



Minutes

Meeting Regular Council
Date September 6, 2022
Time 7:00 PM
Place Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present Mayor Martin Davis
Councillor Bill Elder
Councillor Sarah Fowler joined at 7:04 p.m.
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
Janet StDenis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager by video

Public 7 Members of the public. (2) by video

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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/Llewellyn: VOT 0279/2022

THAT the Agenda for the September 6, 2022 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

1. Judy Burgess Re: Extreme-heat Emergency Action Plan for the Village of Tahsis.

Judy Burgess spoke to her letter regarding an Extreme-heat Emergency Action Plan for the Village of Tahsis. A discussion of suggestions and ideas for the action plan followed.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public inquired about a staff members salary/ salary increases to which Council responded.

A member of the public was concerned over the potential level of borrowing to finance capital project commitments.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 2, 2022.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0280/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 2, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

At the August 3rd, 2022 Closed Committee of the Whole meeting Council approved the attached design for the Community Pier and Dock prepared by McElhanney Ltd.

H. Business Arising

1 Service estimate for the Tahsis Information Centre/ Museum Building light replacement.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0281/2022

THAT this additional information be received.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0282/2022

THAT the estimate for the Information Centre/Museum light replacement be approved.

CARRIED

2 Report to Council : Re: Village capital projects- Revenue for financial hard and soft commitments.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0283/2022

THAT this Report to Council be received and the Village consider its options for the capital projects Council has approved.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to the Village's capital projects, summarizing the "hard" or "soft" commitments for each project.

2-1 Fire Hall- begin the process of borrowing \$2,032,675 subject to grant decision

The Director of Finance spoke to the borrowing process and time lines to fund this project.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0284/2022

THAT option #1 be approved.

CARRIED

2-2 Flood Improvement Project (1&2) – begin the process of borrowing \$1,167,234 for cost overrun

Council discussed waiting until more information is available before moving forward on this project.

2-3 Recreation Centre – submit grant application and be prepared to borrow \$919,371

A discussion followed.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0285/2022

THAT option #3 be approved.

CARRIED

2-4 Wastewater Treatment (phase 1) – begin process of borrowing \$476,059 (Village's share of approved grant)

The CAO explained what was approved under this grant.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0286/2022

THAT option #4 be approved.

CARRIED

2-5 Wastewater Treatment (phase 2) – be prepared to borrow \$305,611 (Village's share) if grant is approved

This project is to meet federal and provincial effluent requirements

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0287/2022

THAT option #5 be approved.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

No report

Mayor Davis will be attending the 2022 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference in Whistler, BC

Councillor Elder

No report.

Councillor Northcott (written report)

Just a quick report tonight.

Had the last fire services meeting and they should be slowly rolling out the new training standards over the next two and a half years. There will be a presentation at UBCM and the public release is expected at the end of September.

There's not a whole lot to update at this time with the library. We've been working on the budget, and I'm sure it comes as no surprise that with inflation, our buck is not going as far as originally anticipated.

I have a meeting with the minister responsible at UBCM and I hope to convince him to loosen his purse-strings.

And on a happy note, I heard today that we have 29 students at the school.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

Today is the 1st day back at school and I noticed many new students.

As I am preparing to attend the UBCM next week I wanted to share this letter with everyone.

Dear new residents of Tahsis.

We are so glad you've chosen to invest in this very special place. During my time in this close knit community I have made many valuable friendships with neighbours. The meaning of Tahsis in the language of the original inhabitants in Nootka Sound is path or gateway. This town is on the territory of the Mowachah/ Muchalah and connects Yuquot (aka Friendly Cove, the place of many winds) with the Namgis to the north via the Grease Trail and Woss Lake.

Roadside garbage collection day is on Wednesday and the dump is open on Saturdays. Our local library is located above the municipal office and we offer 5 pin bowling, swimming and other recreation facilities. There are many volunteer organizations to be involved with if you have the time or interest. These groups really help to shape a diverse and inclusive place for everyone to make a welcoming home.

Sincerely,
Sarah Fowler

Councillor Llewellyn

No report.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0288/2022

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

1 Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2022

Adoption

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0289/2022

THAT the Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2022 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

A discussion regarding specific sections of the bylaw followed.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0290/2022

THAT the Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2022 be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted this 6th day of September 2022.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

- 1 Letter from Tyler Brown, Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo Re: Support for the Regional District of Nanaimo's UBCM Resolution urging UBCM to work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and local governments in a collective endeavor to modernize the Local Government Act.
- 2 Letter from UBCM to Mayor and Council Re: Canada Community-Building Fund Re: First Community Works Fund payment for 2022/2023.
- 3 Letter from Deb Le Boulch, Breaking Barriers Together Association Re: RCMP abuse victims.

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0291/2022

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

M. New Business

- 1 **Mayor Martin Davis- Motion Re: ICET Capitalization**

Mayor Davis spoke to the benefits of ICET (Island Coastal Economic Trust) and the reasons for his motion.

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0292/2022

THAT the motion to receive this motion for the Village of Tahsis to write a letter to the relevant branch of government asking for a recapitalization of ICET be received.

CARRIED

Northcott/Elder: VOT 0293/2022

THAT the motion for the Village of Tahsis to write a letter to the relevant branch of the provincial government asking for the recapitalization of ICET (Island Coastal Economic Trust) be approved.

CARRIED

- 2 **Campaign signage on Village property in the 2022 Municipal Election**

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0294/2022

THAT this information be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0295/2022

THAT campaign signs for candidates in the 2022 municipal election be permitted to be placed on Village property without charge notwithstanding Property Signage Bylaw No. 550, 2009.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public expressed his concerns over the new fire hall being located in the local school to which the CAO responded.

A member of the public had questions regarding the Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2022 to which Council responded.

Council responded to a question regarding the design for the Community Pier and Dock prepared by McElhanney Ltd.

Public Exclusion

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0296/2022

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1) (c) of the Community Charter- labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

Recess

Fowler/Elder: VOT 0297/2022

THAT the Regular Council meeting recess to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0307/2022

THAT the Regular Council Meeting reconvene at 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Rise and Report

At the September 6, 2022 Closed Special Council meeting Council approved an increase to Public Works compensation retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Adjournment

Elder/Fowler: VOT 0308/2022

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 20th Day of September, 2022



Chief Administrative Officer