



AGENDA

**Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
to be held on April 5, 2022 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.

**B. Introduction of
Late Items**

**C. Approval of the
Agenda**

**D. Petitions and
Delegations** None.

E. Public Input # 1

**F. Adoption of the
Minutes** 1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 15, 2022.

G. Rise and Report None.

H. Business Arising 1 **Public Presentation of the Village of Tahsis 2022 Operating Budget and the 2022-2026 Capital Budget.**

J. Council Reports

- 1 Mayor Davis**
- 2 Councillor Elder**
- 3 Councillor Fowler**
- 4 Councillor Llewellyn**
- 5 Councillor Northcott**

K. Bylaws

- 1 Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 648, 2022.
1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading**

L. Correspondence

- 1 March 30th and March 24th, 2022 Letters to Mayor and Council from Rita Aedan, property owner of 907 Princess Victoria View - Re: Sewage Blockage.**
- 2 Letter from Sally Taylor Re: Mooring at the Village Dock**
- 3 Email from the City of Terrace- Resolution Re: BC Prosecution Service and the Public Interest submitted for consideration at the NCLGA Convention.**
- 4 Email from Nicole Brassard, Associate Vice President, Global Public Affairs Re: Reducing Patio Application Red Tape for BC's Hospitality Sector and Economic Recovery.**
- 5 Letter from Henry Braun, Mayor, City of Abbotsford Re: Resolutions of support for recovering municipal costs through Build Back Better Funding for critical infrastructure.**
- 6 Press Release from the District of Ucluelet- Re: Ban on plastic utensils.**
- 7 UBCM Re: Renewal of Annual UBCM Membership**
- 8 Email from Marianne Alto, Councillor, City of Victoria and Dale Bass, Councillor, City of Kamloops Re: The Case for Basic Income for Municipalities- Support for AVICC Resolution R37 (Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, GLBI)**
- 9 Letter from Dean McKerracher, Mayor, District of Elkford to Honourable George Heyman, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Re: Milk Container Recycling in British Columbia.**

M. New Business

N. Public Input #2

Rise and Report

O. Adjournment



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	March 15, 2022
<u>Time</u>	7:01 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
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager Shelley DeBruyne, Administrative Coordinator Kira Marshall, Tahsis Community Tourism Coordinator	by video by video- left 7:55 p.m.
<u>Guest</u>	Sgt. Kim Rutherford, NCO i/c, Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment Left meeting at 7:45 pm	by video-left 7:45 p.m.
<u>Public</u>	2 Members of the public.	by video

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

Rise & Report from the February 22, 2022 Closed Special Council meeting under "G1".

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0119/2022

THAT the Agenda for the March 15, 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

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

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0120/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of March 1, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED**G. Rise and Report**

At the February 22, 2022 Closed Special Council meeting, Council passed a resolution that an amendment be made to the Sanitary Sewer Regulation Bylaw No. 645, 2021 to make clear that the service connection between a building and the property line is the "private connection" and owned by the property owner and the connection between the property line and the sanitary sewer main is called the "service connection" and is owned by the municipality. The resolution also directed that the bylaw be amended to include a provision that inspection chambers be placed whenever convenient.

H. Business Arising

- 1 **Sgt Kim Rutherford, NCO i/c, Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment Re: update on the Nootka Sound RCMP detachment's activities, resourcing and priorities.**

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0121/2022

THAT this update to Council be received.

CARRIED

Sgt Rutherford provided Council with an update on staffing changes for 2022.

The crime statistics for Tahsis over the past 12 months were reviewed.

RCMP Annual Performance Plan is due Apr 1st. Their top 3 national RCMP priorities are; 1. Reconciliation with First Nations 2. Employee Wellness and 3. Crime Reduction

Sgt Rutherford asked for community input for any suggestions, ideas or concerns that need to be addressed or for other local priorities.

Sgt Rutherford responded to questions from Council.

Sgt Rutherford thanked Council for their continued support.

- 2 **Report to Council Re: Destination Marketing & Development Update for Council**

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0122/2022

THAT this update to Council be received.

CARRIED

Due to technical issues Kira Marshall has asked that Council review her update and to email her with any questions or concerns.

A brief discussion followed.

J. Council Reports**Mayor Davis**

No report.

Councillor Elder

No report.

Councillor Fowler

1. Climate Caucus - Elected Call, Thursday, March 3rd., 11:00am – 12:00pm, Monthly on the first Thursday of the month.
2. TAAC Meeting on March 3, 2022 at 1 p.m.
3. UBC-DIBS Seminar
4. RD's (Regional Districts) with Donna McMahon
 - Feb. 27 The RD Creation Story - Overview of BC's regional districts Mark Fisher, Regional District of Bulkley, Nechako Sally Waton, Thompson Nicola Regional District Len Lee, Sunshine Coast Regional District.
 - March 6 Introduction to the SCRD, Challenges of the RD Model Lori Pratt, SCRD Darnelda Siegers, SCRD/District of Sechelt, Vanessa Craig, Regional District of Nanaimo (AVICC Electoral Area Rep).
 - March 13 Challenges cont., Property Tax Apocalypse Mark Gisborne, gathet Regional District Alison Nicholson, Cowichan Valley Regional District ,Alton Toth, SCRD/ District of Sechelt.
 - March 20 What Next? Being Locally Elected: the good, the bad, the ugly, and the truly weird, Matt McLean, District of Sechelt, Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis.
5. VIW EARLY YEARS TABLE MEETING (2:30-4)
 In edition to the above, I have also attended Village meetings today.
 I have been working on my director at large speech, a 2 minute video to upload before March 21st.
 I have compiled a 96 slide deck, for the AVICC presentation on April 2 at 3pm.

Councillor Northcott

I don't have much since my last report. Still waiting for our first UBCM Fire Services working group meeting. The latest I've heard for that is maybe April.

I've attended a number of Library trustee and executive committee meetings and have two more on Friday. Most have been in camera, but I can share that public engagement for VIRL's strategic plan is expected to happen sometime around May/June and the capital projects report still has no update for Tahsis.

Councillor Llewellyn

No report.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0123/2022

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 Letter from Mike Morden, Mayor of Maple Ridge to Honourable Minister Adrian Dix, Minister of Health- Re: Access to Civic Recreational Facilities
- 2 Letter from UBCM Re: 2022 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Support: Wildfire Fighter Training & Residential Fuel Reduction Grant.

- 3 **Cathy Peters, BC Anti-human trafficking educator- Re: February 11, 2022 presentation to the Federal Justice Committee - on Prostitution in Canada.**

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0124/2022

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0125/2022

THAT correspondence item #2 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- L2 **Letter from UBCM Re: 2022 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Support: Wildfire Fighter Training & Residential Fuel Reduction Grant.**

Councillor Fowler spoke to this item. The CAO provided more details on the two components of the grant which included wildfire fighter training for volunteer fire department and residential fuel reduction.

M. New Business

None.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public inquired about the progress of the Benches and Shelters Project to which the CAO responded.

Public Exclusion

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0126/2022

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1) (a) of the Community Charter- personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality and 90 (1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

Recess

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0127/2022

THAT the Regular Council meeting recess at 8:05 p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0135/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting reconvene 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Rise and Report

At the March 15th Closed Special meeting, Council received and considered a letter from the property owner of 907 Princess Victoria View and based on the evidence contained in the letter the Village was not obligated to take any further action.

Adjournment

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0136/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 5th day of April, 2022

Chief Administrative Officer



2022 Public Budget Presentation

2022 Operations and 2022 – 2026 Capital Budget
Plan
Village of Tahsis

April 5, 2022

Overview of Funds

- ▶ General Fund Operations
 - Administration, Fire Department, Public Works (Roads, Parks, Solid Waste), Recreation
- ▶ Water Utility Operations
- ▶ Sewer Utility Operations
- ▶ Capital Fund (General, Water and Sewer)

Topics covered today

- ▶ Changes to the Property Assessment Pie
- ▶ Services Provided by the Village
- ▶ Total Revenues and Expenses – Summary

- ▶ Property tax revenue levy and rates for 2022

- ▶ Utility Rates for 2022

- ▶ Capital Plan and Funding 2022 –2026

2022 Budget Highlights

- ▶ Property Tax Revenue Levy of 4%
- ▶ Average Single Family Home Tax Increase – 1%
- ▶ Average Business Property Tax Increase – 5%
- ▶ Increase Water User Rate by \$29 or 8%
- ▶ Increase in Garbage User Fee by \$2.47 or 2%
- ▶ No increase in Sewer User Fee
- ▶ Capital Grants Awarded or Applied for – \$7.9M

Budget Considerations and Assumptions

- ▶ Ensure adequate funding for existing services and infrastructure – level of service delivery
- ▶ Considered a status quo budget from an operations perspective with some reductions in Recreation programming
- ▶ Budget set with a 3% wage increase over 2021 (considered reasonable compared to cpi and other lg's)
- ▶ No health and dental benefit increase considered for 2022

Current Services Provided to Citizens

- ▶ Road maintenance, repair and snow removal
- ▶ Garbage collection and recycling
- ▶ Fire protection, suppression and rescue
- ▶ Emergency Preparedness
- ▶ Daycare
- ▶ Tourist information Centre and display for museum artifacts
- ▶ Boat launch and parking
- ▶ Helipad
- ▶ Wharves and docks
- ▶ Recreation Centre programming including pool, weight room, gym activities
- ▶ Parks and trails
- ▶ Sidewalks, curbs and gutters
- ▶ Drainage systems
- ▶ Sewer systems
- ▶ Drinking water systems and drainage
- ▶ Property maintenance regulation and bylaw compliance
- ▶ Building inspection

Understanding the Assessment Pie^{H1}

			2022	2021	Chnge		% of Total		
Class	Type	# of Folios	General Assessments	General Assessments			2022	2021	Chnge
	Residential - Vacant	49	\$ 2,464,900	\$ 1,858,000	\$ 606,900				
	Residential - Single Family	304	\$ 47,366,100	\$ 38,164,600	\$ 9,201,500				
	Residential - Strata	60	\$ 3,380,700	\$ 2,699,900	\$ 680,800				
	Residential - Other	15	\$ 2,279,800	\$ 1,392,700	\$ 887,100				
1	Total Residential	428	\$ 55,491,500	\$ 44,115,200	\$ 11,376,300		92.19%	91.29%	0.90%
2	Utilities	14	\$ 870,200	\$ 844,200	\$ 26,000		1.45%	1.75%	-0.30%
5	Light Industry	4	\$ 511,400	\$ 484,400	\$ 27,000		0.85%	1.00%	-0.15%
6	Business/Other	46	\$ 3,008,650	\$ 2,516,100	\$ 492,550		5.00%	5.21%	-0.21%
7	Managed Forests	2	\$ 105,800	\$ 105,000	\$ 800		0.18%	0.22%	-0.04%
8	Recreational	10	\$ 206,800	\$ 259,900	\$ (53,100)		0.34%	0.54%	-0.19%
	Total	504	\$ 60,194,350	\$ 48,324,800	\$ 11,869,550		100.00%	100.00%	0.00%

