosted by the SRD
9. Municipal Carbon Budget
10. NSW monthly meeting (Outstanding Stewardship Coordinator Position)
11. TAAC (January 27, 1pm) I am hoping to continue with this standing committee on the third Thursday of the month moving forward.
12. BC Chapter Climate Caucus
13. Waterfowl Podcast featuring Colin Sparks

In addition to 6 episode recorded during this time I am also scheduled to release at 9:18 pm, the Village of Tahsis Public Meeting, I recorded from my home on January 18th. I do this not to breach trust with my fellow council members but to make publicly available information and encourage civics. I know that not everyone interested in learning the business of council is available every second Tuesday at 7 pm so my hope is to make it more accessible.

Further more I have a Notice of Motion for consideration.
regarding an amendment to
VOT 056/2020 TAAC

*amendments to original motion to update in italics

THAT WHEREAS, the Village completed an Age-Friendly Community Action Plan in December 2019;

AND WHEREAS, one recommendation from the action plan is to establish a Tahsis Age-Friendly Accessibility* committee (TAAC) to be responsible for implementing the Age-Friendly Action Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike the Tahsis age-friendly accessibility* Committee (TAAC), as a standing committee of council, which will meet at least monthly with the following membership

chair Councillor Fowler

vice chair Jack Taylor

Josephine Miladinovic, community paramedic

Ruth Russel (three members seniors society)

New member Brenda Lenahan *

Councillor Northcott (written report)

Since our last council meeting I was appointed to the UBCM Fire Services Working group. I want to thank mayor and council for endorsing my expression of interest. I am very much looking forward to making the voices of Tahsis and our volunteer fire department heard as we move to improve the playbook. Our first meeting has yet to be scheduled.

I also attended my first Vancouver Island Regional Library board meeting, which was also the AGM where I was elected to the executive committee in a run-off vote. I will do my best to follow in councillor Llewellyn's footsteps and work hard for the VIRL in general, and the Tahsis branch in particular.

At the library AGM we had a strategic planning session and at some point in the near future, VIRL will be seeking community input. We also were presented with the 2021 reports.

The capital plan does still have Tahsis on the list for a new library building, but that's all the information there is on that.

The performance scorecard had some interesting data.

- Physical borrowing has increased over 2020, however it's still down significantly from pre-pandemic numbers.
- Digital borrowing is up from pre-pandemic levels and represents more than a third of overall borrowing.
- VIRL events and program attendance was 63% children and teens
- Top interests for borrowers included: Indigenous topics, ecology and conservation
- The value of a library card is estimated at: 656.54 (total cost of borrowed items over 12 month period divided by number of registered borrowers on or about last day of reporting period)
- The most borrowed children's book of 2021 was: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever

My next library meeting is for the executive committee in early March.

Councillor Llewellyn (written report)

As most people know, we sold our home. The new person wanted quick possession so we will be moving Feb 28. We have found a new home at Gallagher Lake in the Okanagan. This happened much faster than we expected. I will make a decision by the end of the week about my tenure on council.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 054/2022
THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws
None.

L. Correspondence
None.

M. New Business

1 2022 Family Day Activity Grant

Elder/Fowler: VOT 055/2022
THAT this information be received.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this grant application. Council thanked Amanda Knibbs and Lauren Roth for their efforts on this grant application.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 056/2022
THAT Council support this 2022 Family Day Activity Grant Application.

CARRIED

2 Councillor Elder's Motion- Re: Disposition of the materials from the recently demolished derelict barge at the Tahsis Landfill

Elder/Fowler: VOT 057/2022
THAT this resolution be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Elder spoke to his motion. The CAO provided some additional facts and an update on the current situation.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 058/2022

WHEREAS the Comox Strathcona Waste Management service is planning for the closure of the Tahsis landfill beginning in 2024; and

WHEREAS it is in the financial and environmental interests of the Village of Tahsis to keep the landfill open for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS CSWM has other landfills within its service area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Tahsis Council oppose CSWM permitting Western Forests Products Inc., and its contractors from disposing of materials from the recently demolished derelict barge at the Tahsis landfill and request that CSWM work with WFP to transport this waste material to another landfill within the service area.

CARRIED

Staff to send letter based on motion.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public spoke about new opportunities for revenue streams and tax base.

The Tahsis Community Tourism Coordinator was given praise for her work.

There was a discussion about the Village of Tahsis sign.
A member of the public spoke to the taxation of businesses.

Adjournment

Elder/Fowler: VOT 059/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 15th day of February 2022

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a small upward curve.

Chief Administrative Officer

Silviculture for Salmon



The Nootka Sound Watershed Society, with support from the Coastal Restoration Fund, undertook a riparian restoration project on the Tahsis River in 2020/21. The goal of this project and others nearby is to contribute to rebuilding West Coast Vancouver Island Chinook salmon stocks in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation Unit by accelerating the succession of riparian forest and ecosystem function in stream reaches affecting critical spawning, incubation and rearing habitat in Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet streams.

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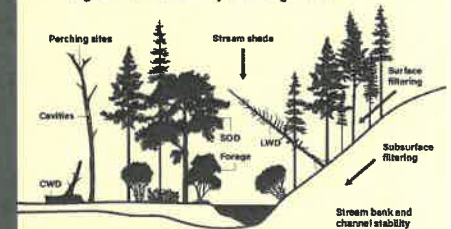
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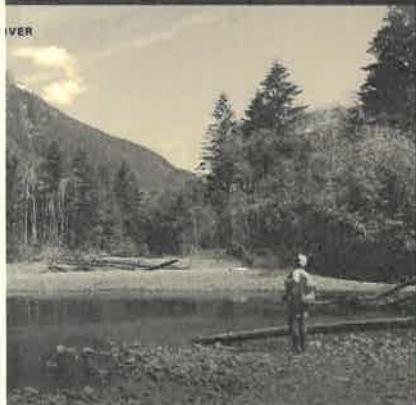
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SILVICULTURE FOR SALMON

Restoring salmon habitat in Nootka Sound



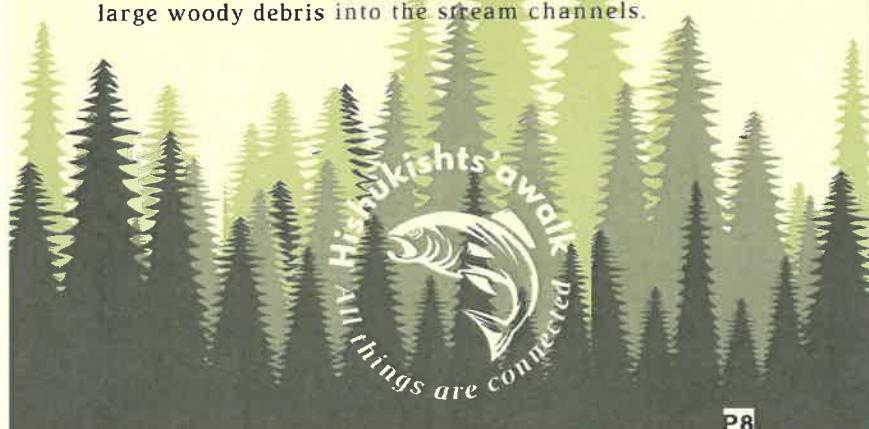
Re-Building Vancouver Island Chinook Salmon Stocks

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society, with support from the Coastal Restoration Fund, undertook a project to support the recovery of Chinook salmon stocks in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation unit by restoring streamside forests. By using innovative silvicultural treatments, the project sought to accelerate the natural succession of tree species in the forested areas along streams from an immature deciduous forest to a mature coniferous forest. Coniferous tree species, such as western redcedar, Sitka spruce, and western hemlock, support ecosystem functions that are important to salmon, such as improved streambank stability and cohesion, and the creation of critical habitat through an increase in future large woody debris into the stream channels.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The purpose of this 3-year long project is to restore salmon populations in Nootka Sound by creating habitat and environmental features that are critical to salmon. This was done using different forestry practices to improve bank stability and salmon habitat by:

- Accelerating natural forest processes by planting and promoting coniferous tree species (western redcedar and Sitka spruce) which create a root network to help stabilize stream banks and provide future large woody debris input into streams
- Creating old forest features that support diverse ecosystem services that contribute to healthy forests and streams.





History of the J3 Area

Logging practices in the 1940s removed much of the forests along the banks of various rivers and streams in the area. This reduced the functioning of the streamside forests, a crucial component of healthy salmon habitats. Many of these areas have been slow to recover. Through silvicultural practices, such as tree planting and providing more room for conifers to grow, the riparian forest is accelerated to an old-growth state, supporting ecosystems and habitats that are critical to salmon.

