



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	January 3, 2023
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present Mayor Martin Davis
Councillor Meggan Joseph
Councillor Sarah Fowler
Councillor Cheryl Northcott
Councillor Douglas Elliott

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer (by video)
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance (by video)
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager

Guest Jennifer Wells, SRD Bylaw Compliance Officer by video
A/Sgt Chesley Johnson, Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment
Cst. Adam Poitras, Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment

Public 41 Members of the public 41 (18 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.

Dan Dahling requested permission to record the Council meeting for personal use. Mayor Davis asked if anyone objected to this request. No one objected.

B. Introduction of Late Items

Under Correspondence as "L10" an email from Stephanie Olson.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0001/2023

THAT the Agenda for the January 3, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

Members of the public asked Council regarding the costs and benefits of attending the UBCM in the past and future.

There were comments from the public concerning Robert's Rules of Order during Council meetings.

A member of the public had questions regarding the funding of the firehall project.

A petition was presented signed by 26 Tahsis residents stating they believe two members of Council would be in a conflict of interest by voting on the loan authorization bylaw for the Firehall Relocation Project.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 5, 2022.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0002/2023

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of December 5, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 5, 2022.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0003/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 5, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott**

There was a discussion about the Regular Council meeting minutes.

H. Business Arising

1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0004/2023

THAT Council consider the appointment of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer under the Police Act for the Village of Tahsis.

CARRIED

Police Act (RSBC 1996, Ch 367)

Bylaw enforcement officers

36 (1)Bylaw enforcement officers may be appointed,

(a) by a municipal police board, or

(b) if there is no municipal police board in a municipality, by the municipal council.

(2) A bylaw enforcement officer must be paid the remuneration and is appointed for the term that the municipal police board or municipal council determines.

(3) A bylaw enforcement officer must, under the direction of the chief constable or officer in charge of the detachment of police operating in the municipality, perform the functions and duties, and has the powers, privileges and responsibilities respecting the enforcement privileges and responsibilities respecting the enforcement of municipal bylaws, that the municipal police board or municipal council specifies in the appointment.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0005/2023

THAT Council consider the appointment of Jennifer Wells as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Village of Tahsis.

**CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Joseph**

CAO spoke to the Council's 2023 Strategic priority of improving the Village's Bylaw enforcement.

There was a discussion regarding the cost and funding of this Village service.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0006/2023

THAT Jennifer Wells be appointed under s. 36 of the Police Act (RSBC 1996, Ch. 367) as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Village of Tahsis and in that capacity perform the functions and duties and have the powers, privileges and responsibilities as set out in Village bylaws, resolutions and policies which reference a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

**CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Joseph**

2 Report to Council Re: Review of Travel and Expense Policy # 2002 (2016)

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0007/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott**

Fowler/ VOT 0008/2023

FAILED

THAT option # 1 be approved (Repeal Travel and Expense Policy #2002 and replace it with a new policy).

The CAO responded to questions from Council. A discussion followed.

Elliott/ Joseph: VOT 0009/2023

THAT option # 2 be approved (do not adjust the rates).

**CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Fowler**

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

I hope all of you have had a good holiday and are freshly recharged as we enter the new year.

The fire hall issue continues to be a point of concern for the community and we have released documents regarding council's deliberations including reports considered in arriving at our decisions to date. As mayor, I sent out a letter to our citizens explaining this in more detail. This is the content of the letter in brief:

- * Structural engineers have deemed the previous building to be unsafe and unrepairable without considerable expense to build a sound foundation under it and repair the damage to the building.
- * This location is at high risk of destruction by tsunami and will be subject to flooding and sea level rise in the long term.

- * The wharf building was assessed but is also in the same risk categories and extreme high tides currently reach the edge of the building. It is also subject to obstruction during the boating season due to being located where boats are being launched.

- * The old Wolverton building site is not available to us currently.

- * The School House Hill building that is currently for sale is built on an old hog fuel dump site; that is, wood chips. This would not qualify for a fire hall site.

- * The old wood shop at the school is slated for demolition but we have convinced the School Board to delay this. The building has been assessed and is of good quality and size, as well as being a much lower risk site for flooding and tsunami.

- * There are currently no grants available to build new fire halls. However, there is grant money available for building retrofits, which the old wood shop would qualify for. We are waiting to see if our grant application is accepted, which would cover the cost of turning it into a new fire hall. This would not require raising taxes to cover the costs, whereas other sites would. We would execute a low cost long term lease with the school district, or could purchase it, which would be more expensive.