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				<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
	Average Single Family assessed value			\$ 125,541	\$ 155,810		\$ 30,269	24.1%	
	Average Strata assessed value			\$ 44,998	\$ 56,345		\$ 11,347	25.2%	
	Average Business assessed value			\$ 54,698	\$ 65,405		\$ 10,708	19.6%	

Village of Tahsis
2022 - 2026 Financial Plan
2022 Operating Budget - Version 4

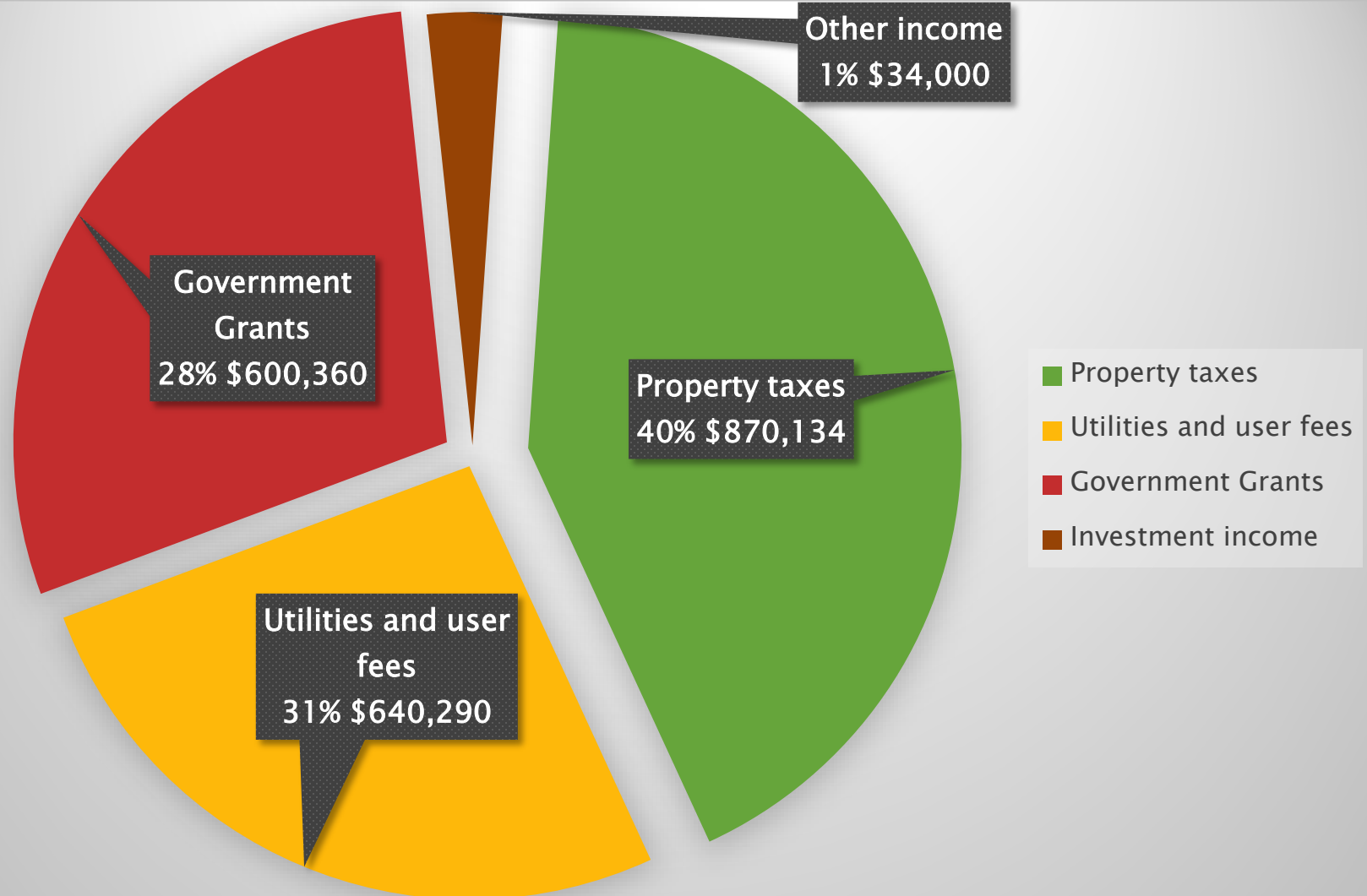
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		<u>2021</u> <u>Approved</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Change in</u> <u>Budget Fav</u> <u>(Unfav)</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>Operating Revenues</u>					
Taxation	Property taxes	792,817	823,034	30,217	4%
	Grants in lieu of taxes	23,224	47,100	23,876	103%
Fees	User fees and charges	128,700	121,530	(7,170)	-6%
	Water	168,350	193,500	25,150	15%
	Sewer	187,000	197,000	10,000	5%
	Environmental Health	154,240	155,500	1,260	1%
	Protective Services	3,000	4,000	1,000	33%
Other	Interest and penalties on taxes	22,500	27,000	4,500	0%
	Grants and other governments	678,837	600,360	(78,477)	-12%
	Investment income	51,000	7,000	(44,000)	-86%
	Other	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Transfer from reserves	-	3,500	3,500	#DIV/0!
Total Operating Revenue		2,209,668	2,179,524	(30,144)	-1%
<u>Operating Expenditures</u>					
	General Government - Council	37,359	38,640	(1,281)	-3%
	General Government - Admin	720,250	777,343	(57,093)	-8%
	Protective Services	190,588	145,555	45,033	24%
	Environmental Health	108,396	106,065	2,331	2%
	Public Works Services	329,041	280,524	48,517	15%
	Recreation, Cultural & Dev.	312,635	264,599	48,035	15%
	Projects	220,141	208,500	11,641	5%
	Water Services	169,121	214,204	(45,083)	-27%
	Sewer Services	187,258	186,005	1,253	1%
	Transfer to reserve funds	138,176	69,088	69,088	50%
	Amortization	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Operating Expenditures		2,412,965	2,290,524	122,441	5%
Net Operating Deficit		(203,297)	(111,000)	92,297	

2022 Proposed Operating Revenues

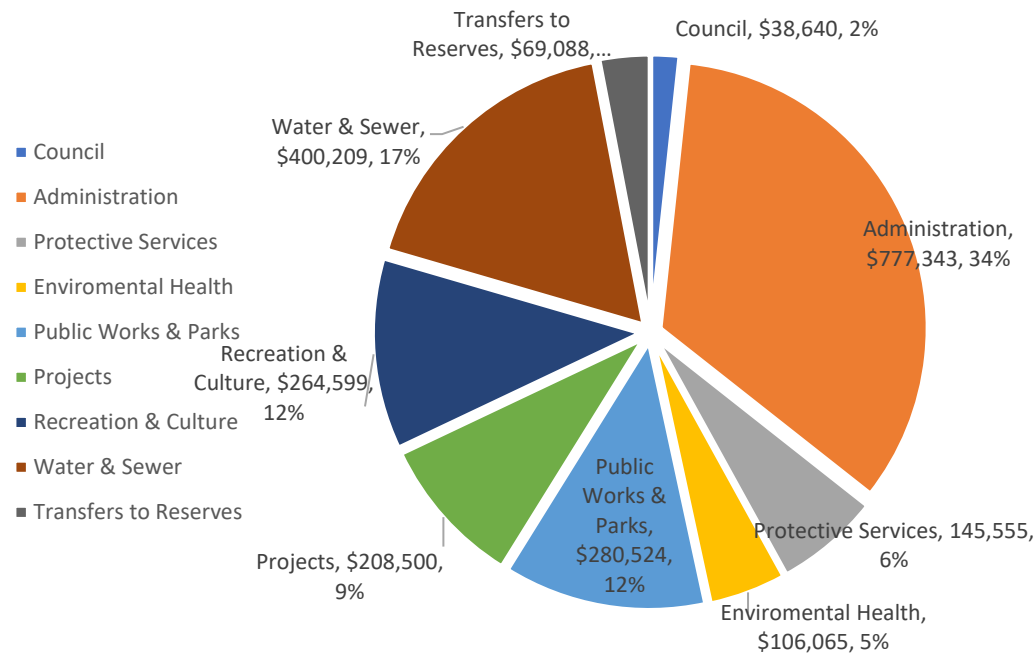
\$2,179,524 (down \$30,144)

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2022 Proposed Operating Expenditures^{H1}

\$2,290,524 (down \$122,441)



2022 Property Tax Rates by Class

Village of Tahsis											
2022 General Municipal Tax Rates											
Updated February 22, 2022									Increase		
				2021	2022	\$ Change	% Change	per mth		4.00% increase in property tax revenue	
Municipal Tax Levy											
\$801,933.60		Average Single Family municipal taxes		\$ 1,275.93	\$ 1,286.04	\$ 10.11	0.8%	\$ 0.84			
		Average Strata municipal taxes		\$ 457.34	\$ 465.07	\$ 7.73	1.7%	\$ 0.64			
Additional revenue											
\$30,844		Average Business tax		\$ 2,056.88	\$ 2,159.41	\$ 102.53	5.0%	\$ 8.54			
Property Class		2022 Net Taxable Value Assessments	% of Assessment Value		2022 Tax per \$1,000	2022 Municipal Taxes	\$ Chng from 2021	% of Total Taxes	increase over 2021	2021 Municipal Taxes	Chnge from 2021
1	Residential	\$ 55,491,500	92.19%		8.2539	\$ 458,022	\$ 9,828	57.11%	2.2%	\$ 448,194	\$ 9,828
2	Utilities	\$ 870,200	1.45%		32.6030	\$ 28,371	\$ (5,091)	3.54%	-15.2%	\$ 33,462	\$ (5,091)
3	Supportive Housing	\$ -	0.00%		0.0000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.0%	\$ -	0
4	Major Industry	\$ -	0.00%		0.0000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.0%	\$ -	0
5	Light Industry	\$ 511,400	0.85%		330.1569	\$ 168,842	\$ 21,148	21.05%	14.3%	\$ 147,694	\$ 21,148
6	Business/Other	\$ 3,008,650	5.00%		33.0157	\$ 99,333	\$ 4,716	12.39%	5.0%	\$ 94,616	\$ 4,716
7	Managed Forests	\$ 105,800	0.18%		354.9186	\$ 37,550	\$ 200	4.68%	0.5%	\$ 37,350	\$ 200
8	Recreational	\$ 206,800	0.34%		47.4600	\$ 9,815	\$ 41	1.22%	0.4%	\$ 9,773	\$ 41
9	Farm	\$ -	0.00%		8.2539	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.0%	\$ -	0
		\$ 60,194,350	100%		0	\$ 801,934	\$ 30,843	100.00%	0.0%	\$ 771,090	\$ 30,843