All Things are Connected

Bringing coniferous tree species back to the forested areas along rivers and streams is critical to establishing healthy and productive salmon habitats. In January 2021, 20,000 western red cedar and Sitka spruce seedlings were planted in selected areas. Through tree planting and the removal of competing species, such as red alder and salmonberry, we can accelerate the natural processes that would have otherwise taken hundreds of years. The coniferous trees have strong, interlocking roots that help to stabilize streambanks and support stream ecosystem functioning, which is important to spawning, incubating, and rearing habitat.

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PROJECT SUPPORTED AND SPONSORED BY:



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Rivers and Areas Treated

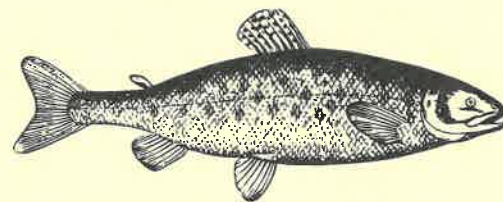
It takes an incredible amount of effort and cost to bring a project from conception and initiation, to finally implementing a treatment that restores the forested area alongside these rivers and streams. Over a span of 3 years, a total of \$900,981 was allocated to remediate the riparian forests along 5 rivers in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation unit: Sucwoa River, Tahsis River, Leiner/Perry river, Little Zeballos river, and Chum Creek. The funding allocation per river was dependent on size, complexity, and need, with approximately 60% of the total funding targeted towards implementing the restoration work, and 40% for professional services.

Area in hectares (ha) Treated along each River and Cost

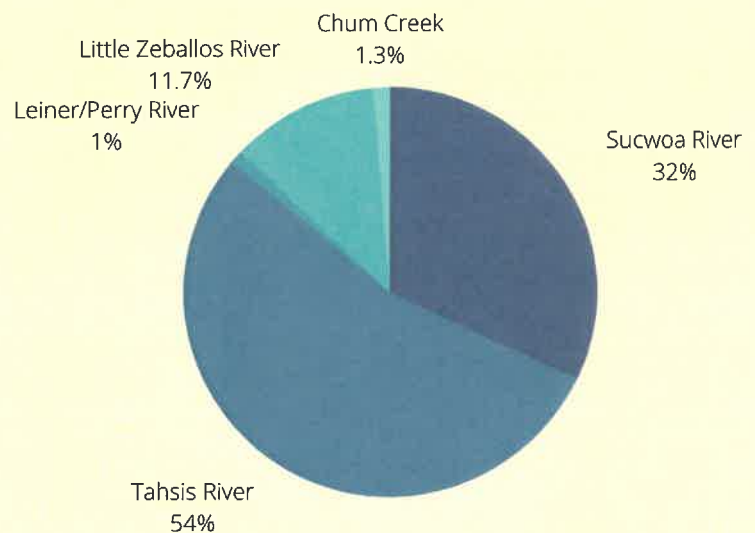
5 rivers in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation unit had restoration treatments prescribed in the streamside forests in order to improve salmon habitat. The area treated and costs are as follows:

• Sucwoa River • 46.7 ha	} \$189,166
• Tahsis River • 78.6 ha	
• Leiner/Perry River • 1.5 ha	} \$127,835
• Little Zeballos River • 17 ha	
• Chum Creek • 2 ha	

*Note: at the time of publication, the Leiner/Perry River, Little Zeballos River, and Chum Creek had yet to undergo restoration work, and area treated and costs therefore serve as an estimate.



Percent of total area treated





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Six Tahsis/Zeballos Salmon Streams Receive Riparian Silviculture Restoration Treatments.

Coastal Restoration Fund project addresses riverbank instability and large woody debris deficit.

[Tahsis, Vancouver Island, June 15, 2020]

Forestry crews arrived today to conduct riparian surveys along the Tahsis River with the aim of identifying ways to promote long-lived conifers. Planting and accelerating the growth of spruce and cedar can repair streambanks, and encouraging natural decay processes contributes to in-stream habitat needed by salmon. Large woody debris (LWD) is a critical component of fish habitat and happens naturally when trees fall into the river over time. LWD is lacking in the Tahsis system. Unstable streambanks in the Tahsis deliver sediment detrimental to salmon health that big trees can help hold back. A healthy riparian area has trees of varying stages of growth and decay and supports fish and biodiversity.

This riparian restoration initiative is led by the Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) and funded by the Coastal Restoration Fund (CRF) which is managed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The Nootka Sound Watershed Society was awarded \$900K to conduct this work over three years that will see long-term benefits to six streams in the Tahsis to Zeballos region.

This March the first of six streams was completed. The Sucwoa River located between the villages of Gold River and Tahsis saw over 1200 trees planted and 30 hectares of silviculture treatment. This grant has created regional jobs and training for area residents and economic benefits for local businesses like Nootka Reforestation (Tahsis), Strategic Natural Resources (Campbell River) and the businesses that house and support the crews while in the field. The Sucwoa River was the first river in the NSWS CRF project and the Tahsis is the second. Two more are planned in the Tahsis area this year, and next year two in the Zeballos area.

Silviculture treatments addressing unstable streambanks and LWD are just two activities that can improve salmonid habitat. The NSWS is actively pursuing other grants tackling watershed issues and restoration and enhancement initiatives. Our volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization works across all sectors and looks to create community-led projects that improve salmon returns and safeguards biodiversity. We welcome donations of time, expertise and cash.

For more information go to Nootka Sound Watershed Society: <https://www.nootkasound.info/>

Coastal Restoration Fund: \$904,010 Awarded Towards Salmon Stream Restoration in Tahsis and Zeballos.

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) is pleased to announce that the first phase of a 3 year riparian restoration project is complete. After having received \$904 010 from the Government of Canada's Coastal Restoration Fund, the NSWS set to work on planning and implementing silviculture treatments on the Sucwoa River, near Tahsis BC. The aim of this work is to bring salmon streams like the Sucwoa to a more natural state through targeted falling, planting, and wildlife habitat enhancement along the riverbank.

The NSWS hired Strategic Natural Resource Consultants to oversee the project with direction from our governing board and Western Forest Products. Contractors include forestry crews from Nootka Reforestation Ltd. comprised of local Tahsis, Gold River, Tsaxana, and Campbell River residents. Crews were trained on safe and effective riparian restoration measures over the course of several months. Over 30 hectares of riparian area were treated, and 1,200 trees planted. Cedar, spruce, and fir seedlings were planted in areas lacking evergreen coverage, while other areas saw select trees felled to allow for more light to reach the under story. Select mature trees were treated to accelerate their decay.

Prior to the implementation of the Forest Practices Code in 1995, the areas directly adjacent to river and stream banks were logged without regulation. These areas called Riparian Zones are integral to the stability and health of a river or stream. In their natural state, riparian zones contain several decay classes of trees (Fig. 1) with each class contributing to important stream health factors including bank stability and in stream fish habitat. The treatment described above all mimic the natural processes found along river banks and help accelerate the recovery of these streams from the legacy effects of logging. Current forestry legislation requires riparian zones on most stream classes to be left protected and in their natural state to prevent further degradation of this critical habitat that supports populations of Pacific Salmon, Steelhead, and Trout. Managing forests stands along streams in this manner will ensure the long-term contribution of

large wood to streams, reduce sediment released into streams which smother fish eggs, and contribute needed organic components and insects to the river adding building blocks of stream food webs.

Years 2-3 of the project will see similar treatments applied to 5 more rivers near the villages of Tahsis and Zeballos. These watersheds are all located within traditional Nuu-chah-nulth territories, including Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Nuchatlaht First Nation, and Ehattesaht First Nation traditional territories. We thank these nations for their support and continued stewardship of these lands.

We are grateful to the following partners for their contributions:

Activity 3: Continued Engagement with Local Communities

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Estimated Cost CRF: \$5,000

Start and End dates: April 1, 2021 to March 15, 2022

General Description of the Activity:

Ongoing engagement in project area local communities to ensure that the initiative is reflective of the regional cultural context and communities are aware of, as well as contribute to, the project's key themes and scope (e.g. display content for the six watershed restoration project signs, and articles).

Tasks:

1. Establish the required project interpretative signs at Tsowwin River riparian treatment sites.
2. Develop final article chronicling project progress and success in Ha'shilth'sa, the NTC newspaper (Ha'shilthsa.com). Provide project overview and progress on NSWWS website.
3. Continue with implementation of steps from Year 1 communication plan.

