



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	April 5, 2022
<u>Time</u>	7:01 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

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

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

Public 4 Members of the public. (2) by 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

Under Business Arising as H.2 the Tahsis Fire Hall Project- expenditure commitment for geotechnical and seismic assessment.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0154/2022

THAT the Agenda for the April 5, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public suggested establishing a contingency/reserve fund for emergency expenditures.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 15, 2022

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0155/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of March 15, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0156/2022

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

The Director of Finance briefed Council on the 2022 Operating Budget, highlighting the changes from the prior year.
The 2022 General Municipal Tax rates of the various property classes were discussed.

The basic water user rate to increase by \$29, no increase in sewer user fees and a \$2.47 increase in the garbage user fee.

The 2022-2026 Capital plan was reviewed at a high level.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0157/2022

THAT Council agrees to proceed with the introduction of the Financial Plan and Tax Rate bylaws at the April 19, 2022 regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

2 Tahsis Fire Hall Project- expenditure

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0158/2022

TO receive and consider the proposal and cost estimate provided by McElhanney Ltd. for the geotechnical investigation for the Tahsis Fire Hall project.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this cost estimate and provided Council with an update on the drilling done to date.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0159/2022

THAT Council approve an expenditure of up to \$72,075 (exclusive of GST) for the geotechnical investigation for the Tahsis Fire Hall Project.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

I missed filing a report on the last council meeting and since my last report I have attended meetings of the Strathcona Regional District board, SRD Municipal Services Committee and First Nations Relations Committee, Comox-Strathcona Waste Management, CS Hospital District, Island Coastal Economic Trust board, as well as closed and special closed meetings here in Tahsis.

This past weekend, I went to the first in-person Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities annual general meeting held since 2019. It was great to be able to talk to other Island mayors, councillors and Electoral Area representatives and is a great forum for exchanging ideas and knowledge as well as to network. Congratulations to Councillor Fowler for her election as a Director At Large.

Today, we held a meeting where the Village's response to the weeklong power outage this winter was discussed as well as looking at the financial impact to the Village and ways that our response could be improved. We also discussed ways to help the citizens better prepare for outages and other natural disasters and how to look out for our neighbours and make sure nobody is left out. In attendance was staff from the Regional District, who had prepared our report and recommendations for our consideration. It was ironic that our meeting took place during yet another power outage.

Councillor Elder (verbal report)

I am serving notice of motion for getting a moorage bylaw ready if we get approval for the new dock.

I'd like to give Mainroad a little pat on the back as the last 3-4 weeks the road has been a B+ to an A.

Councillor Fowler (verbal report)

I was elected Director at Large for the AVICC.

Below is a link to the slides from my AVICC presentation that I gave on April 2, 2022.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EuljC_03mwigB48VKJreipR0HzMo_w4GV/view?usp=sharing

Councillor Llewellyn (verbal report)

Congratulations to Councillor Fowler on being elected as Director at Large for the AVICC.

Councillor Northcott (verbal report)

I have been to a number of meetings with the Vancouver Island Library all of which were in camera. I'm scheduled for my first Fire Services Committee meeting on April 20th, 2022. So, hopefully I will have something interesting to report on with that. Congratulations Sarah.

The last thing is I just want to give a nice shout out to our Village nurse for showing up at the clinic for me on Saturday when I did a little damage to my hand.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0160/2022

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 648, 2022.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0161/2022

THAT the Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 648, 2022 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0162/2022

THAT the Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 648, 2022 receive a first reading this 5th day of April 2022.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0163/2022

THAT the Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 648, 2022 receive a second reading this 5th day of April 2022.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0164/2022

THAT the Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 648, 2022 receive a third reading this 5th day of April 2022.

CARRIED

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)**

Letter from Dean McKerracher, Mayor, District of Elkford to Honourable George
9 Heyman, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Re: Milk Container
Recycling in British Columbia.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0165/2022

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0166/2022

THAT correspondence item #7 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

L7 UBCM Re: Renewal of Annual UBCM Membership

Councillor Llewellyn spoke to the value of this membership. A discussion followed.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0167/2022

THAT the Village's 2022 UBCM Annual membership be renewed.

CARRIED

M. New Business

None.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public spoke to correspondence item #1 and sewage blockage issues.

A member of the public spoke about moorage at the airplane dock to which Mayor Davis responded.

Adjournment

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0168/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 19th day of April, 2022


Chief Administrative Officer