Utility Rates for 2022

Utility Rates 2022 vs 2021				
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	\$ Change	% Change
SF Basic Water User Rate	\$ 375.00	\$ 346.00	\$ 29.00	8.38%
SF Basic Sewer User Rate	\$ 392.00	\$ 392.00	\$ -	0%
SF Basic Garbage User Rate	\$ 95.00	\$ 92.53	\$ 2.47	2.67%

Projects – 2022

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▶ Recreation Grant Application costs –	\$7,500
▶ Waste Water Grant app costs –	\$25,000
▶ Perry /Tahsis Bridge Inspection	\$20,000
▶ SCADA	\$10,000
▶ TVI Marketing	\$59,000*
▶ ESS Grants	
◦ Tsunami	\$15,000*
◦ Community Lodging	\$8,500*
◦ Firesmart – 2022	\$20,000*
▶ FCM Asset Mgmt.	<u>\$40,000*</u>
▶ Total	<u>\$205,000</u>
▶ * Grant paid \$142,500 – (69.5%)	

Grants for 2022 – 2023

- ▶ Grants Awarded to date – \$2,063,420
- ▶ Grants Applied for to date – \$5,928,400
- ▶ Still awaiting some further announcements.

2022 - 2026 Financial Plan - Capital						
Capital Funding	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Capital Grants	\$ 1,584,738	\$ 3,662,758	\$ 1,485,700	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 7,633,196
Gas Tax Reserve	-	482,000	300,000	-	-	782,000
Surplus	226,683	496,302	158,687	-	-	881,671
Taxation	20,000	50,000	-	-	-	70,000
Community Unity Reserve	20,000	100,000	80,000	-	-	200,000
Fire Hall Reserve	20,000	-	200,000	-	-	220,000
Capital Reserves	120,000	205,000	100,000	20,000	35,000	480,000
Recreation Reserves	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	100,000
Operations Reserve	170,000	-	-	-	-	170,000
Long-term borrowing	20,000	800,000	200,000	-	-	1,020,000
	\$ 2,181,420	\$ 5,846,060	\$ 2,574,387	\$ 470,000	\$ 485,000	\$ 11,556,867
Category	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Buildings	\$ 231,000	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 675,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,181,000
Drinking Water	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	600,000
Equipment	143,500	185,000	300,000	-	35,000	663,500
Engineering Structures	140,000	2,023,160	704,387	150,000	150,000	3,167,547
Drainage Improvements	1,171,920	-	-	-	-	1,171,920
Land Improvements	-	132,000	-	-	-	132,000
Sanitary Sewer	495,000	2,080,900	745,000	170,000	150,000	3,640,900
	\$ 2,181,420	\$ 5,846,060	\$ 2,574,387	\$ 470,000	\$ 485,000	\$ 11,556,867

Questions?

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

BYLAW NO. 648, 2022

BEING A BYLAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF TAHSIS ELECTION AND ASSENT VOTING BYLAW NO. 622, 2019

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Tahsis wishes to amend the *Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No.622, 2019* section 4. Elector Registration.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Tahsis, in open meeting assembled, enacts the following amendments to Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No.622, 2019 by deleting section 4 and replacing it with the following:

4. ELECTOR REGISTRATION

- (a) As authorized under section 76(1) of the *Local Government Act*, for all elections and assent voting, the Village will use the most current Provincial List of voters prepared under the Election Act as the register of resident electors.
- (b) As required under section 76(2) of the *Local Government Act*, for all elections and assent voting, the Village will require that the Provincial list of voters becomes the register of resident electors no later than 52 days before general voting day for any election to which the bylaw applies.
- (c) As required under section 76(3) of the *Local Government Act*, for all elections and assent voting, the following applies,
 - a. any previous register of resident electors of the municipality or electoral area is cancelled, effective at the time the Provincial list of voters becomes the register, and
 - b. a person who, on the basis of the Provincial list of voters, appears to meet the qualifications to be registered as a resident elector of the municipality or electoral area is deemed to be registered as such an elector, and
 - c. the Village may have, but is not required to have, advance registration under section 71 for resident electors.

Citation

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No.648, 2022”

READ for the first time this 5th day of April, 2022

READ for the second time this 5th day of April, 2022

READ for the third time this 5th day of April, 2022

Reconsidered, Finally Passed and Adopted this 19 day of April, 2022

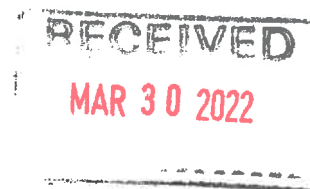
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL, SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND SEALED WITH THE SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF TAHSIS.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Bylaw No. 648 duly passed by the Council of the Village of Tahsis on the ____ day of _____, 2022

Corporate Officer



Rita Aedan,
907 Princess Victoria View,
Tahsis, B. C. V0P 1X0

March 30th, 2022.

Mayor and Council,
Village of Tahsis

Dear Mayor and Council,

Further to my letter dated March 24th, 2022, I ask that you to please accept a further addition to said letter, offered by way of communication between the Village CAO and myself, by which I'm enclosing an additional photo. The photo shows the north facing end of my home at 907 Princess Victoria View and the partial front side of the house at 929 Princess Victoria View.

Having received additional and appropriate information from the CAO concerning right-of-way, I thought it appropriate, as well as informative, to supply Council with a photo showing the above-ground visual of just where said blockage was located, plus the same location of where the repairs were made.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rita Aedan". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Rita Aedan,
Email: ritaaedan@gmail.com

Encl: Copy of Photo
Copy of Email (CAO)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



- x Where blockage was, and repairs made.
- ✓ Property line - survey pegs openly visible
@ 929 Princess Victoria View.

From: Mark Tatchell MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com
Subject: RE: Right-of-Way
Date: March 30, 2022 at 9:00 AM
To: Rita Aedan ritaaedan@gmail.com
Cc: Janet St. Denis J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com

Thank you Rita. We can attach the photograph to your letter, or you can re-write your letter to include it along with an explanation. The cut off is noon today for the April 5th council meeting.

Mark Tatchell
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Tahsis
(250)934-6344 (office)
(250)202-9612 (mobile)

We acknowledge and respect that we are on the territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation

Rita Aedan,
907 Princess Victoria View,
Tahsis, B. C. V0P 1X0

March 24th, 2022.

Mayor and Council,
Village of Tahsis

Dear Mayor and Council,

The history of Tahsis is indeed unique amongst the variety of small villages and municipalities located on Vancouver Island and within the Province of British Columbia. For one example only, when visiting the Public Works section on the Village of Tahsis website and after reading what residential services the Village provides through its public works department, it is more than enlightening to read the words that acknowledged past history. Quote: "Tahsis benefits from infrastructure investments made by the former Tahsis Company prior to the Village's incorporation in 1970." I immediately wondered just when, during the dim dark recesses of time, that the Tahsis Company Ltd. made these "infrastructure investments" that the Village is benefitting from and how long these "investments" have been invisible underground like hidden treasure.

So, conducting what minimal historical information there is online, I came across an article simply entitled, "*History of Tahsis*" which focused on the time period in the early 1940's when Gordon Gibson, nicknamed *The Bull of the Woods*, set up and established a productive sawmill which was built on the location now known as The Lodge. However, on July 5, 1948 a huge fire swept through the mill and, within minutes, it was completely destroyed. Gordon Gibson was not to be stopped and shortly, in fact very shortly, a new mill was established. Flash forward to January 22, 1949 and the Tahsis Company Ltd. was formed with the new mill in operation with "*good homes being built for the employees*" and, "*By this time flush toilets and running water had been put into all the homes*". In the 1950's Tahsis expanded and a bustling village took shape replete with sewage and water lines.

This bit of history caught my attention as, upon checking home insurance documentation on my property, the house here at 907 Princess Victoria View was constructed in 1956 and obviously hooked up to sewer and water lines by the then Tahsis Company Ltd., thusly dating the sewage connection, water connection and pipes as being sixty-six years old.

Further documentation of which I am privy too (Reference Doc #: B94381 see attached) as per my property documents dated May 22, 1973 outlines the "owner" Tahsis Company Ltd., granting uninterrupted right-of-way to the Village of Tahsis, including Parcel Identifier: 002-459-809, Lot 48, District Lot 443, Nootka District, Plan 26880;

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known as 907 Princess Victoria View. This “uninterrupted right-of-way” handed over to the Village of Tahsis the rights to:

(a) Construct, entrench, operate, maintain, remove, replace a system of sanitary sewer pipes, water pipes, utility services and all necessary appurtenances thereto in, under and upon the Right-of-Way for the conveyance of sewer, water and other utility services.” (End of Quote) In other words the responsibility for these services was placed directly into the hands of the Village of Tahsis. Incorporated! However, as *The History of Tahsis* article continues, “*This history...is quite sketchy due to a fire that burnt down the old village office including all the papers of the history in the mid 1980's.*”

Based on a fire wiping out all records, the phrase, *time waits for no man*, came into play coupled with a question wondering just where are these hidden, underground sewage and water lines located? This mystery was about to be solved at 907 Princess Victoria View and it was to be more than a challenge...it was to be stressful to the point of mental anguish in having my once comfortable home-life disrupted.