Deliverables:

- a) Project summary and progress posted on the NSWWS website.
- b) Project article conveying results posted in the Ha'shilth'sa newspaper.
- c) Photographs of the project signs at Tsowwin River project sites.

date	media	contact/author	topic	link
09-Sep-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	Zeballos Waterway Clean Up	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-09-09/north-islanders-rely-teamwork-estuary-cleanup
30-Mar-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	CFR Sucwoa phase one complete	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-03-30/riparian-restoration-aimed-sustaining-chinook
30-Apr-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	Nootka Sound 'salmon park' concept gains ground	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2019-04-30/nootka-sound-%E2%80%99salmon-park%E2%80%99-concept-gains-ground
08-Jul-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	CRF project moves to Phase 2	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-07-08/putting-wood-back-water-nootka-sound-riparian-project-advances-phase-2
21-Aug-20	North Island Gazette	Binny Paul	Zeballos Waterway Clean Up	https://www.northislandgazette.com/news/volunteers-to-help-clean-waterways-and-improve-fish-habitat-in-zeballos/
22-Jun-20	North Island Gazette	Binny Paul	CRF six Van Isle rivers riparian restoration	https://www.vicnews.com/news/six-northwestern-vancouver-island-rivers-undergoing-fish-habitat-restoration/
23-Jun-20	Cotes Currents	Binny Paul	CRF Fish Habitat Restoration in NW Van Isle	https://cortescurrents.ca/tag/nootka-sound-watershed-society/
24-Sep-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	Nootka Sound Rallies (silviculture reference but not CRF)	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-09-24/nootka-sound-rallies-save-vanishing-%E2%80%98salmon%E2%80%99
08-Oct-20	North Island Eagle	Kathy O'Reilly	Steelhead focused mentions silviculture (from draft sent Oct 4)	not yet published issu #30 Volume #4
04-Sep-20	North Island Eagle	Kathy O'Reilly	Zeballos River clean-up nets a tonne of trash (silviculture)	https://www.facebook.com/northislandeagle/photos/a.1257814587629636/3298612993549775

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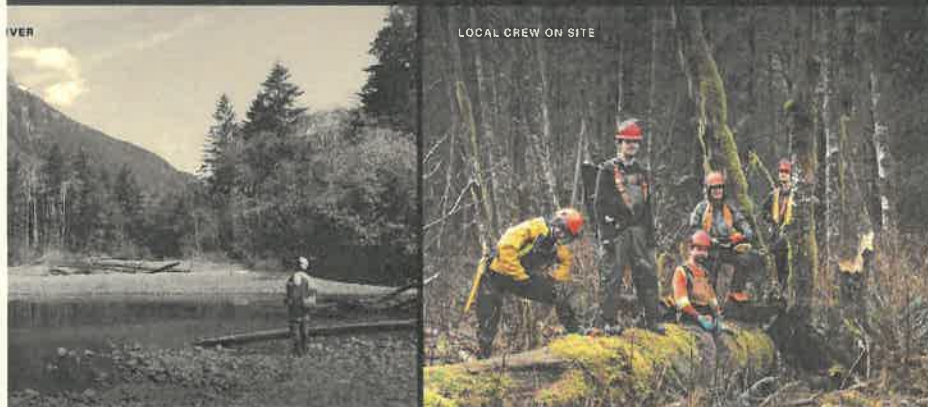
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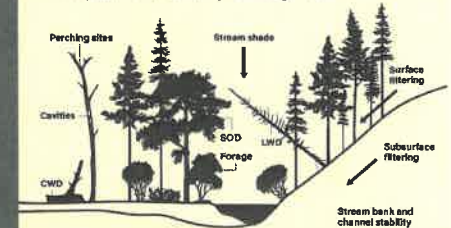
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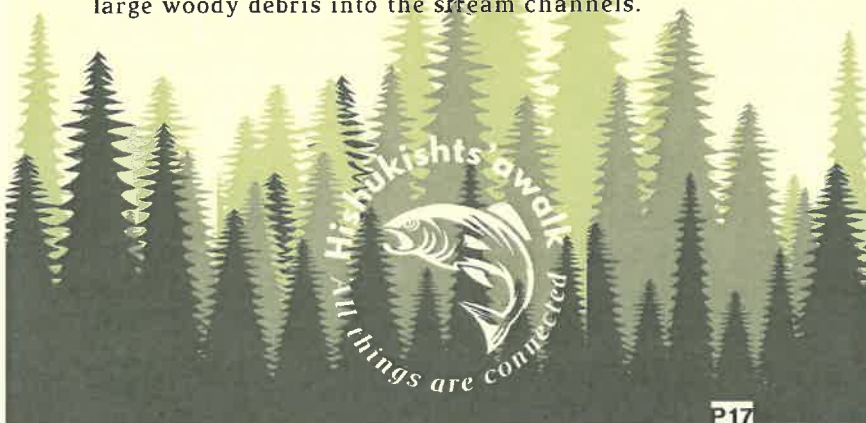
Re-Building Vancouver Island Chinook Salmon Stocks

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society, with support from the Coastal Restoration Fund, undertook a project to support the recovery of Chinook salmon stocks in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation unit by restoring streamside forests. By using innovative silvicultural treatments, the project sought to accelerate the natural succession of tree species in the forested areas along streams from an immature deciduous forest to a mature coniferous forest. Coniferous tree species, such as western redcedar, Sitka spruce, and western hemlock, support ecosystem functions that are important to salmon, such as improved streambank stability and cohesion, and the creation of critical habitat through an increase in future large woody debris into the stream channels.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The purpose of this 3-year long project is to restore salmon populations in Nootka Sound by creating habitat and environmental features that are critical to salmon. This was done using different forestry practices to improve bank stability and salmon habitat by:

- Accelerating natural forest processes by planting and promoting coniferous tree species (western redcedar and Sitka spruce) which create a root network to help stabilize stream banks and provide future large woody debris input into streams
- Creating old forest features that support diverse ecosystem services that contribute to healthy forests and streams.





History of the J3 Area

Logging practices in the 1940s removed much of the forests along the banks of various rivers and streams in the area. This reduced the functioning of the streamside forests, a crucial component of healthy salmon habitats. Many of these areas have been slow to recover. Through silvicultural practices, such as tree planting and providing more room for conifers to grow, the riparian forest is accelerated to an old-growth state, supporting ecosystems and habitats that are critical to salmon.

All Things are Connected

Bringing coniferous tree species back to the forested areas along rivers and streams is critical to establishing healthy and productive salmon habitats. In January 2021, 20,000 western red cedar and Sitka spruce seedlings were planted in selected areas. Through tree planting and the removal of competing species, such as red alder and salmonberry, we can accelerate the natural processes that would have otherwise taken hundreds of years. The coniferous trees have strong, interlocking roots that help to stabilize streambanks and support stream ecosystem functioning, which is important to spawning, incubating, and rearing habitat.

In a continuous cycle, salmon feed riparian forests and the forests feed the fish.



PROJECT SUPPORTED AND SPONSORED BY:



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First Nation

This project was made possible by a grant from the Coastal Restoration Fund and contributions from Western Forest Products. We gratefully acknowledge the ancestral stewards of this land, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, and their support of this project.

For more information, please visit: www.nootkasound.info

RIVERS BY THE NUMBER

J3

Rivers and Areas Treated

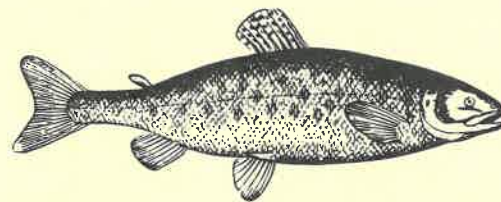
It takes an incredible amount of effort and cost to bring a project from conception and initiation, to finally implementing a treatment that restores the forested area alongside these rivers and streams. Over a span of 3 years, a total of \$900,981 was allocated to remediate the riparian forests along 5 rivers in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation unit: Sucwoa River, Tahsis River, Leiner/Perry river, Little Zeballos river, and Chum Creek. The funding allocation per river was dependent on size, complexity, and need, with approximately 60% of the total funding targeted towards implementing the restoration work, and 40% for professional services.

Area in hectares (ha) Treated along each River and Cost

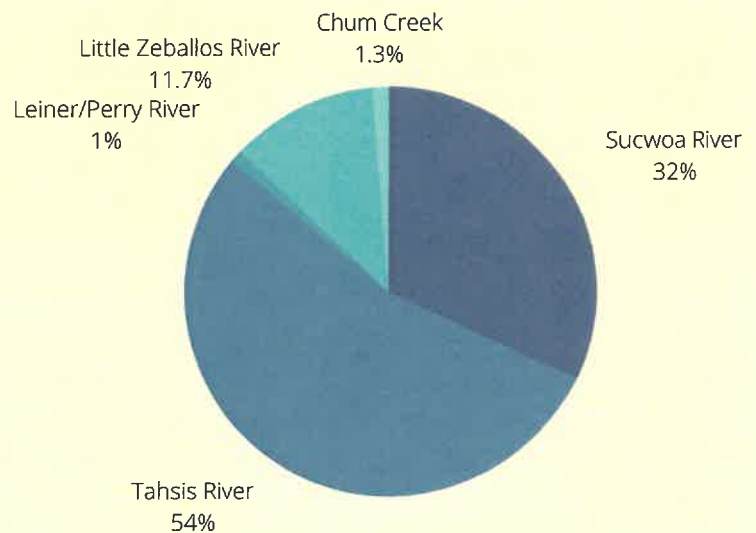
5 rivers in the Nootka-Kyuquot Conservation unit had restoration treatments prescribed in the streamside forests in order to improve salmon habitat. The area treated and costs are as follows:

• Sucwoa River	}	\$189,166
• 46.7 ha		
• Tahsis River	}	\$583,980
• 78.6 ha		
• Leiner/Perry River	}	\$127,835
• 1.5 ha		
• Little Zeballos River		
• 17 ha		
• Chum Creek		
• 2 ha		

*Note: at the time of publication, the Leiner/Perry River, Little Zeballos River, and Chum Creek had yet to undergo restoration work, and area treated and costs therefore serve as an estimate.



