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<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>July 5, 2022</b>
<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b>

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**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  
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance by video  
Amanda Knibbs, Finance and IT Coordinator 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 7:02 p.m.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

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

### **B. Introduction of Late Items**

None.

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

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0249/2022**

**THAT** the Agenda for the July 5, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

None

### **E. Public Input # 1**

A member of the public commented on the remuneration of Village employees to which the Council and the CAO responded.

A member of the public is pleased that the native plants are growing along the Tahsis river bank and suggested these native perennial rhizomes could be protected by placing them in beds.

**F. Adoption of the Minutes**

**1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 7, 2022.**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0250/2022**

**THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 7, 2022 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 14, 2022.**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0251/2022**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of June 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**H. Business Arising**

**1 U4C Unity Trail project- RDP Project# 2017120142**

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0252/2022**

**THAT Council receive and consider this item for discussion.**

**CARRIED**

The Mayor and Council spoke to this item and discussed the potential uses of the Rural Dividend Funding and how to proceed. The CAO responded to questions from Council.

The CAO reiterated his recommended pathway to proceed:

- \* That Tahsis Council consider a resolution to engage with the other partners regarding alternative uses for the \$200,000 in Rural Dividend Funding and propose one or more alternatives to the partners.
- \* If the resolution passes, write to the other partners informing them of Tahsis Council's decision and set a date for a virtual meeting to discuss. This would be a meeting of the Uniting 4 Communities Society, so the letter should come from Councillor Fowler.
  - \* The results of the U4C meeting be reported back to Tahsis Council with a recommendation for a resolution for Council's consideration. If after the above steps are taken, Tahsis Council wishes to proceed with an alternative project, by affirming that in the form of a resolution, then another letter should be sent to the partners advising them of Tahsis Council's decision and providing them with a further opportunity to engage.
  - \* If there is no response, then Tahsis would seem to have satisfied its obligations to consult/engage with the other partners before proceeding unilaterally or in concert with MMFN

**Fowler/Northcott VOT 0253/2022**

**WHEREAS** the proposed U4C Unity Trail project, involving construction of an ATV trail from Tahsis to Zeballos, has been rejected in its current form due to technical requirements cited by Recreation Sites and Trails BC; and

**WHEREAS** the cost of meeting these stated requirements exceeds the funding available to complete the project;

**WHEREAS** Island Coastal Economic Trust has rescinded our main source of grant funding to date due to the Village failing to achieve RSTBC approval;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Tahsis Council engage with the other partners regarding alternative uses for the \$200,000 in Rural Dividend Funding and propose one or more alternatives to the partners.

**CARRIED**

1 "no" vote registered  
Councillor Elder

### **J. Council Reports**

#### **Mayor Davis (written report)**

As you might have noticed, Connected Coast is now installing the road to house connections in anticipation of the fibre optic cable reaching Tahsis this fall. If you haven't signed up, now is the time if you want to get high speed internet to your house. Contact the Village or look up Connected Coast if you want the free road to house link installed.

On Thursday, from 9-4, there will be a Covid vaccination clinic in town. Call the Village or look on the Tahsis Now Facebook page for more details and to book an appointment. I should note that there are many new infections lately, although they are mostly mild. On the negative side, illness from Covid has been shown to cause a lowering of IQ in many people, not to mention other organ damage, which will increase with reinfection. Vaccines are still the only proactive treatment available. It may not prevent infection, but it lessens the harm.

The road is in much better condition these days and more culverts are being replaced. More new chipseal is on its way.

I hope everybody has a great summer!

#### **Councillor Elder (written report)**

We all neglected to mention June 6th as D Day, 10000 people lost their lives instantly and of those 12-1500 were Canadians on Juno Beach. As the great grandson, the grandson, the nephew who fought in WW1 and WW2 I am upset at myself for not mentioning it. As the saying goes...those who forget are bound to repeat past mistakes.

It was nice to see the Village workers post no overnight moorage signs on the dock.

#### **Councillor Northcott (written report)**

I attended the VIRL trustees meeting at the new Sooke Library on June 11. The new library is beautiful and happily construction came in on budget.

Unfortunately fast rising construction costs and limited funding are severely affecting capital projects and there is no indication of how long it will be for Tahsis to get our new library.

I attended the new dock design open house on June 29. It was not as well attended as I had hoped, particularly considering the number of objections expressed on social media regarding the airline dock decision, but those who did attend engaged in lively discussion. I was also heartened to see a number of people go to the Connected Coast information table, and I hope that means more residents are taking the opportunity to connect to the infrastructure while it is still available at no cost with no obligation to sign up for the service.