On January 2nd, 2022 Tahsis was in the midst of extreme winter snowfall conditions, including freezing temperatures, the likes of which long-time residents had never before experienced. On the morning of that day I had just finished a load of laundry and walking into my bathroom I was shocked to see sewage back-up in my bathtub/shower, the toilet and also the kitchen sink. Immediately I called Blake Birch who had renovated my home when I first moved to Tahsis and is both a certified and licensed contractor and electrician with experience in all aspects of residential housing. Blake came over immediately to check out the situation and then began diagnosing the problem which included firstly checking out the basement/crawl space area to see if any highly visible sewage leakage was evident, but only found minor moisture in certain areas.

Next on the weather agenda, which was brutal, came a storm that caused a complete BC Hydro power outage on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 that lasted for a week, ending with power being restored at 6:00 p.m. January 9th, 2022. Can you, reading this letter, completely understand what that meant to a woman living alone going through that time period with no sanitary sewage? Think about that situation next time you walk into your bathroom and only see a bucket! Think about not being able to put any water down any drain due to the fact the water would collect and come back up, once again filling the toilet, bathtub and kitchen sink. Think about having to heat water on the stove before washing dishes, washing hands, washing hair, washing the body. Think about not being able to do laundry. Think about trying to find someone who would let you use their washing machine. Yes, a next door neighbour living in Alberta over the winter offered me the use one of the bathrooms in his family home. Think about getting bundled up, walking out in the freezing cold to take a shower minus heat in his home. Brutal. It reached the point of at least staying warm in my own home, thanks to my

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wood stove. At least. Envision the stress. Put yourself in my position. A woman living alone.

Once the hydro was restored and following a number of emergency call-outs, Blake Birch then began seeing to the sewage line problem on my property. He rented an electric auger on January 12th then began the arduous job of augering the sewer line beginning with the vent on top of the roof. This outside work was conducted during yet another extreme weather event...an atmospheric river of heavy rain and high winds. During the 12th, he also continued to auger from inside the basement/crawl space to the tune of 70 feet outwards and the line did not find a blockage.

On Friday, January 13th I contacted the Village of Tahsis office and requested that a Work Order be filled out and directed to Public Works. On Saturday, January 14th, two men from Public Works arrived. I had asked Blake Birch to come over and speak with them due to the fact he had detailed information gained by working on the problem.

Into the following week the Public Works crew showed up searching for the sewage main. During that time I was told that my property was the only one on the sewer line; the first and only house on the sewer line that led into the main. The Public Works crew then began checking the highly visible "man hole cover" style drains, including the ones utilized by properties up above me on Resolution. They also went to two of those home owners asking if they were experiencing sewer blockages. Answer: No.

In the meantime, contractor, Blake Birch, after repeated augering efforts had not discovered a sewage blockage on my property. I had written an email dated January 17, 2022 at 9:51 a.m. to Mayor Davis concerning the fact that Blake Birch had not found any blockage with his rented auger and, knowing that Public Works auger was larger, requested rental use of that auger. Answer from Public Works: No.

Therefore, being unable to rent the Public Works auger, Blake managed to get Public Works over to my property with their auger. However, Public Works only used their auger extended outwards to 34 feet then pulled the line back in, showed Blake a woman's tampon (I'm past that) and some type of hand wipe, then packed up and left. All those two items suggested is they were hung up inside the pipe for years and broke free when the auger hit them. Two small long-time deteriorated items do not a blockage make.

This result led me to wondering if I would still be held accountable as a property owner for all the work that had been done in trying to discover said blockage on my property. I referenced *Village of Tahsis Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw No. 645, 2021* to find an answer. Please see attached under Item 1. Followed by Items 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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Shortly thereafter, I was informed by the Village that repair on any blockage on my property was my responsibility, then an email arrived from the Village telling me that, *"Village crews are working to remove the blockage in the Municipal Service"*. Yet, days later there was still a blockage on the same sewer line. On and on, day after miserable day with no sanitary sewer connection, minus any solution for myself as a citizen and taxpayer of the Village of Tahsis, existing through the unadulterated hell of being minus sanitary sewage in my own home during the extreme winter of 2022.

Throughout this time period, Blake Birch, minus use of an excavator had dug out by hand the sewer line on my property, discovering exactly where it ran outwards from the house and in-between the house and the cement walkway, heading straight northwards towards the neighbour's property line. Also, during digging the line open, he installed all new PVC piping on my property. I have not been negligent. In updating my entire sewer line, after removing decades old (as in 66 years old) pipes I had fulfilled my responsibility however, the question remained what about the Village of Tahsis?

On January 24th, 2022...twenty-two days into the ordeal...I received a detailed email from the Village wherein it stated, *"Collectively, we believe your best course of action is to have your service line inspected by a camera to find the blockage..."*, followed by a suggestion to contact Pipe Eye (a company the Village uses) out of Nanaimo.

At that point in time, Blake Birch contacted Pipe Eye and was informed the preliminary cost of travel alone from Nanaimo into Tahsis would be anywhere between \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 and, would not include a pumper truck.

The end result? Knowing we had hit a dead-end blockage (play on words) with the Village, especially after Blake had never made any auger contact with a blockage on my property throughout the entire time period and, that the Village appeared reluctant to perform the work required, plus knowing viable verification was necessary to satisfy the Village, Blake Birch set about finding a plumbing service that was affordable. At the initial travel cost of \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 Pipe Eye was not an affordable option for a senior living on a fixed and limited income. Therefore, Roto-Rooter out of Courtenay was hired to come in via pick-up truck and trailer with their auger plus video camera to the tune of \$650.00 for travel plus \$275.00 per hour. Please note that I split the travel cost with another resident who required their services as well.

Prior to hiring Roto-Rooter, Blake had hired a Public Works employee for \$30.00 per hour on his days off to help dig out the sewer line from the end of the cement walkway to the property lines' highly visible white property line peg, which line led directly into the neighbour's yard. Blake knew the blockage was there as he had augered a line outwards into the neighbour's property and hit an immovable object. Therefore, it was

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clearly and highly evident at that point in time there was indeed no blockage on my property.

Blake had spoken with the neighbour asking him if he ever had any problems with a sewer blockage. The answer was no. The next puzzle in this convoluted jig saw was *why, what's going on with these somehow, possibly, connected sewer lines?*

Blake then asked the neighbour if he and the Roto-Rooter employee would be permitted to go onto his property in order to, once and for all, find and identify the invisible blockage. The neighbour said yes. When Roto-Rooter showed up an auger was inserted into the sewer pipe and it too hit an immovable object, plus when the video camera was likewise inserted into the line the visual absolutely confirmed the blockage was on the neighbouring property. Please refer to Photos 1, 2, 3 and 4.

As photo 4 clearly shows a large, underground cement clean-out with no cap on the top of the clean-out being the direct cause of said "blockage". With no cap on the cement clean-out it was full of wet dirt, rocks, debris such as chunks of wood and the clay pipe leading out of the clean-out was smashed to smithereens, laying on the ground and completely separated from the disconnected sewer line. Please refer to Photos 5, 6, 7 and 8.

During this time frame a Public Works employee observed the discovered blockage due to the cement clean-out and clearly said the problem was not mine to contend with because it was not on my property. Also, we had an on-site meeting with Mayor Davis, clearly showing him that my sewer line ran directly into my neighbours yard where the true blockage had been discovered, including all the old, decayed, dysfunctional evidence laying openly visible on the ground. (Again, please refer to photos 5, 6, 7 and 8.) Dean Simard was present as well as Blake Birch and myself when we all clearly heard Mayor Davis say, when he looked at the highly visible evidence, that the blockage was not on my property.

Prior to completing the new connection to the main line Blake Birch cleaned out, by hose, the entire line plus checking the drain line to make sure a full clean out enabled correct and proper functioning of the entire line. Please refer to Photo 9.

Then, by way of finishing the new installation of sewer piping on my property, new PVC pipe was professionally installed from my property line into the neighbouring property line then into the Village's existing line, henceforth completing the installation and the entire area was then filled-in and covered with cut mounds of grass, leaving the neighbour's front yard area as found. (Please refer to photos 10 & 11).

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The entire lengthy and arduous process took 32 days, ending 6:00 p.m. February 2nd, 2022 with the best sound in the world...a flushing toilet!

SUMMARY RE: SEWAGE BLOCKAGE

When a municipality chooses to provide both a water and sanitary sewage system; in this case *inherit it*, the municipality owes a duty to its citizens to take reasonable care in inspection, maintenance and operation of the system. Negligence comes at a high cost, not only to the municipality itself, but to residents who are literally stuck between a rock and a hard place due to said negligence. By breaching the duty of care in failing to discover where said sewer lines are located then failing to take reasonable actions in relation to maintenance and repair, a municipality is vulnerable to a legal claim of negligence. Also, relying on out-dated standards is deemed negligent when new standards should not only be considered but put into effect.

Ultimately, municipal councils are responsible for the delivery of local services to their community with the main obligation being to serve and protect the public interest. In this particular instance the “public interest” has been hidden underground for decades and is now rising to the surface aged and decaying. In order to avoid a legal claim of negligence it is over-time for Council to take these responsibilities seriously. Public Works did not find nor repair the sewer blockage I suffered through for 32 days in the dead of winter with no sanitary sewage, I had no other choice but to hire the licensed contractor Blake Birch **and he found the blockage plus did the repair work that the Village should have done.**

I have been left to wonder if I had not hired Blake Birch would I still be minus sanitary sewage to this day?

I have every respect for the current Public Works employees who have to work under the shadow of history concerning the “*inheritance*” of “*infrastructure investments made by the former Tahsis Company prior to the village’s incorporation in 1970*”. These said “*investments*” are no longer interest bearing. I had observed employees struggling to find underground lines (both sewer and water) with what appeared to be inadequate, perhaps dated (?) equipment and having to guess where the line(s) were located then having to call in another worker to dig by hand to find a line(s) then coming up empty handed. They should not have to endure this type of situation. As a citizen of Tahsis I wholehearted suggest said equipment be updated for the use of Public Works employees and for the benefit of the community of Tahsis as a whole.

Concerning the time when the water was shut off during a water leakage repair in the area on Princess Victoria View directly below my property (my apologies for not having

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the date), I was told by a public works employee that the water would be shut off, which it was immediately. When the water came back on, I cleared the lines of air and got the pressure regulated but discovered I had no hot water. I have an electric instantaneous hot water heater not a hot water tank and damage was done when the water was shut off. It cost me to call in a licensed electrician and have the unit repaired and working again. Please see enclosed call-out invoice from Birch Electric for which I fully expect to be reimbursed for.