Percent of total area treated





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Six Tahsis/Zeballos Salmon Streams Receive Riparian Silviculture Restoration Treatments.

Coastal Restoration Fund project addresses riverbank instability and large woody debris deficit.

[Tahsis, Vancouver Island, June 15, 2020]

Forestry crews arrived today to conduct riparian surveys along the Tahsis River with the aim of identifying ways to promote long-lived conifers. Planting and accelerating the growth of spruce and cedar can repair streambanks, and encouraging natural decay processes contributes to in-stream habitat needed by salmon. Large woody debris (LWD) is a critical component of fish habitat and happens naturally when trees fall into the river over time. LWD is lacking in the Tahsis system. Unstable streambanks in the Tahsis deliver sediment detrimental to salmon health that big trees can help hold back. A healthy riparian area has trees of varying stages of growth and decay and supports fish and biodiversity.

This riparian restoration initiative is led by the Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) and funded by the Coastal Restoration Fund (CRF) which is managed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The Nootka Sound Watershed Society was awarded \$900K to conduct this work over three years that will see long-term benefits to six streams in the Tahsis to Zeballos region.

This March the first of six streams was completed. The Sucwoa River located between the villages of Gold River and Tahsis saw over 1200 trees planted and 30 hectares of silviculture treatment. This grant has created regional jobs and training for area residents and economic benefits for local businesses like Nootka Reforestation (Tahsis), Strategic Natural Resources (Campbell River) and the businesses that house and support the crews while in the field. The Sucwoa River was the first river in the NSWS CRF project and the Tahsis is the second. Two more are planned in the Tahsis area this year, and next year two in the Zeballos area.

Silviculture treatments addressing unstable streambanks and LWD are just two activities that can improve salmonid habitat. The NSWS is actively pursuing other grants tackling watershed issues and restoration and enhancement initiatives. Our volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization works across all sectors and looks to create community-led projects that improve salmon returns and safeguards biodiversity. We welcome donations of time, expertise and cash.

For more information go to Nootka Sound Watershed Society: <https://www.nootkasound.info/>

Coastal Restoration Fund: \$904,010 Awarded Towards Salmon Stream Restoration in Tahsis and Zeballos.

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) is pleased to announce that the first phase of a 3 year riparian restoration project is complete. After having received \$904 010 from the Government of Canada's Coastal Restoration Fund, the NSWS set to work on planning and implementing silviculture treatments on the Sucwoa River, near Tahsis BC. The aim of this work is to bring salmon streams like the Sucwoa to a more natural state through targeted falling, planting, and wildlife habitat enhancement along the riverbank.

The NSWS hired Strategic Natural Resource Consultants to oversee the project with direction from our governing board and Western Forest Products. Contractors include forestry crews from Nootka Reforestation Ltd. comprised of local Tahsis, Gold River, Tsaxana, and Campbell River residents. Crews were trained on safe and effective riparian restoration measures over the course of several months. Over 30 hectares of riparian area were treated, and 1,200 trees planted. Cedar, spruce, and fir seedlings were planted in areas lacking evergreen coverage, while other areas saw select trees felled to allow for more light to reach the under story. Select mature trees were treated to accelerate their decay.

Prior to the implementation of the Forest Practices Code in 1995, the areas directly adjacent to river and stream banks were logged without regulation. These areas called Riparian Zones are integral to the stability and health of a river or stream. In their natural state, riparian zones contain several decay classes of trees (Fig. 1) with each class contributing to important stream health factors including bank stability and in stream fish habitat. The treatment described above all mimic the natural processes found along river banks and help accelerate the recovery of these streams from the legacy effects of logging. Current forestry legislation requires riparian zones on most stream classes to be left protected and in their natural state to prevent further degradation of this critical habitat that supports populations of Pacific Salmon, Steelhead, and Trout. Managing forests stands along streams in this manner will ensure the long-term contribution of

large wood to streams, reduce sediment released into streams which smother fish eggs, and contribute needed organic components and insects to the river adding building blocks of stream food webs.

Years 2-3 of the project will see similar treatments applied to 5 more rivers near the villages of Tahsis and Zeballos. These watersheds are all located within traditional Nuu-chah-nulth territories, including Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Nuchatlaht First Nation, and Ehattesaht First Nation traditional territories. We thank these nations for their support and continued stewardship of these lands.

We are grateful to the following partners for their contributions:

Activity 3: Continued Engagement with Local Communities

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Estimated Cost CRF: \$5,000

Start and End dates: April 1, 2021 to March 15, 2022

General Description of the Activity:

Ongoing engagement in project area local communities to ensure that the initiative is reflective of the regional cultural context and communities are aware of, as well as contribute to, the project's key themes and scope (e.g. display content for the six watershed restoration project signs, and articles).

Tasks:

1. Establish the required project interpretative signs at Tsowwin River riparian treatment sites.
2. Develop final article chronicling project progress and success in Ha'shilth'sa, the NTC newspaper (Ha'shilthsa.com). Provide project overview and progress on NSWS website.
3. Continue with implementation of steps from Year 1 communication plan.

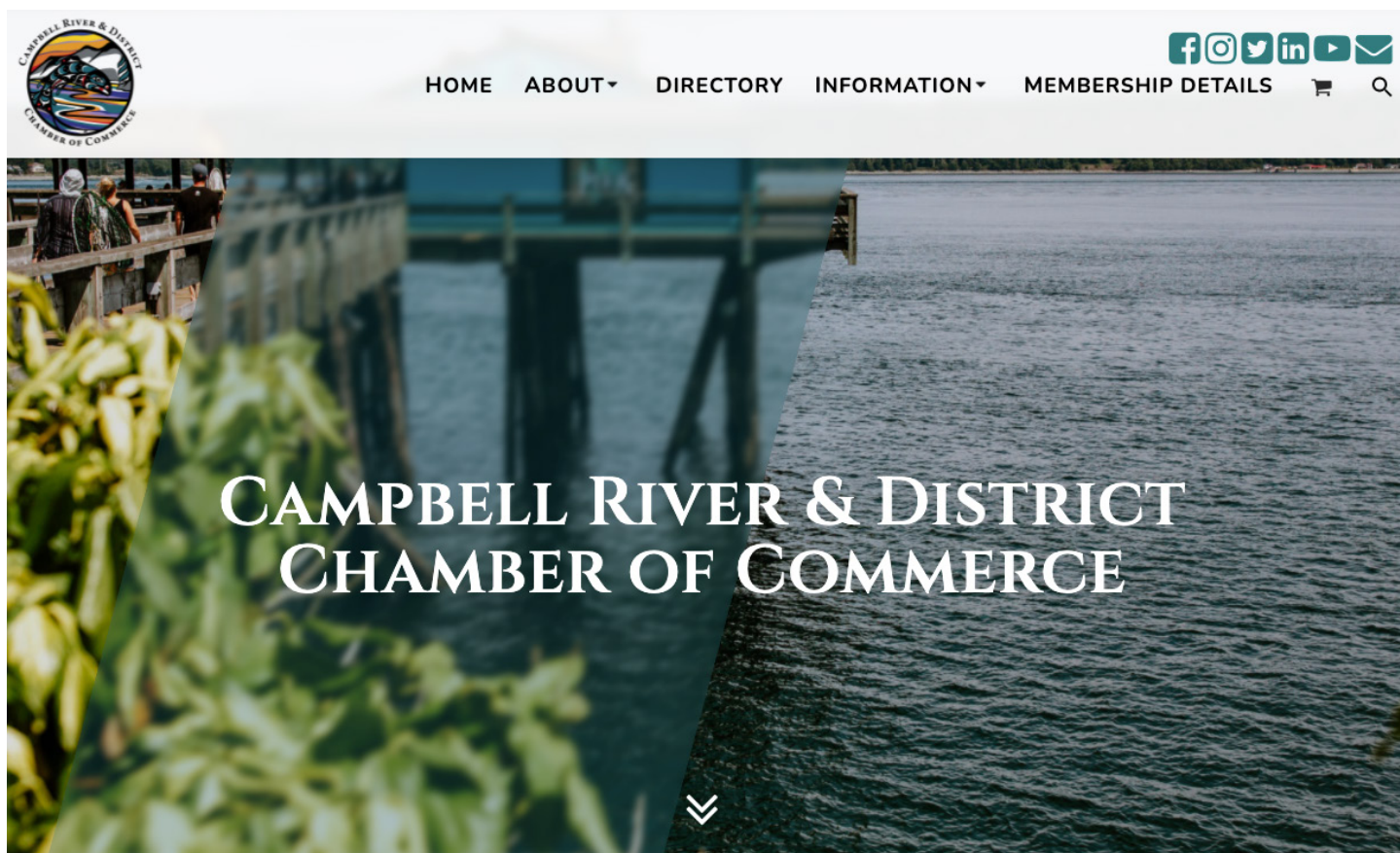
Deliverables:

- a) Project summary and progress posted on the NSWS website.
- b) Project article conveying results posted in the Ha'shilth'sa newspaper.
- c) Photographs of the project signs at Tsowwin River project sites.

date	media	contact/author	topic	link
09-Sep-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	Zeballos Waterway Clean Up	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-09-09/north-islanders-rely-teamwork-estuary-cleanup
30-Mar-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	CFR Sucwoa phase one complete	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-03-30/riparian-restoration-aimed-sustaining-chinook
30-Apr-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	Nootka Sound 'salmon park' concept gains ground	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2019-04-30/nootka-sound-%E2%80%98salmon-park%E2%80%99-concept-gains-ground
08-Jul-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	CRF project moves to Phase 2	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-07-08/putting-wood-back-water-nootka-sound-riparian-project-advances-phase-2
21-Aug-20	North Island Gazette	Binny Paul	Zeballos Waterway Clean Up	https://www.northislandgazette.com/news/volunteers-to-help-clean-waterways-and-improve-fish-habitat-in-zeballos/
22-Jun-20	North Island Gazette	Binny Paul	CRF six Van Isle rivers riparian restoration	https://www.vicnews.com/news/six-northwestern-vancouver-island-rivers-undergoing-fish-habitat-restoration/
23-Jun-20	Cotes Currents	Binny Paul	CRF Fish Habitat Restoration in NW Van Isle	https://cortescurrents.ca/tag/nootka-sound-watershed-society/
24-Sep-20	Ha-Shilth-Sa	Mike Youds	Nootka Sound Rallies (silviculture reference but not CRF)	https://hashilthsa.com/news/2020-09-24/nootka-sound-rallies-save-vanishing-%E2%80%98qiwah%E2%80%99
08-Oct-20	North Island Eagle	Kathy O'Reilly	Steelhead focused mentions silviculture (from draft sent Oct 4)	not yet published issu #30 Volume #4
04-Sep-20	North Island Eagle	Kathy O'Reilly	Zeballos River clean-up nets a tonne of trash (silviculture)	https://www.facebook.com/northislandeagle/photos/a.1257814587629636/3298612993549775

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- Tiff Macklem, Governor, Bank of Canada
- Nik Nanos, Canadian Public Opinion Pollster

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January 27, 2022

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DIRECTORY

COMING SOON

We are currently building a district wide directory of community organizations and businesses that will be searchable both by category such as Automotive, Gardening or Retail and by location such as Quadra Island, Gold River or Sayward.

DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

CATEGORY

LOCATION



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	January 11, 2022
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis	
	Councillor Bill Elder	
	Councillor Sarah Fowler	by video
	Councillor Cheryl Northcott	by video
	Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by video

<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Ian Poole, Director of Finance	by video
	Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by video
	Shelley DeBruyne, Administrative Coordinator	

<u>Public</u>	1 Member of the public.
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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

None

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 001/2022

THAT the Agenda for the January 11, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public thanked Emergency Support Services, Public Works, Tahsis Volunteer Fire Department, BC Hydro, Emergency Management BC, BC Ambulance and all others who helped out during the power outage of January 2022.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 7, 2021.**

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 002/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 7, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED**2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 7, 2021.****Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 003/2022**

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of December 7, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED**3 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 14, 2021.****Elder/Fowler: VOT 004/2022**

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes of December 14, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED**G. Rise and Report**

None

H. Business Arising**1 Inspection Report - Maquinna Hotel - 1400 South Maquinna Drive, Tahsis BC****Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 005/2022**

THAT this report be received for information.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this report. A discussion followed.

L. Council Reports**Mayor Davis** (written report)

The main issue in everybody's minds at this point is the recent weeklong power outage in Tahsis, along with the temporary closing of the Head Bay Forest Service Road during this event. The event was triggered by protracted heavy snowfalls that felled trees which in turn took out the power lines in several locations between Gold River and Zeballos. In one case, a power pole had to be replaced. Repairs were hampered by access issues, road closures, poor weather, grounding helicopters needed for access, and deep snow. Issues in town included identifying those most at risk and providing food and shelter for them until the issues were resolved. It took a day to organize, but the rec centre was opened for overnight stays while volunteers prepared and distributed meals. Our emergency services staff were activated, who helped look after the needs of the vulnerable and provided transportation and assistance as needed; our ambulance service and fire department played a huge role in all of this. Public Works had to manually operate the sewage lift stations, fuel the generators, and plow the roads and sidewalks.

Among other tasks, the fire department operated the generator to pump fuel at the gas station so that people could keep their personal vehicles and generators running. When fuel ran low, Grieg Seafood brought in 1500 litres of diesel by water, while a tanker truck made an emergency run into town to deliver fuel to restock the gas station, the Coast Guard and Public Works. Western Forest Products donated firewood. Strathcona Regional District brought in food and an emergency task number was created to track costs and provide some reimbursement to the Village after the crisis ended.

There were some issues in town such as fuel thefts, but overall, things went smoothly, and in the end, we got our power back and returned to a measure of normalcy, with no lives lost. A huge thank you goes out to everybody that contributed to keeping things running and people fed and safe. You know who you are! There was much media interest and apart from volunteering, donating materials and keeping people informed, I have done and continue to do media interviews. We will be meeting soon to debrief and look at what worked, what didn't, and what we as a community can do to prevent a repeat, in conjunction with the provincial government. I will follow this up in my next report to council.

Councillor Elder (verbal report)

A shout out to those who were not on the front lines who too helped out during the power outage.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

Sometimes in difficult circumstances it can be challenging to adopt a grateful attitude. I know over the last couple days, given the snow and hydro disruptions, I have been struggling too, yet, I see how understanding and compassion can help, at any time.

Since last year's meeting I have received so much support. When I asked for donations for freight costs for Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers the community at large responded. Because of the generosity of so many, especially the Vancouver Island Hot Shots Freight Company contribution I was able to distribute local donations back to community recipients. I even got to honour my late uncle Frenando Barbosa's memory by giving out scratch tickets at Christmas, like he did in my childhood. I guess there is a few winners among us.

Also of note is the sinking of a logging camp barge in town during the Christmas holidays. The Coast Guard is involved and steps will be taken to refloat and remove the barge as time permits.

Poor road maintenance continues to be a sore point on the Tahsis Road and contributed to the many closures during this storm event. I will also be following up on this.

One small bright spot is a new report that shows that our water consumption has declined by 66,000 cubic metres in one year, due to repairs and conservation measures.

Councillor Northcott (verbal report)

It was heartening to see how the Village pulled together during the power outage.

Councillor Llewellyn (written report)

I want to personally thank the Village and the volunteers at the warming centre. It was 9 degrees in our home when we made the decision to move to the warming centre. It was truly amazing to watch all the hard work that everyone put in to keeping everyone in our community safe. Our paramedics drove around making sure people were safe and convincing many to come to the Rec Centre. Those who stayed at the centre enjoyed each others company with no serious issues arising. It was fun to watch the different generations interacting. One nine year old boy played snooker with one of our senior citizens and then spent the rest of the week visiting with him and another senior that was sheltering there. Everyone was respectful of the mask protocol, wearing them whenever they were moving about but removing them while at their table. Most of us sat with the same people each meal. COVID was certainly on people's minds but keeping warm was a bigger priority for the week

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 006/2022

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

1 Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 646, 2021

Adoption

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 007/2022

THAT the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 646, 2021 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

**1 "no" vote registered to
Councillor Elder**

Llewellyn/Northcott: VOT 008/2022

THAT the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 646, 2021 be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted this 11th day of January, 2022.

CARRIED

**1 "no" vote registered to
Councillor Elder**

2 Solid Waste Management Amendment Bylaw No. 647, 2021

Adoption

Elder/Llewellyn: 009/2022

THAT the Solid Waste Management Amendment Bylaw No. 647, 2021 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

**1 "no" vote registered to
Councillor Elder**

Llewellyn/Northcott: VOT 010/2022

THAT the Solid Waste Management Amendment Bylaw No. 647, 2021 be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted this 11th day of January, 2022.