- Should our grant application be rejected, we will have to restart this process. To
- * build a fire hall from scratch would cost Tahsis taxpayers about \$4 million. We would have to borrow this money and would put the question to our citizens for approval.
 - * Not having a fully functional fire hall puts residents at greater risk and will increase insurance costs for residents.

We recently received a year-end report from the Ministry of Transportation detailing improvements to the Head Bay Road and improved maintenance; it is in this agenda package. I have consulted with citizens in person and via social media regarding what they would most like to see improved in 2023. Based on feedback, I will be letting MoT know that the hill from Kilometre 42 up to the pass is the greatest concern, along with continuing to infill the gravel sections with more chipseal.

Regarding the accusation of conflict of interest by Councillor Elliott of two of our councillors, I had stated at the time that I believed they were not in conflict. However, to put this to rest, council did ask for and receive the legal opinion that confirmed that they are not in conflict. This opinion cost Tahsis taxpayers \$1,350. In future, attacks on other councillors or our staff by any councillor will cause us to move immediately to a closed meeting as this is where these type of challenges are normally resolved.

A couple of meetings back, the online connection that allows all citizens to attend council meetings was repeatedly muted, causing many delays and further inflaming irate citizens attending in person. It turns out that this was being done intentionally and staff have taken steps to prevent this sort of thing from happening again. On a related note, I will also mention here that people attending online can not be anonymous and must also be identifiable.

While on the subject of conflicts, I note that the Tahsis Health Centre has had issues with patients demanding to see physicians immediately for non-urgent conditions. Nurses have been subjected to abusive behaviour and this is unacceptable. I know that from speaking to people in other communities that Tahsis has been very lucky to have a level of care and response time that most communities could only dream of. I am not saying that the system is not under strain and needs improvement, but abusing the workers is wrong and will not improve things. It seems like the Trump disease has reached Tahsis, where some people seem to think that acting in an arrogant and uncivilized manner is somehow normal. This will only make things worse and I ask all decent people to speak up and stand against this. We are a small town that is known for its friendliness and helpfulness with many citizens volunteering their time in order to make this a better place. It would be a unfortunate if toxic attitudes are allowed to become acceptable here.

Having said all that, I wish all of you good health and an excellent new year!

Councillor Joseph

Hello Everyone

I am not going to say much this evening, but I feel I need to say this.

I would like to say we need to treat everyone with respect. We as Council need to lead and role model respectfulness, just as we hope to receive respect from members of this community. I am sure we have all heard the saying treat people how you want to be treated.

After all, we are all in this community together.

The health centre employees are just that, employees. They are there to help in case of emergencies and we are lucky to have all the care we receive. We need to be respectful of the employees to keep them there.

We will not always agree on everything but we cannot make change without hearing one another out in a courteous and respectful manner.

I think that covers it.

Meggan Joseph

Councillor Fowler

In an effort to be brief I have made print outs available about the BCCDC project I have been working on during the holidays. I completed and submitted 5 independent interviews. As well, I have media permission forms available also if anyone is interested in providing pictures or video for this food costs and climate stories. My hope is to have one more group interviews focused on seniors and parents issues before any final submissions.

Whereas local food action is especially active this time of year;

the Good Food Box, Tahsis Buyers Club has brought in \$1270 in fruits and vegetables with the next order planned to come in tomorrow, January 4th. This will be our third delivery day and I expect 30 boxes finding their ways to households in our Village. Just as a background information to date we have ordered 19 regular and 53 subsidized GFB- TBC and expect the program to move forward with delivery days on the first and third Wednesday of the month. In order to be included in the order please e-transfer farneverfoot@gmail.com on or before the previous Tuesday (for example, orders were taken on December 27 for delivery day January 4).

Lastly, I need to take a minute to express my undying love and respect for my many hero's who dropped everything on a moments notice to get 4 Tahsis trucks on the road to bring home the Knights of Columbus Hampers. It was a challenging day, with surprises. I must be using this platform to give my gratitude to Allison, Meggan, Cheryl, Rebecca, Al, Monty, Chris, Bryanne, Alex and Ehren.

Attachments:

- 1 BCCDC- Media Permission Form - Food Cost and Climate Change Stories Project.
- 2 Provincial Health Authority Services- Food Costing and Climate Change Stories in Remote and Indigenous Communities.
- 3 BCCDC- Food Cost and Climate Change Impact- Share your stories.