I again remind Mayor and Council that it was Blake Birch who did the work I fully expected the Village to do in reconnecting my home to sanitary sewage and his invoice is enclosed. I also fully expect the Village to reimburse me for following instructions and getting a company in (Roto Rooter) to satisfy Village requirements when, in all reality, it was not necessary. We already knew where the problem was. However, to satisfy, I followed instructions. My invoice, including the receipt from Roto Rooter is enclosed.

In closing I encourage Council to honour your duty of care towards a senior citizen within your community who experienced and suffered through 32 days of being without sanitary sewage and kindly recognize the obligation of trust that has been bestowed upon you in fulfilling this duty.

Respectfully yours,



Rita Aedan,
907 Princess Victoria View,
Tahsis, B. C. V0P 1X0
Email: ritaaedan@gmail.com
Phone: 250-945-7751

Total Enclosures and Attachments: 16
This number includes 3 Invoices

B94381

THIS AGREEMENT made the 22nd day of May 1973.

BETWEEN: TASSIS COMPANY LTD.
1261 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, British Columbia
(hereinafter called "the Owner")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND: THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF TAHNIS,
of the Province of British Columbia
(hereinafter called "Village of Tahsis")

OF THE SECOND PART

WITNESSES: 7322.

The Owner for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants and conveys to the Village of Tahsis, an uninterrupted Right-of-Way to enter by foot and vehicle on, to and over:

(1) those Portions of Lot 1, District Lot 623; Lots 2, 3, and 15, District Lots 623 and 443; Lots 4 to 14 inc., Lots 16 to 28 inc., Lots 33 and 34, Lots 36 to 38 inc., Lots 42 to 48 inc., and Lots 49 to 52 inc., shown on a Plan of Subdivision of District Lot 443, Kooeka District prepared by D.S. Meredith and shown to by him on the 27th day of March, 1973, a print of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B", the said portions being outlined in red on said print.

(2) ~~XXXXXX~~ Portions of Lot 54 ~~and~~, shown on a plan of Subdivision of Part of District Lot 443, Nootka District, and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, prepared by D.S. Meredith and sworn to by him on the 27th day of March, 1973, a print of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A", the said portions being outlined in red on said Print.

(3) those Portions of Lots 57, 59, 60, Lots 62 to 69 inc., Lots 72 and 73 shown on a Plan of Subdivision of Part of District Lot 443, Part of Lot 1, Plan 10342 of District Lots 443 and 623 prepared by S/S. Meredith and sworn to by him on the 27th day of March, 1973, a print of which is attached hereto as Schedule "C", the said portions being outlined in Red on said Print.

(4) those Portions of Lots 94, 95, 96 and 99 shown on a Plan of Subdivision of Part of District Lot 443, Neosho District prepared by D.S. Meredith and sworn to by him on the 27th day of March, 1973, a print of which is attached hereto as Schedule "D", the said portions being outlined in Red on said Print. (the said portions of land all of which portions of land outlined in Red on the said Schedules "A", "B", "C", and "D" are hereinafter called "the Right-of-Way") to:

(a) Construct, entrench, operate, maintain, remove, replace a system of sanitary sewer pipes, water pipes, utility services and all necessary appurtenances thereto in, under and upon the Right-of-Way for the conveyance of sewage, water and other utility services.

(b) Pass and repass over the Right-of-Way and to clear, dig, remove, and backfill soil and make trenches on the Right-of-Way for any of the purposes aforesaid.

From "15" Land Registry Act (Sec. 50)
 Act (CANDUMP) OF REGISTRATION
 Registered the day of 19
 without or stamped on the filing
 M. T. KENNEDY, Registrar of the Lands
 and Surveys

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The Village of Tahsis covenants with the Owner that each time it disturbs the surface of any of the Right-of-Way in the exercise of any of the rights granted to it under this agreement, it will restore the same as near as is reasonably possible to the condition thereof before such disturbances.

The Owner covenants with the Village of Tahsis not to make, place, erect or maintain, subsequent to the date hereof, any building, structure, excavation, pile of material or obstruction in, under or upon the Right-of-Way without the written consent of the Village of Tahsis first had and obtained.

It is mutually agreed between the Village of Tahsis and the Owner:

- (a) That the Right-of-Way shall be construed as running with the land, that no part of the fee of the soil shall pass to or be vested in the Village of Tahsis under or by these Presents and that the Owner may use and enjoy the Right-of-Way, subject only to the rights and restrictions herein provided:
- (b) That the expressions "Village of Tahsis" and "Owner" herein contained shall be deemed to include the successor and assigns of each of such parties wherever the context so admits: and
- (c) Wherever the singular and masculine are used in this Agreement they shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or the body corporate where the context or the parties hereto so require.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused these Presents to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

THE COMMON SEAL OF TAHISIS COMPANY LTD.
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:)



Signature of Officer _____)

Title President)

Signature of Officer _____)

Title Vice-President and)

Secretary)

HOME COVER INSURANCE PROTECTION APPLICATION AND DECLARATION

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AGENT

**Coastal Community Insurance Services (2007)
Ltd. (Campbell River)
DiscoveryHarbourCCIS@cccu.ca
1354 Island Highway
Campbell River, BC
V9W 8C9
(888) 741-1010**

POLICY TYPE

Home

POLICY NUMBER

4-352-1129391

EFFECTIVE DATE

Dec 09, 2021 12:01 AM

EXPIRY DATE

Dec 09, 2022 12:01 AM

12:01 AM Standard time at the postal address of
the Named Insured as stated herein

INSURER

**Economical Mutual Insurance Co.
111 Westmount Rd., S,
Waterloo, Ontario
N2J 4S4**

MANAGING AGENT

**Family Insurance Solutions Inc.
Suite 1400 - 1177 West Hastings
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6E 2K3**

INSURED'S NAME AND ADDRESS

**Rita Aedan
907 Princess Victoria View
Tahsis, BC
Canada, V0P 1X0**

DESCRIPTION OF INSURED PROPERTY

LOCATION OF INSURED PROPERTY: 907 Princess Victoria View Tahsis, BC, V0P 1X0

Age of Dwelling: 1956
Type of Dwelling: Detached
No. of Units: Single Family
Construction: Wood Frame
Roof: Asphalt

Finished Square Footage: 1040
Unfinished Square Footage: 0

of Declared Detached Private Structures: 1
Primary Heating: Electric
Secondary Heating: Wood Stove/Insert
Occupancy: Owner Occupied


Fire Hall: Within 5 miles/8 kms
Fire Hydrant: Within 1000 ft/300 m
Business Use: No
Previous Cancellations: No

From: ritaaedan ritaaedan@gmail.com
Subject: Photo
Date: February 7, 2022 at 2:03 PM
To: ritaaedan@gmail.com

Photo 1

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.




From: ritaaedan ritaaedan@gmail.com 
Subject: Photo
Date: February 7, 2022 at 1:59 PM
To: ritaaedan@gmail.com

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Photo 2

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



From: ritaaedan ritaaedan@gmail.com 
Subject: Photo
Date: February 7, 2022 at 2:09 PM
To: ritaaedan@gmail.com

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Photo 3

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



From: ritaaden ritaaden@gmail.com
Subject: Photos
Date: February 3, 2022 at 7:03 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

Photo 4

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



From: ritaaden ritaaden@gmail.com
Subject: Photo
Date: February 3, 2022 at 7:14 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

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Photo 5

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From: ritaaden ritaaden@gmail.com
Subject: Photo
Date: February 3, 2022 at 7:07 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

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Photo 4

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From: ritaaden ritaaden@gmail.com
Subject: Photo
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To: ritaaden@gmail.com

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Photo 7

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From: ritaadedan ritaadedan@gmail.com &
Subject: Photo
Date: February 3, 2022 at 7:09 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

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Photo 8

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From: ritaadan ritaadan@gmail.com &
Subject: Photo
Date: February 3, 2022 at 7:16 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

Photo 9

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From: ritaadedan ritaadedan@gmail.com
Subject: Photo
Date: February 3, 2022 at 10:18 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

Photo 10

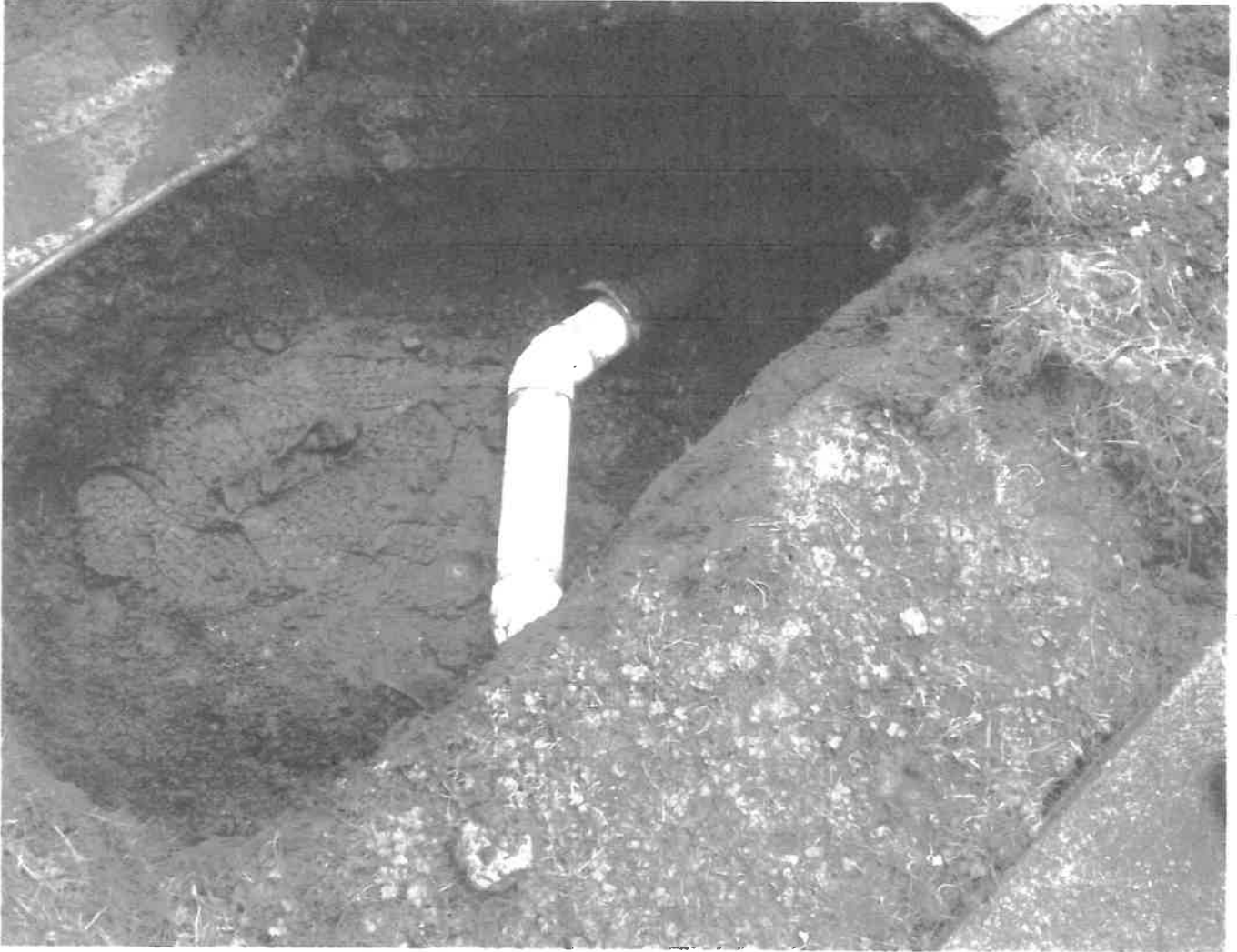
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From: ritaadan ritaadan@gmail.com &
Subject: Photo
Date: February 3, 2022 at 10:13 AM
To: ritaaden@gmail.com

Photo 11

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.