CARRIED

**1 "no" vote registered to
Councillor Elder**

L. Correspondence

1 November 30, 2021 Letter to Mayor and Council from Jim Snetsinger, Chair, Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia (FESB)

2 Email from BC SPCA Re: offer of support to changes to rodenticide use in Tahsis

- 3 Letter from the BC Achievement Foundation Re: 2022 BC Achievement Community Award - Call for nominations.

Email from Jake Martens, General Manager of Corporate Services, Comox Valley

- 4 Regional District Re: Comox Strathcona Waste Management District Bylaw Adjudication.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 011/2022

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 012/2022

THAT correspondence item 3 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- L3 Letter from the BC Achievement Foundation Re: 2022 BC Achievement Community Award - Call for nominations.

Councillor Fowler spoke to this letter and cited community members whom she felt were worthy of consideration.

M. New Business

None

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public spoke to the recent power outage and suggested that the Village do a yearly practice exercise to prepare for emergencies.

Adjournment

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 013/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 1st day of February 2022

Chief Administrative Officer



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	January 18, 2022
<u>Time</u>	7:02 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Bill Elder Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Lynda Llewellyn	by video by video by video (7:18 joined)
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Ian Poole, Director of Finance Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager Shelley DeBruyne, Administrative Coordinator	by video by video
<u>Guests</u>	Shaun Koopman, Strathcona Regional District, Protective Services Coordinator	by video (left 7:50)
<u>Public</u>	2 Members of the public.	by video

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

Under Correspondence as "L2" January 13, 2022 email from Minister Conroy in response to Mayor Davis' November 12, 2021 email- Re: Further information regarding Old Growth Deferrals.

Under New Business as "M5" Councillor Northcott's request for endorsement Re: expression of interest to be appointed to the UBCM Fire Services Working Group.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Fowler: VOT 014/2022

THAT the Agenda for the January 18, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None

E. Public Input # 1

None.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

None.

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

It has only been a week since my last report and I am following up on our recent hydro blackout. The outage affected Zeballos, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation, Nuchatlaht First Nation and Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h' First Nations for a week in total. The Strathcona Regional District's Emergency Operations Coordinator has just stood down the food delivery program, which flew in grocery orders from Campbell River via Gold River. Again, much thanks go to our Village staff, Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Emergency Operations people, volunteers, as well as the Regional District, Grieg Seafood, Western Forest Products and anybody whom I may have forgotten, for all your help in getting the community through this issue. There will be surveys going out to those involved with the assistance as well as the general public to get input into the challenges that arose and what could be done better in future. Council will be meeting to discuss the response, as well as the causes, but I have a few thoughts, which I have already shared with the CEO of BC Hydro when he called me during the outage.

First and most obvious is that the hydro right-of-way need to be re-cleared to prevent the treefalls that disabled the power grid in this region. I know that it has been at least fourteen years since the hydro lines have been re-cleared past my house, and this outage is a result of that neglect. A bit of prevention is costly, but not nearly as much as trying to replace broken hydro poles and lines by helicopter in shoulder-deep snow, coupled with the cost of emergency responses, borne ultimately by taxpayers. Second, Tahsis needs a backup generator to power the town during outages.

The CEO of BC Hydro replied that they are moving away from using fossil fuels to power small communities. My response to this was that Tahsis has great potential to generate 5 megawatts of electricity if the McKelvie power project was restarted. This was a project that was stopped by local as well as provincial political opposition after over \$2 million was spent. It is a local renewable energy source with no environmental downside. If built, it would have contributed over \$1 million to the village coffers to date and we wouldn't have suffered through this and other power outages. It would also have provided clean, gravity-fed drinking water to Tahsis by using slow-sand infiltration galleries from under the riverbed. Instead, we have wasted massive amounts of money on building drinking water wells, test wells, ongoing contaminant testing, as well as continuously pumping our water up from 30 metres below sea level. So many wasted opportunities. The CEO's response is that there is no political appetite for run-of-river power projects any more, despite their low carbon footprint and sustainable nature. My personal opinion is that we need to lobby for this project to be restarted if we want the sustainable, resilient community that Tahsis should become in future. This community has always been a victim of short-sighted economic and political decision-making and if we want to become a strong, largely self-reliant community, many changes need to be made to achieve this.

On another note, the sunken logging camp barge is being refloated and will be pulled up on shore.

There will be another Covid vaccination clinic coming to Tahsis on January 24. The phone number for appointments is 1-833-838-2323, or call the clinic for details. Shots will be Moderna or Pfizer.

Councillor Elder (verbal report)

Observed the clean up of vegetation along powerlines on the way to Campbell River.

Councillor Fowler

No report.

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Llewellyn

No report

Elder/Fowler: VOT 015/2022

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 Letter Mayor Peter Busse, District of Lillooet to Brad Vis, MP for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Re: BC Wildfire Petition.

- January 13, 2022 email from Minister Conroy in response to Mayor Davis'**
2 November 12, 2021 email- Re: Further information regarding Old Growth Deferrals.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 016/2022

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 017/2022

THAT correspondence item 1& 2 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- L1 Letter Mayor Peter Busse, District of Lillooet to Brad Vis, MP for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Re: BC Wildfire Petition.**

Mayor Davis spoke to this item a discussion followed.

Notice of Motion from Councillor Fowler

THAT Mayor and Council accept the petition "BC Wildfires" for information;

AND THAT the petition be provided to the House of Commons and the MP Brad Vis may address the petition there;

AND THAT staff write a letter on behalf of the Mayor and Council that reiterates and supports the points in the petition;

AND FURTHER THAT the letter be sent our MLA and MP.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 018/2022

THAT this motion be brought forward under Business Arising at the February 1st Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

- L2 January 13, 2022 email from Minister Conroy in response to Mayor Davis'**
November 12, 2021 email- Re: Further information regarding Old Growth Deferrals.

Mayor Davis spoke the email received from Minister Conroy in response to his November 12th, 2021 letter. A discussion followed.

Notice of Motion from Councillor Fowler

THAT Mayor Davis' November 12th, 2021 letter to Minister Conroy regarding Old Growth Deferrals be endorsed by Council.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 019/2022

THAT this motion be brought forward under Business Arising at the February 1st Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

M. New Business

- 1 2022 Budget Meeting Dates**

Elder/Northcott: VOT 020/2022

THAT the 2022 Budget meeting dates be open for discussion.

CARRIED

The Director of Finance spoke to setting 2 dates for meetings to discuss the 2022 Budget, including the capital plan.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 021/2022

THAT the 2022 Budget meeting dates be set for February 8th and February 22nd of 2022 at 1 p.m. both days.

CARRIED

2 Report to Council Re: Regional Grant Opportunity- UBCM 2022 Emergency Support Services.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 022/2022

THAT the report from the CAO be received.

CARRIED

Shaun Koopman spoke to this grant opportunity.
A brief discussion ensued.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 023/2022

THAT as part of the Village of Tahsis' ongoing work in relation to emergency Group Lodging that an application for financial assistance under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2022 Emergency Support Services grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District; and

THAT the Strathcona Regional District be authorized to provide overall grant management on behalf of the Village of Tahsis if the application is successful.

CARRIED

3 Report to Council Re: UBCM 2022 Emergency Operations Centre

Elder/Fowler: VOT 024/2022

THAT the report from the CAO be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Elder: VOT 025/2022

THAT as part of the Village of Tahsis' ongoing work in relation to tsunami response that an application for financial assistance under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2022 Emergency Operations Centre grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District; and

THAT the Strathcona Regional District be authorized to provide overall grant management on behalf of the Village of Tahsis if the application is successful.

CARRIED

4 Canada Summer Jobs 2022- Application and Agreement

Elder/Fowler: VOT 026/2022

THAT this information be received.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to the grant application.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 027/2022

THAT Council support the grant application to hire 2 staff under the Canada Summer Jobs 2022 Program.

CARRIED

5 Councillor Northcott's request for endorsement Re: expression of interest to be appointed to the UBCM Fire Services Working Group.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 028/2022

THAT this email and letter be received.

CARRIED

A brief discussion followed.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 029/2022

THAT Councillor Northcott's expression of interest for appointment to the UBCM Fire Services Working Group be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED**N. Public Input #2**

None.

Public Exclusion**Fowler/Elder: VOT 030/2022**

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1) (k) of the Community Charter- negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public and 90 (1)(j) information that is prohibited or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited from disclosure.

CARRIED**Recess****Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 031/2022**

THAT the Regular Council meeting recess at 7:58 p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED**Reconvene****Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 044/2022**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting reconvene at 9.07 p.m.