- 4 BCCDC- Share your Experiences with Food Costs and Climate Change- Through Photos
- 5 BCCDC- Share your Experiences with Food Costs and Climate Change- Through Photos

Submitted respectfully,

Councillor Fowler

Councillor Northcott

I want to start by saying that it doesn't matter how you attend council meetings. Whether it be in person, by phone, or by video, what counts is that you are here in whatever capacity works for you.

There are two committee of the whole meetings coming up this month. At 1pm on January 17th, an update on the community pier and dock project, and at 1pm on January 23rd, we have our next budget meeting. I hope to see them both well attended.

In case you weren't aware, effective January 1, 2023, Vancouver Island Regional Library no longer levies user fines for any overdue physical materials.

Ringing in a new year means it's time for dog owners, including myself, to renew our dog licenses.

A quick safety reminder to turn your lights on when you're driving. Visibility isn't all that good this time of year, and your taillights aren't on even if your daytime running lights are.

And finally, I want to say a huge thank you to the volunteers who dropped everything and were on the road in under thirty minutes when told the Knights of Columbus Christmas hampers were stranded in Gold River. Another big thank you to those who unloaded, sorted, and delivered those hampers. I also want to say thank you to all the other volunteers here in Tahsis. We see you, and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Councillor Elliott

Ladies and gentlemen,

Since my last report was not accepted on Dec 6, 2022, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Anne Cameron. I had the distinct pleasure to read her articles on the Tye Website along with other great writers such as Ed Deak. She represented a voice against the bastards of this world and earned the respect of her loyal readership. She was a woman with high morals and believed a well-informed society could achieve social justice. She served this village as a former councillor with distinction. I was deeply honoured with her presence when I was first sworn in as councillor and felt a deep and moral obligation to follow in her footsteps. I can only promise that I too will be guided by her sense of decency and honor as I strive to represent your best interest to keep this beautiful village affordable, decent and open minded to progress that will enlighten all of our lives. I wish to convey my condolences to her daughter Erin Hubert and hope that she moves forward with knowledge that her mother was part of the solution, contributed to the uplift of society and made the world a better place. Anne will be deeply missed but not forgotten.

Since I have been elected, it has been very apparent that this village has some serious issues that need to be addressed before we can implement some positive changes that will put us on a sustainable path that will enhance the quality of life for all of us.

Here are some changes that I envision to address these issues.

The Village of Tahsis is not unlike a large Strata complex. In order to manage a strata complex, an individual has to successfully complete a Property Management course. This profession requires gifted individuals that possess a variety of skills to accomplish the management techniques that abide by the Provincial laws and guidelines. The financial wellbeing of the community is the primary function however, understanding property laws, chairing meetings and dealing with the public are extremely important skills to possess. The other large aspect of the role is to deal with the maintenance of the facilities. Our assets need to be looked after and properly maintained. This individual needs to work with the Director of Public Works to ensure that the community is properly served and that the assets of the community are maintained to ensure that we get maximum return for our investments. All this needs to be run within the operational budget but most of all, the property manager also has to ensure that a percentage of the budget is also put aside into the cash reserves to ensure that we have the funds for future repairs such as roof replacement, vehicle replacement and infrastructure repairs. The provincial government has strict guidelines for these professionals thus the course to become a property manager is rather difficult to accomplish. This is the type of individual that I envision to put our financial house in order. The office staff needs to reside in our community and have a stake in our future.

Another issue is growth,

Our mayor has indicated that he would like to establish a Community Forest and an Aquaculture industry. I believe that this is very important and requires the partnership with our First Nation neighbours to pursue this matter with the Provincial government. According to an open meeting with the Gold River Council, The First Nation community has unveiled their plans to invest millions of dollars in both Gold River, Friendly Cove and Tahsis. The employment opportunities for First Nation and locals will require substantial investments on the reserve lands at the entrance of our community. The First Nations have commercial access to the Head Bay road with plenty of waterfront property for residential and tourist development. I also see the potential for massive marina development that could service the commercial and recreational fishing fleets. The estuary could also provide employment opportunities if stream enhancements and a hatchery were implemented along the Leiner River. The economic development could be revolutionary if green technologies are implemented and thus have a minimal impact on the environment along with improvements to enhance the salmon production for generations.

