



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	May 17, 2022
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

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

Regrets Councillor Sarah Fowler

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Poole, Director of Finance
John Manson, P. Eng., Municipal Engineer by video
Janet St-Denis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager by video
Lauren Roth, Customer Service Coordinator by video/phone

Public 2 Members of the public. (1) by video

A. Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

A notice of motion from Councillor Fowler regarding the use of the Rec Centre for the Good Food Box Program as "H1" under Business Arising and under Correspondence as "L2" an email from Virginia Mountan, Unit Chief-Station #133, Tahsis, BC Ambulance Services Re: Cancer Fund Raising Link

C. Approval of the Agenda

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0207/2022

THAT the Agenda for the May 17, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public commented on the roads and to invite MLA and Minister of Highways to visit in person. Mayor Davis responded that MLA Babchuk is coming to Tahsis.

A member of the public commented on the airline dock situation.

A member of the public inquired about Cascadia Seaweed to which the mayor and staff responded.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 3, 2022.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0208/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 3, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 Councillor Fowler-Notice of Motion for June 7th, Regular Council Meeting Re: Good Food Box

WHEREAS prior to the COVID pandemic the Good Food Box assembly and distribution took place in the Tahsis Recreation Centre gym;

THEREFORE be it resolved to allow for the continued use of the Tahsis Recreation Centre Gym for this important food security volunteer work.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0209/2022

THAT this motion be received.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

Last week, I attended the Island Coastal Economic Trust board meeting. Afterward, we had a send-off party for Line Robert, our Chief Executive Officer for the last 12 years. She ran a tight ship and brought professionalism and dedication to her work. She will be missed, but I am expecting a visit from her to our beautiful community.

The Village of Tahsis has been trying for a year to get inspection reports on our road to town, to see if Mainroad is in compliance with their maintenance contract. This is something the Village should have a right to and this was our understanding from the outset. When that wasn't forthcoming and despite repeated requests, we resorted to a Freedom of Information request. The provincial government tried to charge us \$1,800 for this! We disputed this and our bill has been greatly reduced. Still no information, despite the deadline for receipt of the information passing. Finally, we issued a 'Request for Review - Deemed Refusal'. That finally got some action as it implies a denial of service by the government. Yesterday, we received over a thousand pages of documents, which staff are reviewing. Here are a couple of key things we know so far:

-the maintenance contract was much lower than in the past, which would explain the appalling levels of service. Here are some contract statistics:

EMCON CONTRACT

Year 7 (2009/2010) - \$824, 631. 77

Year 8 (2010/2011) - \$813, 321. 93

Year 9 (2011/2012) - \$896, 535. 14

Year 10 (2012/2013) - \$1, 065, 308. 92

Year 11 (2013/2014) - \$719, 219. 01

Year 12 (2014/2015) - \$1, 053, 738. 51

Year 13 (2015/2016) - \$998, 061. 38

Year 14 (2016/2017) - \$865, 522.42

Year 15 (2017/2018) - \$691, 511.42 (minus August) *2.18 million in chip seal

MAINROAD CONTRACT

Year 1 (2018/2019) - \$459,720.75

Year 2 (2019/2020) - \$610,624.96

Year 3 (2020/2021) - \$367, 138.20 *not including stimulus culvert installs

-We have been kept in the dark regarding the actual inspection reports, with a poor quality synopsis substituted; this we already knew. Here is a quote from internal government communications:

I note that the grader has been out for repairs again for two weeks, with the belly blade truck also M.I.A., for reasons unknown. Apparently they bought a low-quality grader, which partly explains the constant breakdowns. The latest excuse for poor road maintenance is that it is raining, so there may be little work this week to repair the dangerous pothole sections of road.

Stay safe!

Councillor Elder (written report)

- grading the road- why does Mainroad say they cannot grade in rain when Dept of Transport in the U.S., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, PEI and the Yukon Depts of Transport all say its optimal to grade in the rain. Only in BC and only Mainroad say its not good.

- moorage at wharf and lost income since start of May. Lost another 1400.00 in last week for a total of 3250 this month. Taken into account we have lost 45,000 dollars over 3 years

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Fowler

No report.

Councillor Llewellyn

No report.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0210/2022

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

1 Report to Council Re: Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2022.

Adoption

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0211/2022

THAT this report be received.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this report to council. John Manson, Municipal Engineer and the CAO spoke to the key aspects of the Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Amendment Bylaw.

A discussion followed. Staff responded to questions from Council.

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0212/2022

THAT the bylaw be referred back to staff with instructions to amend Part D, Section 4(vi) (option #2 approved).

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

1 **Email to Mayor and Council from SPARC BC Re: Access Awareness Day on June 4th, 2022.**

2 **Email from Virginia Mountan, Unit Chief-Station #133, Tahsis, BC Ambulance Services Re: Cancer Fund Raising Link**

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0213/2022

THAT the correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

M. New Business

None.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public noted that the 75th Anniversary of the Canadian Rangers will be televised on Monday, May 23rd, 2022.

Adjournment

Elder/Llewellyn: VOT 0214/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 7th Day of June, 2022


Chief Administrative Officer