CARRIED**Rise and Report**

At the January 18th Closed Council meeting Council approved the proposal and terms for architectural services by PHI Architecture Inc. dated January 6, 2022 for the Tahsis Firehall Project.

At the January 18th, 2022 Closed Council meeting Council passed the following resolution; **THAT** Staff submit an application for grant funding for the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment - Capacity, Sustainability and Climate Resilience Upgrade Project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program- Environmental Quality and; **THAT** Council supports the project and commits to its share of the project as well as cost overruns.

Adjournment

Elder/Fowler: VOT 045/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9.08 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 1st day of February 2022

Chief Administrative Officer

**District of Lillooet**

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December 15, 2021

File #: 0400-20

Via email: brad.vis@parl.gc.ca

Brad Vis, MP for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

To: Mr. Brad Vis:**RE: BC Wildfires Petition**

The District of Lillooet (the "District") Councillor Laurie Hopfl has taken part in conversations with many stakeholders across our community regarding the needed changes to protect BC forests and every living thing in them.

On December 7, 2021, Councillor Hopfl made a notice of motion at the District Regular Council Meeting and sought Council support for a call to action as outlined in a petition, "BC Wildfires" that was signed by 46 Lillooet area residents.

The BC Wildfires petition, enclosed with this correspondence, is addressed to the Government of Canada and asks for the Government of BC and Canada to empower local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front line knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change.

Inspired by the Ontario government who assembled an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides, we believe that BC needs this type of agency as well.

We believe that impacts to lumber prices and job availability, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases are trickle effects that will continue to have detrimental effects on BC's future if we do not make necessary changes to current forest practice procedures.

Consequently, the District of Lillooet calls upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

As such, the District Council passed resolution R-235-2021:

THAT Mayor and Council accept the petition "BC Wildfires" for information;

AND THAT the petition be provided to the House of Commons and that MP Brad Vis may address the petition there;

AND THAT staff write a letter on behalf of Mayor and Council that reiterates and supports the points in the petition;

AND FURTHER THAT the letter be sent to the MLA, MP, and all Councils of BC communities.

We respectfully request that you present the BC Wildfires petition to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

We invite other BC communities to adopt similar resolutions and join our efforts to bring about change in BC.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mayor Peter Busse
District of Lillooet

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments
Jackie Tegart, MLA for Fraser-Nicola
encl. BC Wildfires petition

BC Wildfires:**Whereas:**

We are calling for better forest management and wildfire prevention as well as empowering Local People, working with Licensees, Industry & Contractors, Indigenous Communities, Ranchers, and boots on the ground workers such as Fire Fighters, Forestry workers, and all those that see day to day issues and have the frontline knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and can help to create change.

Ontario created an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides. We believe BC needs this too. Create full time, year around employment for forest restoration and management for fire fighters.



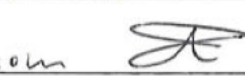


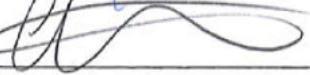
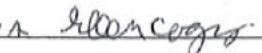
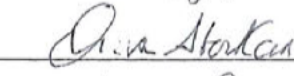

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We need to make a change to protect BC Forests and every living thing in it.

Therefore:

This petition is calling on our Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

Reference: Youtube: 'A Valley Destroyed', The story of Monte Lake & Paxton Valley, Part 1 & 2

	NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS (FULL Address and City)	EMAIL (PRINT)	SIGNATURE (SIGN)
1.	Renee Angus	1-2220 Hwy 99 N Lillooet BC		Renee Angus
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3.	B. Allen	7389 Hwy 12 Box 2068		
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THEREFORE

NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS (FULL Address and City)	EMAIL (PRINT)	SIGNATURE (SIGN)
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12. Betty Crossler	415 Sumner Rd		E. J. Crossler
13. BARBARA WESTON	640 SUMNER		Barbara Weston
14. Paddy Weston	116-11 TH AVE		P Weston
15. JEFF LOR	632 Main St		JL
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18. Patrik Loring	2827 Transcan Lytton, BC Hwy		Patrik L. Loring
19. B McCandless	Texas CK Hil		B McCandless
20. Debbie Cain	165 Ponderosa Hwy		D Cain
21. Mario Tajama	Yalalom Rd 1990		M Tajama
22. LINDA LOR	632 Main St		Linda Loring
23. Ron Taylor	405 Kennedy Pa		RON TAYLOR
24. Karine Jolly	689 Columbia		K Jolly
25. Wendy Barman	Box 1402, Lillooet		Wendy Barman
26. STANISLAW	1111		Stanislaw
27. BRETT LESTER	WINNIPEG		Brett Lester
28. LACH MACDONALD	760 MOMA RD		L MacDonald
29. LAUREN WHEAT	PO Box 2045 Lillooet B.C.		Lauren Wheat
30. Brian & Weeks	270 TAYLOR RD.		Brian & Weeks

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PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

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32. G VANDERWOLF	P.O. Box 1358 Lillooet		A. Vanderwolf IS.NET
33. Hannah Weeks	270 Taylor Rd Lillooet B.C.		H Weeks
34. WAYNE COOK	Box 1507 Lillooet, B.C.		Wayne Cook
35. Bob Armitstead	Lillooet BC		Bob Armitstead
36. Ron McKay	Lillooet BC		Ron McKay
37. Michael/Sam	Lyttton BC		Michael/Sam
38. Maria Torres	Lillooet		M. Torres

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Subject: FW: further info regarding old growth announcements - Village of Tahsis input (ref: 268224)
Date: January 17, 2022 2:16:01 PM
Attachments: [268224 - response.pdf](#)

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From: **Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX** <FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
 Date: Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 11:20 AM
 Subject: RE: further info regarding old growth announcements - Village of Tahsis input (ref: 268224)
 To: martin davis <iskarst22@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor Davis:

Attached is the response to your letter addressed to Minister Conroy. Please note, a hardcopy will not follow in the mail.

Thank you.

Sent on behalf of Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

From: martin davis <iskarst22@gmail.com>
Sent: November 12, 2021 5:55 PM
To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX <FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mark Tatchell <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>; XT:Deal, John FLNR:IN <JDeal@westernforest.com>; Roger Dunlop <Roger.Dunlop@nuuchahnulth.org>
Subject: further info regarding old growth announcements - Village of Tahsis input

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Greetings,

Further to recent conversations with Minister Conroy during the old growth discussions and the provincial announcement last week, I am forwarding map and agreement information generated from consultations that occurred between Paul Kutz (Western Forest Products, Campbell River Operations Manager, 2019-20), John Deal (WFP Manager, Forest Stewardship and Wildlife), and myself (Martin Davis, Mayor of the Village of Tahsis {VoT}) with Mark Tatchell (CAO for VoT) in 2019-20.

During our meetings, I had advocated for:

- preservation of the largely intact McKelvie Creek drainage - VoT's drinking watershed, major tributary for the Tahsis River and key habitat for the Marbled Murrelet (SARA Status: Schedule

1, Threatened);

- preservation of the largely unlogged ridge directly above and east of Tahsis, considered to constitute slope stability and wildfire mitigation hazards for Tahsis as well as having high recreation values including old growth viewing potential, all areas of concern for our residents;
- preservation of select areas of old growth karst ecosystems adjacent to Tahsis such as High Lakes and a ridge above Coral Caves, also having high wildlife habitat and recreation potentials;
- no further disturbance to Mowachaht-Muchalat First Nation (MMFN) cultural cave sites on Tahsis Inlet, in mature second growth.

I should mention that when I ran for mayor in 2018, I was clear about my intentions to lobby for preservation of key old growth areas around Tahsis and was elected with widespread support for these goals, despite this being a largely forestry-dependent community. Indeed, I personally have over 40 years of employment in the forest industry and also fully understand its importance. For the record, the proposals received unanimous support from Tahsis Council and preservation of the McKelvie watershed has been endorsed by Mowachaht-Muchalat First Nations. Our negotiations led to agreement by WFP to include these selected areas of TFL 19 for logging deferrals, with much of it proposed for inclusion as new Old Growth Management Areas and Wildlife Habitat Areas, and also with the possibility of negotiated additions to Weymer Creek Provincial Park in the future, stemming from this agreement.

In order to better inform ongoing planning and to demonstrate our proactive collaborative approach, I am forwarding a kmz file sent to the VoT by John Deal of WFP, along with a copy of the Letter of Understanding signed by VoT and WFP representatives last year, that reflect our agreement. The kmz file shows areas excluded from active harvest in TFL 19, for proposed or completed WHA and OGMA designation.

I understand and respect that all agreements reached under the provincial government's Old Growth Strategy in our region are pending MMFN consultations.

Thanks for your time and please contact us if you require further information or clarifications.

Regards,

Martin Davis,

Mayor of Tahsis

Office: 250-934-6344

H 778-746-1157 - C 250-204-7422 We live within Mowachaht-Muchalat territory

Experience Tahsis

Update for Council

January, 2022

This report aims to provide a brief overview of current and future projects for 2022.