Tourism is another issue that needs to be addressed,

We need an individual that possesses the skills to market and coordinate tourist events thus increasing investment opportunities. I believe that members of our council possess the necessary skills to embark upon this challenge and succeed way beyond our expectations. This village needs to support this role and lay the foundation for expansion in tourism. Marketing our village throughout Europe, key areas of the East Coast of North America and Asia is essential. We need to advertise that we are open for business in publications that are recognized by the business communities throughout Canada. The economic gain could provide year round employment opportunities as well as enhanced the services for this village. We need to join the economy rather than living off the handouts in the form of grants.

Coordinating sporting events, bike races, ATV events, musical festivals and eco tours would be a challenging role but necessary. We need to expand beyond recreational fishing to become a year round destination that provides employment opportunities to attract young families and investors.

Another issue is to expand our tax base.

The village needs to sell off the dormant properties under its control to increase the tax base and promote residential and commercial development. The first property that needs to go is the museum. The building is in poor condition and needs an investor with vision and the resources to resurrect it to a viable condition that promotes economic development in our community. The potential for this location is absolutely amazing. The artifacts inside the museum can be transferred to the other facilities throughout the community. My fear is that the building will be mismanaged until it is condemned and deemed worthless. We need to act quickly in order to receive fair market value. This would allow us to balance the budget and put money aside to address other issues in the community. Council has also expressed a desire to sell the properties on Alpine Road. I am not sure why this hasn't happened as of yet, but I plan to discuss this with the mayor in the near future. The West Bay property needs to be subdivided and placed on the market with conditions that construction commence within a specified time frame. Our mayor is familiar with that property and has shared with me his ideas. This needs to be a priority for this council and working together with the new owner of the farm could bring economic development that would have a profound effect on our economy. We need to raise millions of dollars rather than borrowing. This property is ocean front, southern exposure and an ideal location for green energy homes. If the First Nations proceed to develop the reserve lands along the Leiner River, this may open up the possibility to have Pete's Farm put on the market. The possibilities for recreational development that could promote eco-tourism are endless.

The last issue that I would like to address is the vacant mill site.

We need to establish a partnership with WFP, the provincial government, First Nations and the private sector to develop the mill site and provide the resources for our economy to grow. This land needs to include a public waterfront access, recreational facilities and park settings. There are many opportunities such as repair shops, marine maintenance, horticulture, wood processing, restaurants, brewery and distilling, aquaculture, retail and condominiums. Not only will this increase our corporate tax base, but create employment opportunities that will attract more government funding in Medicare, roads, infrastructure upgrades, policing and public education. This is a monumental task that I believe should be pursued if the village expects to survive. We cannot expect to continue down this dark path and watch our village slip into a decrepit state before being condemned to a ghost town under the control of the regional district. We need to dedicate our efforts to promote this development and provide uplift and opportunities for the community as a whole.

I do not have all the answers to this vision but I am very open minded to having the community work together and create a future that improves the quality of life, increases opportunities for employment and prosperity.

Thank you for coming out tonight. I look forward to your input and ideas.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0010/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

Report to Council Re: Upcoming Capital Projects And Loan Authorization Bylaw Procedures

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0011/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

1 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 652, 2022

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of the Tahsis Firehall Relocation Project.

1st , 2nd and 3rd Reading

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0012/2023

THAT the Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 652,2022 be received for consideration.

CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott

1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Joseph

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0013/2023

THAT the Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 652,2022 receive a first reading this 3rd day of January, 2023.

CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott

1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Joseph

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0014/2023

THAT the Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 652,2022 receive a second reading this 3rd day of January, 2023.

CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott

1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Joseph

The Director of Finance spoke to the steps in borrowing process and responded to questions from Council.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0015/2023

THAT the Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 652,2022 receive a third reading this 3rd day of January, 2023.