**Councillor Fowler (written report)**

Today is my mothers 70th birthday and I wish I was able to be there in person to celebrate with my family, especially my nieces and nephew. Since the last regular meeting of council on June 7, a lot of things have been happening and to list all the entries in my calendar without context would take up some time. Below I have included many links to show the range of items on my desktop currently. The last TAAC meeting that was scheduled for June 30 was cancelled due to the SRD transportation study being behind and they are now expecting to produce a report available in November. Hopefully the last TAAC of the term penciled in for September 29 at 1pm will be an open opportunity to evaluate some successes and potential goals for the future. Personally I find the first link [HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND VULNERABILITIES IN RURAL AND REMOTE CANADA](#) interesting.

Secondly, this past June 24-6 was spent signing up memberships to the Nootka Sound Watershed Society at the Sip 4 Salmon derby at Moutcha Bay. Thanks to the Village for printing 50 colouring sheets given to me from Laura Terry with the DFO. She is taking a promotion and will no longer be involved with the Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Hatchery going forward, but it has been a pleasure to work with her over the years, especially with Shannon at the recent June 16 beach seine event with CMESS students. While attending to the questions visitors had about our region's juvenile salmon and habitat revitalizations , I also got to enjoy the music of Brodie Dawson and friends who has been named vocalist of the year at Vancouver Island Music Awards, nominated best live act, 2 years running. Congratulations to Tahsis local, Randy Evans and team for getting the 3rd biggest fish at Sundays weigh in.

Lastly, a tragic loss of a child who had lived in our community until recently has died and I expect to attend a memorial on Monday at the rec centre at 3pm. Rest in Peace Natasha.

Submitted respectfully,  
Councillor Fowler

**Councillor Llewellyn (written report)**

I had an Uncle killed on D Day and echoed Councillor Elder's comments about missing acknowledging the day.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of a teenager from Tahsis and found it also made me angry that she slipped through the cracks of the system.

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0254/2022**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

None.

**L. Correspondence**

**Letter from Shannon Stubbs, M.P., Shadow Minister for Rural Economic**

- 1 Development Re: Request for feedback regarding the three most important issues impacting economic development as a rural community.**

- 2 Email from William Beamish, Mayor of Gibsons Re: Hospice Services Funding - UBCM resolution from the Town of Gibsons.**

- 3 Email from David Screech, Mayor, Town of View Royal Re: Support for the Island Rail Corridor, UBCM resolution.**

**Fowler/Elder VOT 0255/2022**

**THAT these correspondence item be received.**

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Elder VOT 0256/2022**

**THAT correspondence items #2 be pulled for discussion.**

- L2 Email from William Beamish, Mayor of Gibsons Re: Hospice Services Funding - UBCM resolution from the Town of Gibsons.**

**Councillor Fowler and Mayor Davis spoke to this correspondence item. A brief discussion followed.**

**M. New Business**

- 1 Council Elder Motion Re: Procedure/ Bylaw Amendment**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0257/2022**

**THAT the motion below be received for consideration.**

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Elder spoke to his resolution and the ability of a Councillor to have a matter that was voted on reconsidered.**

**There was a discussion on Village of Tahsis Council Procedure Bylaw No. 495, 2004 section 29, subsection 5 which states Council may only reconsider a matter that has not a) had the approval or assent of the electors and has been adopted, b) has been reconsidered under subsection (1) or section 131 of the Community Charter (mayor may require Council reconsideration of a matter), c) has been acted on by an officer, employee or agent of the City.**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0258/2022**

**THAT any bylaw and subsequent sections of any bylaw, Charter, or code be changed to reflect that council on the simple vote of the majority retain the right to rescind any motion previously brought forward and voted and decided on by council within 30 days of said vote.**

**CARRIED**

The CAO requested Council to provide direction or clarification as to Council's expectations to amend Council's Procedure Bylaw in light of the resolution.

**2 Email to Mayor Davis from Greg Little, Payphone Manager, Wimactel Re: Notification of the Removal of the last payphone in the Village of Tahsis.**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0259/2022**

**THAT** this email and information be received for discussion.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed this email and directed staff to send the drafted response letter (attached to this item of business) to Wimactel on behalf of Council.

**3 Report to Council Re: Use of Alertable Features**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0260/2022**

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

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to the options for the use of "Alertable". A discussion followed.

**Fowler/Elder: VOT 0261/2022**

**THAT** option #1 (to use all types of alerts available) be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4 Councillor Fowler Notice of Motion for the August 2nd, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Re: UBCM Sponsored Student Delegate**

Councillor Fowler withdrew her resolution.

**N. Public Input #2**

Three members of the public commented on options / opportunities for use the Rural Dividend Funding discussed in Business Arising under "H1".

A member of the public had questions on "Alertable" to which the Village's IT Coordinator responded.

It was noted that Tahsis Days is next weekend.

The Rec Center Co-ordinator commented on and thanked the public who had participated in the "Participation Community Better Challenge" and the volunteers who helped make it a success.

**Adjournment**

**Elder/Fowler: VOT 0262/2022**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this**

the 2nd Day of August, 2022



**Chief Administrative Officer**