Social Media Report

Please see [the social media report](#) from August 9th, 2021 (first post) to January 1, 2022. We continue to see excellent reach, impressions, engagement and growth on both Facebook and Instagram channels. User-generated content has been the basis of imagery shared, while aligning with our [social sharing guidelines](#).

Website Audit & Next Steps

A comprehensive website audit was performed by reviewing Google analytics and search console from the past 5 years.

Summary of Audit

- The current Village of Tahsis website (villageoftahsis.com) offers both resident and traveller information about the region. It was designed and launched in 2016, and despite being a relatively old site, it has strong structural components that have allowed it to serve both audiences well. This report will evaluate the current successes, identify areas of improvement, and serve as a benchmark for future reporting.

Recommendations

- Separate visitor-facing content from residential
- Build out a content plan and site map for updates
- Build out content on existing stakeholder listings
- Replace existing images including stock photos with updated, DBC aligned images
- Update all trails information, guides, remove outdated versions
- Update experience pages as highlighted in the least performing pages
- Update events page with maintenance throughout the year

Map Updates

An audit was performed on existing maps and has been submitted for redesign by Roam Media. This will provide the Village with a new Village map, a new Tree to Sea Drive map, and a new Vancouver Island road map, all aligned with the [Tahsis brand](#). Once the maps are ready, they will be installed at the old chamber sign at the Inlet Park, and the Tree to Sea Drive sign at the Gold River rest stop. We will have vector files of the maps which can be repurposed easily for other applications such as the website, brochures, etc.

Regional Visitor Guide

I have connected with Anita Lawrence (Economic Resilience Coordinator) of Gold River about creating a regional visitor guide for Tahsis, Gold River, and Zeballos. The guide will be a quad-fold brochure with a map of each village, including vital visitor-facing information, with potential space for ads from local stakeholders. The guides will be distributed across Vancouver Island visitor centres, including a few on the mainland. They will be listed on GoBrochures.com where people from across the country can request a certain amount of visitor guides, which we can then approve or decline.

Leiner River Estuary Trail Accessibility Audit

I will be working with Brenda Lenahan and TVI to perform an accessibility audit on the Leiner River Estuary Trail. There is opportunity with the Targeted Regional Tourism Development Initiative Funding to provide enhancements to the trail, which would then be included in the [Accessible Travel Guides project](#).

Tourism Vancouver Island, together with Community Destination Marketing Organization partners and Spinal Cord Injury BC, are building accessible travel guides, to address the travel-planning needs of visitors who have a lived experience with disability. This digital content will highlight adaptive or barrier-free amenities and activities on Vancouver Island through written content, photography and videography.

Continued Stakeholder Engagement

We will begin to plan and deliver targeted webinars and small group workshops to local stakeholders to help increase the digital sophistication of businesses. We will also provide a learning portal with resources for the community. Stakeholders will be asked to provide further content for their business listings on the Village website, including photos. Google 360° photos have been taken at some businesses and added to their Google Business listing, and more will be done in the spring.

Marketing Initiatives











- An 800 word article on Tahsis will be coming out in the Strathcona Collective magazine SS22 edition around the spring equinox. The article aligns with the theme of the magazine - 'get out of town'.
- A ½ page ad for Experience Tahsis will be in the Comox Valley Collective magazine SS22 edition.
- Content is being submitted to Destination British Columbia for their spring content acquisition. There are three topic groups:
 1. Spring Awakening
 2. Spring Getaway/Road Trip
 3. Wake Up In Nature
- [AMP web stories](#) have been created for Experience Tahsis to be shared across the [BC Story Network](#).*
- Experience Tahsis digital marketing campaign for spring
 - Raise awareness of the ecotourism opportunities in Tahsis through a paid digital ads campaign on Facebook and Instagram.
 - Link ads to informative pages on the VOT website with visitor-facing content.
 - Data from the ad campaign will be used to further our knowledge on our audience.

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation

The TVI Destination Development team met with the MMFN Economic Development Officer on January 31st. MMFN history continues to be shared via Experience Tahsis social channels.

* Google Analytics data from the Experience Tahsis AMP Story

Publish Date	January 12, 2022
Gallery Impressions	45
Story Views	781
Story Completions	592
Interactions	732
Swipe Ups	728
Learn More Clicks	117
View Website Clicks	129
Story Completion Rate	76%
Story Interaction Rate	94%

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1.  Canada	amp.travel / referral	107 (53.23%)	107 (53.50%)
2.  United States	amp.travel / referral	65 (32.34%)	65 (32.50%)
3.  United Kingdom	amp.travel / referral	11 (5.47%)	11 (5.50%)
4.  Australia	amp.travel / referral	5 (2.49%)	5 (2.50%)
5.  Germany	amp.travel / referral	2 (1.00%)	2 (1.00%)
6.  Mexico	amp.travel / referral	2 (1.00%)	2 (1.00%)
7.  Netherlands	amp.travel / referral	2 (1.00%)	1 (0.50%)
8.  Switzerland	amp.travel / referral	1 (0.50%)	1 (0.50%)
9.  Denmark	amp.travel / referral	1 (0.50%)	1 (0.50%)
10.  Spain	amp.travel / referral	1 (0.50%)	1 (0.50%)

TVI is grateful to live, work and play on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Coast Salish peoples.



BC Family Day

BC is celebrating Family Day the weekend of Friday, February 18 – Monday, February 21, 2022

Grant applications are due February 15, 4pm PT

Family Day was introduced in BC in 2013 to recognize the great contributions that families make to our lives, our communities and our province. Supporting families to be strong, happy and healthy is essential to building a healthy BC. Family Day is a day to get together with all the people who, for each of us, make up our family.

To find a free community Family Day activity near you, visit the [Family Day 2022 Activity Listing Page](#).

Activity Grants

The Government of BC is once again supporting free Family Day activities throughout BC this year through its Family Day activities grant program. This year, Family Day is Monday, February 21. **Activities can run Feb 18, 19, 20 or 21.**

Delivered in partnership with BCRPA, the BC Government has made activity grants (to a maximum of \$1,000) available to communities to cover a portion of free in-person or virtual Family Day activities (facility costs, equipment rentals, materials, staffing, etc.). Please note capital costs are not eligible expenses.

Please note that applications approved in previous years are not guaranteed to be approved this year. The goal is to support communities equitably across British Columbia.

Note: Due to the ongoing pandemic, all proposed in-person Family Day activities must adhere to current Provincial Health Orders and COVID-19 safety measures. Organizers and hosts must ensure their plans meet current health protection requirements.

Activity Grant Criteria

In order to qualify for a grant you must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant is a local government recreation department, or First Nations Band/Council

- The in-person or online activity is:
 - Hosted* and produced by** the local government recreation department or First Nation Band/Council
 - Held within the applicant's community during the Family Day long weekend on Feb 18, 19, 20, or 21
 - Free of cost for all participants, and accessible to anyone who wants to participate***
 - Family-oriented
 - Adhering to COVID-19 related Provincial Health Orders in effect at the time of the activity
 - Designated and branded as a "BC Family Day" activity and is acknowledging the financial support of the Provincial Government by including the "Supported by the Province of British Columbia" Mark on all advertising, print and web materials. **View the document on logo usage and how to recognize the Province for complete details.**

*The activity is presented by, or in conjunction with or on behalf of, the local government or First Nation Band/Council (i.e.: they are a signature provider of the activity)

**The activity is planned and executed, and/or actively supported through collaboration or produced in partnership with - not simply promoted or "endorsed" by the local government or First Nation band/council.

***The activity is open to all members of the general public to attend and there are no financial requirements of the general public to attend the activity. Parents are welcome and able to participate in the activity - not for children/youth etc. only.

Other important things to know:

- **One grant per location** will be awarded
- The grant is intended to cover a portion of the costs to run the activity, such as participant fees, facility fees, equipment, staffing, refreshments, etc.
- Grant recipients are required to submit a **post-activity report** including grant allocation information - guidelines will be included with grant approval letters
- You must acknowledge the financial support of the Provincial Government in any **promotional material**. Please review this document on **logo usage and how to recognize the Province**.
- You must have approved by the province any material using the BC government logo. Details can be found in the **logo usage and how to recognize the Province** document. **Please refrain from publishing / posting material until you receive final approval.** Final approval is typically provided within 72 hours.
- Your approved Family Day Activity will be posted on the BCRPA Family Day Community Activity Listing page
- Grant recipients with a myBCRA account will also have access to a Conversation Corner discussion area where they can share suggestions for COVID-compliant Family Day activities.

Grant applications are due Tuesday, February 15, 4pm PT.

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APPLY NOW

To find a free community Family Day activity near you, visit the [Family Day 2022 Activity Listing page](#).

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