Blake Birch
 PO Box 341, Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0
 Phone: 250-934-5565 Cell: 250-203-1675
bwest.birch@gmail.com

CUSTOMER NAME: Rita Aedan – RE: Village of Tahsis

DATE: February 04, 2022

PROJECT: Sewer Blockage – Located at original main line connection/neighbouring property.

Materials:

Auger Rental – January 12 th to January 31 st	\$ 95.00
2 – 4L Jugs of Commercial Drain Liquid @ \$26.73 each	53.46
6" Clog Buster Rental	50.49
10' – 4" PVC Drain Pipe	25.66
2 – 4" 45 degree PVC Drain @ \$10.95 each	21.90
1 – 4X6 Furnco Flex Coupler	36.26
- Shipping Costs	20.00
Miscellaneous: Glue/PVC/Primer	22.56

Labour:

Diagnosing/Installation/Backfilling

- January 02 to February 03, 2022
- Labour - 40 hours @ \$65.00 per hour

\$2,600.00

Sub-Total: \$2,925.33

GST: 146.27

TOTAL: \$3,071.60

Business # 75368 3911

GST # 75368 3911 RT0001

Terms: Payable in Full upon receipt of Invoice
 2% Monthly Fee on overdue accounts

Thank you for your Business

DATED: FEBRUARY 28th, 2022

TO: VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

RE: ROTO-ROOTER SEWER LINE INSPECTION

Attached find Roto-Rooter's Invoice No. 20600 paid in full (refer to attached receipt) to be Reimbursed to Rita Aedan, 907 Princess Victoria View, P. O. Box 303, Tahsis B.C. V0P 1X0, for inspection of residential sewer line which was the sole responsibility of Public Works, Village of Tahsis to inspect, assess and repair due to a sewer line blockage which which did not occur on my property but blocked all sewer line access to my property.

The blockage was discovered on the adjoining property at 929 Princess Victoria View and was a direct result of negligence over the years in both finding and maintaining the circa 1965 sewer line which caused the damage, resulting in my having no sanitary sewer for 32 days.

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

Rita Aedan



A Division of
JTJ Plumbing and Drain Cleaning Ltd.

Unit D 4635 Madrona Pl.,
Courtenay, BC V9N 9E7

250.338.9192 / 250.286.1400

jtjplumbers@gmail.com

please include invoice number when sending e-transfers

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DATE OF SERVICE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
01	31	2022
SERVICE TECHNICIAN'S NAME		

INVOICE NO. **20600**

SEWER & DRAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLUMBING <input type="checkbox"/>	DRAIN TILE <input type="checkbox"/>
PIPELINE INSPECTION <input type="checkbox"/>	EXCAVATION <input type="checkbox"/>	SEPTIC <input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/> RECALL	AREA #
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CUST. PHONE #
250-934-7751

CUSTOMER NAME Rita Aedan			
MAILING ADDRESS 907 Princess Victoria View			
CITY Tahsis	PROV BC	POSTAL CODE	P.O.#
JOB ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN BILLING ADDRESS)			

ESTIMATE

My estimate for performing this work is:

\$
plus tax

WORK ORDER AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Roto-Rooter to perform the described services and I agree to pay the amounts indicated. I understand that Roto-Rooter is not responsible for broken, settled, rusted, deteriorated, or lead pipes, fixtures, or clean outs and any damage resulting from cleaning or repairing such lines. In addition, I understand that Roto-Rooter will not warranty garburator drain lines and will not warranty toilet wax seats that are installed on tile floors or sub-floors. I understand that this is an estimate only and may vary.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

COMPLETION

I acknowledge completion of the below described work which has been done to my complete satisfaction.

SIGNATURE

Sewerline blocked/backing up

Hydrojet flush of sewerline to remove the blockage and clean the pipe

Camera inspection showed what is most likely a failed check valve that I was able to get the plunger past but not the camera

Recommend removing or replacing check valve

CC#

5234 4156 4394 7135

EXPIRY

10/22

SC#

701

SIGNATURE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

PAYMENT DUE UPON RECEIPT

☐ EFT

☐ CASH

☐ CHEQUE NO. _____ *

☐ CREDIT CARD

OVER 30 DAYS A LATE CHARGE OF 2% PER MONTH

*In the event a cheque is returned the COMPANY will charge the CUSTOMER a \$45.00 processing fee.

LABOUR \$ **275⁰⁰**

TRUCK \$ **325⁰⁰**

MATERIALS \$

RENTAL \$

SUB TOTAL \$ **600⁰⁰**

BN# 734311483 G.S.T \$ **30⁰⁰**

P.S.T. \$

INVOICE TOTAL \$ **630⁰⁰**

all accounts over 90 days will be sent to collections with an added 30% increase to owing balance to offset collection fees

**BIRCH ELECTRIC**

Energy Efficient Solutions

Blake Birch
PO Box 341, Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0
Phone: 250-934-5565 Cell: 250-203-1675
bwest.birch@gmail.com

CUSTOMER NAME: Rita Aedan

Date: February 24th, 2022

PROJECT: Reconnect Instantaneous Hot Water Heater following
Public Works water-line shut-off.

Residential Call-Out Fee: \$ 80.00

GST: 4.00

Total: \$ 84.00

Business # 75368 3911

GST # 75368 3911 RT0001

Terms: Payable in Full upon receipt of Invoice
2% Monthly Fee on overdue accounts

Thank you for your Business

Sally Taylor

404 Alpine View

Tahsis b.c.

VOP 1X0

To Village of Tahsis Council,

This letter is regarding mooring at the village dock,

I would at this time make myself available to help out regarding the boats that are mooring at the dock where the café is.

I think we all know that usage of the dock is being abused and has been since the Government dock got condemned.

At present time 5 boats are docked there with one being very large, the owners intent is to have people staying on the

boat while he charts them fishing. This is not only abuse of the use for the dock but also will be a problem for the parking

at the café, last year I had motor homes parking horizontally, kayakers leaving vehicles for days and most of all, fishermen

and people taking building supplies out to the islands and leaving their vehicles and trailers in the parking lot for days at a time.

People have spit at me, called me names and much more when I have asked them to move their vehicles to a different spot.

It is very hard to run a business like that!

Getting back to the moorage, I am willing to go down the dock twice daily and record numbers off the boats.

I would be willing to have a money box for payment which could be picked up daily by village staff as well as a interac

machine could be put in the café for the same purpose. I would keep a log book for the village.

I have calculated that last year on average 8 to 10 boats moored daily in summer, this would bring in some good revenue

for our village and at the same time alleviate some of the abuse.

I am available to help out, I believe this will help our community.

Thank you for taking your time with this matter,

Sally Taylor

From:
To: Resolution for all UBCM members
Subject: March 14, 2022 4:01:42 PM
Date: [NCLGA 2022 Resolution - PROLIFIC OFFENDERS.pdf](#)
Attachments:

From: Alisa Thompson <athompson@terrace.ca>
Sent: March 14, 2022 1:32 PM
To: Alisa Thompson <athompson@terrace.ca>
Subject: Resolution for all UBCM members

Terrace City Council has submitted the attached resolution for consideration at the NCLGA convention. Please forward to your councils/boards. Thank you.

Alisa Thompson (she/her)
Corporate Administrator/Deputy CAO
City of Terrace

Acknowledging that it is an honour to live and work on the Laxyuubm Tsimshian, Kitsumkalum and Kitselas, toyaxsuut.

The City of Terrace is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19. All facilities are now open to the public; however, please be aware certain timelines or processes may be adjusted in order to maintain physical distancing and protect staff and the public. Find guidelines for visiting our facilities and more at <https://www.terrace.ca/covid19>. Thank you for your understanding.

NCLGA RESOLUTION –BC PROSECUTION SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST

WHEREAS *prolific offenders in British Columbia are routinely released without consequences or meaningful conditions imposed upon them;*

AND WHEREAS *the BC Prosecution Service’s vision statement guides them to make impartial charge assessment decisions that promote public safety, justice, and respect for the rule of law and the BC Prosecution Service often determines not to recommend charges be pursued for criminal offences that are referred by the RCMP, as charges are not in the public interest;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that the NCLGA lobby the Provincial Government to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) live up to its vision, mission, and value statements and consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.*

BACKGROUND:

The Crown Counsel Act¹ entrusts the Criminal Justice Branch with the responsibility to approve and conduct all prosecutions of offenses in British Columbia. The Assistant Deputy Attorney General is charged with the Administration of that Branch, and with carrying out its functions and responsibilities.

In British Columbia it has been the practice of Crown Counsel to release offenders of crimes without charges or conditions, citing charges are not in the public interest. Repeat offenders are free to recommit crimes without consequences as a result. A disproportionate amount of crime, particularly property crime, is committed by a minority of habitual offenders². Unfortunately, communities, local business owners and workers, the economy, as well as the public feel the impacts of repeat offenders who commit property crimes and thefts repeatedly and without consequence. For example, in Terrace in 2021 there were 423 failure to appear in court warrants, but only two people were charged. Two individuals in Terrace failed to appear in court 26 and 21 times each from February 2021 to February 2022. Neither have been charged with Fail to Appear. There was an average of six failure to appear warrants each week which is a burden on the RCMP to administer and ultimately is fruitless as there are no consequences for not appearing in court.

The revolving door of crime, apprehension by the authorities, and then the subsequent release of these habitual offenders erodes public confidence in our legal system. Police and law enforcement agencies as well as victim services are also burdened by repeat

calls and reports of crime. Regarding youth, it has been estimated that averting a 14-year old from a path of criminality would save society \$3 to \$5 million.³

There have been numerous police-based initiatives in British Columbia as well as other jurisdictions to try to manage prolific offenders. While there are different approaches to prolific offender management, they all require the cooperation of multiple agencies to implement. For example, “Polibation” is an approach to deal with prolific offenders that involves targeted and intensive surveillance from the police and probation programs. They involve a team of service providers that deliver interventions that are specific to the individual, including substance use and mental health treatment. Any subsequent criminal activity or breaches of the sentence conditions by the individual are dealt with by prompt apprehension and conviction.⁴ Programs like these are only possible when the Crown is willing to participate, and charge repeat offenders. When the Crown is unwilling to charge offenders, they are creating a burden on others such as the public, businesses, and law enforcement agencies. The BC Prosecution Service’s own vision is to be an independent prosecution service that people respect and trust. Public trust has been eroded by the Crown’s reticence to press charges on prolific offenders.

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From:
To:
Subject:
Date:
Attachments:

From: Nicole Brassard <nbrassard@globalpublic.com>
Sent: March 17, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Nicole Brassard <nbrassard@globalpublic.com>
Subject: Reducing Patio Application Red Tape for BC's Hospitality Sector and Economic Recovery

Good afternoon,

Please find attached an open letter to BC municipalities from the hospitality sector regarding reducing red tape for patio applications and supporting economic recovery.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak with the signatories, please contact me at any time.

Nicole Brassard (she/her)
Associate Vice President

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March 16, 2022

British Columbia Municipalities

Re: Reducing Patio Application Red Tape for BC's Hospitality Sector and Economic Recovery

As we emerge from the pandemic and begin the long road to economic recovery in all corners of British Columbia, we look forward to working collaboratively with municipalities to enable public and private patio programs that support our local small businesses.

With 80% of hospitality businesses still losing money and accumulating more debt each month combined with inflationary pressures where food prices increased by 5.7% last year and will increase another 5.3% in 2022, it will take two thirds of hospitality businesses one and half years to return to profitability. On top of that recent polling indicates that more than 60% of consumers are still hesitant to return to indoor dining due to COVID safety concerns. As a result, **continuing expanded outdoor dining on patios continues to be an important factor in helping the hospitality industry recover from the pandemic.**

Recently, we have witnessed the unintended consequences in municipalities such as City of Vancouver where new guidelines for its public patio program were not designed in consultation with small businesses and did not create the intended solutions supported by council. Instead, the program created additional fees, red tape, and duplication of effort for those restaurants, pubs, and breweries looking to keep their successful patio open this summer. Despite aiming to "streamline the review process" the additional hurdles created significant delays which required staff to rework the program within days of its release.

In order to avoid these unintended consequences, we encourage municipalities to consult directly with small businesses and our various associations. **Our key recommendations include:**

- 1. Extend current patio programs without implementing new restrictions or fees;**
- 2. Streamline approvals to ensure those small businesses who have been safety and successfully operating patios may continue to do so;**
3. Increase flexibility for patio types and sizes as well as the number of patios allowed;
4. Increase the space use of existing patios or picnic areas to allow chairs to be spread out to meet distancing requirements;
5. Allow pop-up outdoor dining and manufacture sampling spaces;
6. Allow and increase the use of parklets and public space for dining;
7. Allow any increase in patio, picnic area or outdoor space be considered a continuation of an establishment's existing approved alcohol service area or manufacture's sampling area to provide samples and not require additional endorsements or authorizations; and
8. Coordinate with any relevant bodies—such as the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, Fire Department, etc.—to reduce red tape and speed approval timelines wherever possible.

At a time when economic recovery and supporting our small businesses is a priority for all of us, we are confident that by working collaboratively we can reduce red tape and unnecessary fees associated with public and private patio programs.

Sincerely,



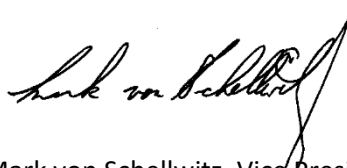
Ken Beattie, Executive Director
British Columbia Craft Brewers Guild



Ian Tostenson, President and CEO
BC Restaurant and Food Services Association



Jeff Guignard, Executive Director
Alliance of Beverage Licensees



Mark von Schellwitz, Vice President, Western Canada
Restaurants Canada

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Brenda Falk

**CITY OF ABBOTSFORD**

Mayor, Henry Braun

Councillors

Dave Loewen
Patricia Ross
Dave Sidhu
Ross Siemens

March 10, 2022

File: 0530-03

Via email

UBCM Member Municipalities

Dear UBCM Members:

Re: Support for Resolution

I am writing on behalf of Abbotsford City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for recovering municipal costs through Build Back Better Funding for critical infrastructure for inclusion at the upcoming LMLGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall.

At the February 28, 2022 Council Meeting, City Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of BC completed a Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment for B.C. in 2019 that found that extreme weather events will continue to worsen across the province in coming years including heat waves and severe river flooding, with extreme precipitation events continuing to increase toward 1 in 20 year events becoming 1 in 10 year events or lower;

AND WHEREAS the Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General and Emergency Management BC have been working closely with the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee and local governments since mid-2019 to modernize Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support local governments in responding and planning for disaster mitigation through phased-in legislative updates beginning in 2022:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the provincial government, as part of the process of modernizing the EPA legislation, include robust and sustainable 'building back better' funding at 100 per cent as part of the first phase of the updated EPA legislation in 2022; and additionally consider enhancing the Community Resiliency Investment Program to include funding programs for flood related infrastructure improvement.

We look forward to, and appreciate your support on this matter.

Yours truly,

Henry Braun
Mayor

c. Council members
Peter Sparanese, City Manager

From:
To:
Subject:
Date:
Attachments:

Good morning,

It is with great pride that I forward you the attached announcement, regarding a ban on Plastic Utensils as adopted by the District of Ucluelet Council on March 15, 2022.

Regards,



Paula Mason
Manager of Corporate Services

Box 999, 200 Main Street
Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0
Phone: 250-726-7744



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 25, 2022

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET BANS PLASTIC AND BIO-PLASTIC UTENSILS

Taking the next step towards the responsible stewardship of the lands we are grateful to operate within, the District of Ucluelet bans single-use plastic utensils.

UCLUELET, B.C. - On March 15, 2022 District of Ucluelet Council adopted Single-Use Item Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1298, 2022 which adds Plastic and Bio-Plastic Utensils to the list of items being regulated within the municipality.

On July 26, 2021 Ministerial Order M309, provided municipalities the authority to make a bylaw to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the protection of the natural environment.

The District of Ucluelet, situated in the traditional territory of the Yuułu?iŋ?ath acknowledges that the relationship the Yuułu?iŋ?ath have to the land and surrounding sea, goes deeper than the typical land use issues encountered by a municipality. With this in mind, we are committed to the respectful and responsible stewardship of its natural resources and to the preservation of the local environment for future generations to come. As such, it is with pride that we bring into effect a ban on plastic utensils.

As defined in Ministerial Order M309, the word utensil “includes a spoon, fork, knife, chopstick or stir stick”. Enforcement of the ban on plastic utensils will come into effect on September 15, 2022, allowing a six-month transitional time-period for the business community to adjust their current practices, educate staff, use up any existing stocks of plastic utensils they may have on hand, and source out appropriate and available product alternatives. During this six-month transitional time-period, staff will continue to work with [Surfrider Pacific Rim](#) to ensure their “Cut the Cutlery” campaign becomes a familiar and welcome addition to our business and residential community.

“With the recent ban of plastic utensils in our neighbouring municipality, we are proud to take this next step in empowering our West Coast communities to transition to a culture of environmental protection and stewardship. We are extremely grateful for the support of Surfrider Pacific Rim, as we roll-out an awareness campaign that will encourage behavioural change and help businesses prepare for, comply with, and communicate the upcoming requirements to their staff, customers, and visitors to the area.” said Paula Mason, District of Ucluelet’s Manager of Corporate Services.

“Collaboration is the key to creating a culture shift with single-use plastic items. The local businesses, the District of Ucluelet, and the residents have all been so supportive of this initiative. We are very grateful

for all the work everyone has done to create this positive change in behavior. The tides are turning on eliminating single-use items so let's keep the momentum going for the sake of the health of our bodies and the ocean!" Laurie Hannah, Chapter Coordinator, Surfrider Pacific Rim.

As shown on the Government of BC's [Environmental Protection and Sustainability](#) website page, the District of Ucluelet will be one of the first municipalities in British Columbia to regulate all single-use items suggested in the July 2021 Ministerial Order. The continued regulation of these items (and future items) by our Council, supports the ongoing efforts of CleanBC's [Plastics Action Plan](#) as well as initiatives brought forth in the District of Ucluelet's recently adopted [Climate Change Adaptation Plan](#) and [Official Community Plan](#). Visit our [Ucluelet.ca](#) to read the background on the development of the Single-Use Item Regulation Bylaw.

"The lands of the Yuułu?iŋ?ath and the District of Ucluelet are very closely linked, in that we all share close ties to the area's forests, waters and natural resources. Placing a ban on plastic utensils and other single-use items, is a huge step towards doing everything in our power to protect and preserve these lands. In doing so, we aim to create the type of sustainable community our citizens can enjoy for future generations to come. We truly appreciate all the support we've already seen from our business and residential community and look forward to sharing this common goal with all who visit our region." said Mayco Noel, Mayor, District of Ucluelet.

About Ucluelet

A true West Coast working harbour, home to approximately 2,000 residents, Ucluelet is a place rich in tradition and natural beauty. Located at the entrance to Barkley Sound on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, just south of the Long Beach unit of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Ucluelet is on the edge of the Wild Pacific Ocean. It offers visitors and residents the opportunity to live in and explore one of the world's most pristine coastlines.



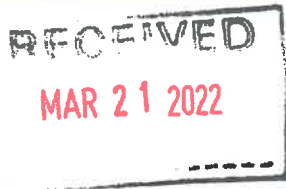
About Surfrider Pacific Rim

Surfrider Pacific Rim is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves, and beaches, for all people, through a powerful activist network. Living seaside or landlocked, regenerating this blue planet is essential for all of humanity to thrive. Surfrider's focus is divided into 3 pillars: eliminating single-use plastics, finding the end-of-life solutions for hard to recycle petroleum products, as well as engaging youth, individuals, businesses, local First Nations, and government in their Ocean Friendly initiatives. Through their "beach to boardroom" systems approach, they address the root of the plastics pollution crisis with the vision of achieving clean water and healthy beaches. Through this approach, Surfrider has removed over 50 metric tonnes of marine debris from the West Coast, supported the implementation of plastic bans, and achieved numerous coastal victories.

For Media Inquires contact:

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 District of Ucluelet
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 250-726-7744

March 16, 2022



Council Members
Village of Tahsis
Box 219
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Dear Council Members:

Re: UBCM Membership

I am writing to invite Village of Tahsis to renew its annual membership in the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM).

UBCM has been the collective voice for B.C.'s local governments since 1905. Created by local government and recognized under a provincial statute, we are committed to advancing the common interests of B.C.'s communities. Our approach of non-partisan, policy-based advocacy is grounded in grass roots engagement and strengthened through research and collaboration with our members.

The past year has seen the achievement of a broad range of objectives that respond to UBCM's advocacy. The province signed an MOU with UBCM to explore ways to strengthen the system for local government finance in BC. Provincial funding for local government climate action initiatives was restored and expanded in the 2022 provincial budget. UBCM has also provided a voice to defend the efforts of local government to increase housing supply through another record year of development approvals. We have also continued to expand our role as a program administrator of choice for the provincial and federal governments as we oversee 8 programs that will be actively processing applications during the coming year, including the \$3.5 billion Canada Community-Building Fund.

Our strength as an organization is grounded in the support of our membership. I thank you for the renewal by Village of Tahsis this past year. Over the coming year, I am dedicated to working with my fellow Executive members and our secretariat to maintain the support of communities across the province.

As always, if you have questions or feedback about our work, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg
UBCM President


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INVOICE

TO: Village of Tahsis
Box 219
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

ATTN: Janet St. Denis, Finance Assistant

Invoice Date: Mar 15, 2022

Invoice No: D-5472

Due: upon receipt

Reference: 2022 UBCM Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Population: 296 <i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2021 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.</i>	
Annual Dues: First 5,000 population at 0.6955 (Minimum \$647) \$647.00 Next 10,000 at 0.5051 \$0.00 Next 15,000 at 0.3178 \$0.00 Balance at 0.0650 \$0.00	
Subtotal:	\$647.00
5% GST: (10815 0541)	\$32.35
Total:	\$679.35


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Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

REMITTANCE PORTION

Village of Tahsis

2022 Annual UBCM Dues

Date: Mar 15, 2022

Invoice # D-5472

TOTAL DUE:

\$679.35

**AMOUNT
ENCLOSED:**

Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.

From:
To:
Subject: FW: The Case for Basic income for Municipalities - Support for AVICC Resolution R37
Date: March 28, 2022 4:46:36 PM

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: The Case for Basic income for Municipalities - Support for AVICC Resolution R37
Resent-From: cnorthcott@villageoftahsis.com
Date: Mon, 28 Mar 2022 14:40:39 -0700
From: BIBC <basicincomebc@gmail.com>
To: belder@villageoftahsis.com, lynda@villageoftahsis.com, sfowler@villageoftahsis.com,
mayor@villageoftahsis.com, cnorthcott@villageoftahsis.com

*An email from Councillor Marianne Alto, City of Victoria and Councillor Dale Bass, City of Kamloops
 From [Basic Income BC](#).*

Dear Colleagues,

Given that municipalities are struggling to keep up with the downloaded responsibility of providing essential public and social support services, [Coalition Canada basic income - revenu de base](#) worked with mayors and councillors from across the country to develop the [Case for Basic Income for Municipalities](#) to explain **why a federally-funded basic income guarantee** would be of benefit to municipalities.

Municipalities are on the front line in the struggle to ensure that all their residents can lead a life of dignity, health, and participation in the community. The federal government currently provides income support for families with children and for seniors age 65 and older. What is needed is additional support for those age 18-64. When people have a sufficient income to pay for decent housing, nutritious food, and social participation, there is less strain on municipalities and the services they provide.

On January 27, 2022, the [City of Victoria unanimously passed a resolution](#) calling for the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) to call on the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs. It also calls for AVICC to endorse this Resolution, and forward the same to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at its annual convention in September 2022.

On January 28, 2022, the City of Victoria reformatted their successful motion and submitted it as a resolution for the AVICC convention in April 2022. **The AVICC Resolutions Committee has endorsed [City of Victoria Resolution R37](#)** (page 51) calling for a federally funded Guaranteed Livable Basic income. Endorsed resolutions will be voted on at their convention in April.

Please show your support for a federally funded basic income:

1. Share the [Case for Basic Income for Municipalities](#) with your colleagues in other communities and cities across the British Columbia.
 2. [Sign your name in support](#) of the Case for Basic Income for Municipalities.
 3. Vote in favour of [City of Victoria's AVICC resolution R37](#) (page 51) calling for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income its convention in April.
 4. Vote in favour of a UBCM Resolution calling for a basic income guarantee at their convention in September.
 5. [Pass a motion at your Council](#) calling on the Government of Canada to implement a basic Income guarantee and send your motion to UBCM.
- Municipalities have an important voice in advocating for a federally funded basic income.

Thank you.

Councillor Marianne Alto, City of Victoria
Councillor Dale Bass, City of Kamloops

37) Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (GLBI)**City of Victoria**

Whereas poverty has a downstream effect on local governments, putting unsustainable pressure on their limited resources to deliver necessary public services and social supports as they struggle to keep up with downloaded responsibilities;

And whereas basic income addresses key social determinants of health, such as income and housing, it can alleviate pressures on local governments to address poverty and fill gaps in social supports, such as shelter, housing, food security and mental health:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, ensuring everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs, which would go a long way towards eradicating poverty and homelessness, alleviating the pressure on municipalities to use their limited resources to fill gaps in our failing social safe net;

And be it further resolved that AVICC endorse this Resolution, and forward the same to UBCM for consideration at its annual convention in September 2022.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal government to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, ensuring everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs.

However, the Committee notes that the membership have endorsed numerous resolutions in support of increased income assistance (2018-B163, 2016-B120, 2015-B45, 2014-B12, 2013-B55, 2013-B130, 2011-B175, 2006-B171, 2005-B51, 2004-B134).

Convention Decision: _____



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 27, 2022

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** January 22, 2022
From: Councillors Alto and Loveday
Subject: Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income Advocacy to AVICC

Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (GLBI)

Background

A federally funded Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (GLBI) program would help alleviate financial pressures on municipalities by addressing poverty and managing services associated with homelessness and social inequity, while boosting local consumer spending that supports local economies. When people have a sufficient income, there is less strain on municipalities and the services they provide. A federally funded GLBI would help municipal services remain sustainable and affordable for everyone. Working in concert with social support services, a GLBI would help ensure that all people have an income sufficient to live with dignity and health, enabling them to fully participate in community.

The following Motion is informed and supported by these documents:

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Motion

That Council endorse the following Resolution, and forward the same to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration at its annual convention in April 2022.

That this resolution be forwarded to the January 27, 2022 Council to follow Committee of the Whole meeting for ratification.

Whereas municipalities are at the front line in dealing with community impacts when people are unable to support their own wellbeing,

And whereas poverty has a downstream effect on municipalities, putting unsustainable pressure on their limited resources to deliver necessary public services and social supports as they struggle to keep up with downloaded responsibilities,

And whereas the Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated municipal constraints, leaving them to deal with exposed gaps in our social safety net resulting from growing economic, racial and health inequalities,

And whereas basic income addresses key social determinants of health, such as income and housing, it can alleviate pressures on municipalities to address poverty and fill gaps in social supports, such as shelter, housing, food security and mental health,

And whereas evidence from basic income research and pilots shows that when people have a sufficient and secure income their mental and physical health improves; they have the capacity to secure more affordable, suitable, and safe housing, childcare, healthy food, and transportation; and poverty rates decrease thereby helping to alleviate the downloaded pressure on municipalities to support the wellbeing of their residents,

And whereas the provision of a guaranteed livable basic income would benefit individuals, families and communities and protect the most vulnerable in society, it would also support community resilience by facilitating the transition to a local economy that responds to the climate crisis and other major challenges,

And whereas evidence shows that a federally funded basic income that improves people's financial stability is possible, as successful income transfer programs already exist in Canada for seniors (Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement) and parents (Canada Child Benefit (CCB)),

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC calls on the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, ensuring everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs, which would go a long way towards eradicating poverty and homelessness, alleviating the pressure on municipalities to use their limited resources to fill gaps in our failing social safe net,

And be it further resolved that AVICC endorse this Resolution, and forward the same to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at its annual convention in September 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Alto



Councillor Loveday

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To: UBCM Municipalities

Good afternoon,

Please see attached correspondence from Mayor Dean McKerracher for your respective Councils.

Best regards,

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March 15, 2022

Honourable George Heyman
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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Dear Minister Heyman:

Re: Milk Container Recycling in British Columbia

This letter is regarding the recently implemented 10-cent deposit on milk and plant-based beverages which came into effect on February 1, 2022 as part of the CleanBC Plastic Action Plan.

The District of Elkford understands the need for this deposit and the action plan to prevent plastic waste, keep more waste out of the landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to create a cleaner, better future. Additionally, the District has long been an advocate for initiatives to accomplish the same goals.

Unfortunately, the nearest location for Elkford residents to recycle milk containers is a 65 km drive to the City of Fernie, resulting in a 130 km round trip for a resident of the District of Elkford to the nearest return-in centre to receive their refund on these containers. Commuting this distance for the refund is not only an inadequate solution but is counterintuitive to our collective efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While we recognize that residents of Elkford still have the option of placing these containers through the existing RecycleBC Depot at our local transfer station, we do not feel that it is equitable for the residents of Elkford to have this as the only reasonable option after paying the deposit at the time of purchase.

We would like the Province to reconsider this deposit-refund system to ensure that it is equitable to all residents of British Columbia while still encouraging the reduction of waste in landfills and ensuring viable solutions to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
MayorCc: MLA Tom Shypitka, Kootenay East
All UBCM Member Local Governments

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