CARRIED
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Elliott
1 "no vote"
registered to
Councillor
Joseph

L. Correspondence

- 1 December 2, 2022 email from Derrick Kasper Re: Questions/ Information**

- 2 December 5, 2022 written request from the public for speed bumps on Alpine View Road.**

Forests, Campbell River and Murray Estlin, Stewardship Forester, Ministry of
- 3 Forests, North Island- Central Coast Resource District Re: Invitation to review and provide comments on the Timber Supply Analysis Public Discussion Paper.**

- 4 December 12, 2022 email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Re: Renewal of 2023-2024 Membership.**

- 5 December 6, 2022 email from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Re: Net Pen Transition Plan Engagement Follow up Session - January 16, 2023.**

December 15th email from Ted Olynyk, Manager, Community Relations-
- 6 Vancouver Island -Sunshine Coast, BC Hydro to Mayor and Council Re: Congratulations on your recent election.**

- 7 **Email from Nathan Cullen, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs Re: Congratulations to Mayor and Council on your recent election.**
- 8 **December 9, 2022 letter from Jen Ford, UBCM President Re: Canada Community-Building Fund: Second Community Works Fund Payment for 2022/2023.**
- 9 **Email from Ashley Cousens, Area Manager, MOTI, Vancouver Island District Re: Head Bay FSR - 2022 Updates.**
- 10 **Email from Stephanie Olson Re: Letter received from Councillor Elliott**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0016/2023

THAT these correspondence items including the late correspondence item L10 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

THAT correspondence items # 1,2 and 5 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- 1 **December 2, 2022 email from Derrick Kasper's Re: Questions/ Information**

Council responded to the questions in the December 2nd email from Derrick Kasper.

Mayor Davis will respond to Mr. Kasper on his question regarding access to gravel.

- 2 **December 5, 2022 written request from the public for speed bumps on Alpine View Road.**

Councillor Northcott and Councillor Joseph spoke to this request.

A discussion followed.

- 5 **December 6, 2022 email from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Re: Net Pen Transition Plan Engagement Follow up Session - January 16, 2023.**

Councillor Fowler spoke to this email and inquired if someone could attend the Net Pen Transition Plan Engagement Follow up session. A discussion followed.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0017/2023

THAT correspondence item # 4 also be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- 4 **December 12, 2022 email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Re: Renewal of 2023-2024 Membership.**

The CAO spoke to the benefits of the FCM Membership.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0018/2023

THAT Council approve the renewal of the Village of Tahsis' 2023-2024 Membership.

CARRIED

M. New Business

1 Grant Application Re: Youth Canada Summer Jobs 2023

Fowler/Joseph: VOT 0019/2023

THAT this grant application/ information be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0020/2023

THAT this grant application be approved.

CARRIED

2 Councillor Fowler Re: Good Food Box Travel Costs and Consideration of Sponsoring 1 box/per delivery.

WHEREAS food security is one of Council's strategic priorities for 2023; and
WHEREAS there are many healthy food insecure households within the Village of Tahsis;

THEREFORE, be it resolved to partner with Greenway Trust, Strathcona Food Hub and Gold River's Village Veggies to pay the biweekly freight cost in transporting Good Food Boxes to Tahsis (based on the current cost of a return trip at the Village of Tahsis Travel rate of \$88.80) and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to support greater health by sponsoring one or more boxes for resident(s) who are financially compromised (current cost \$20 per box).

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0021/2023

THAT this resolution be considered.

CARRIED

Council discussed the cost implications of the cost implication of both the delivery cost and sponsoring an additional per delivery.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0022/2023

THAT this resolution be approved as amended below.

CARRIED

"WHEREAS food security is one of Council's strategic priorities for 2023; and

WHEREAS there are many healthy food insecure households within the Village of Tahsis;

THEREFORE, be it resolved to partner with Greenway Trust, Strathcona Food Hub and Gold River's Village Veggies to pay the biweekly freight cost in transporting Good Food Boxes to Tahsis (based on the current cost of a return trip at the Village of Tahsis Travel rate of \$88.80) ".

3 Councillor Fowler- Notice of Motion Re: AVICC 1st Call for 2023 Resolutions

WHEREAS climate change modeling showcases water temperature in salmon streams; and

WHEREAS cold water refuge is a predictor of early survival of juvenile salmonids: and

WHEREAS wild salmon are integral to UNDRIP/DRIPA, food security and BC cultural lifestyle in every community;

BE IT RESOLVED to advocate to prioritize habitat, health, study and understanding of interconnected ecosystem of pacific species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT AVICC receive, by the resolutions deadline for motions to be accepted, as coastal communities are leading on this knowledge gathering and sharing.

Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0023/2023

THAT this resolution be received.

CARRIED

Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0024/2023

THAT this resolution be approved.

CARRIED

Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on Robert's Rules of Order and conflict of interest.

Public Exclusion

Fowler/ Northcott: VOT 0025/2023

THAT this meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90(1) (k) of the Community Charter- negotiations and related discussion respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that , in the view of council, could be reasonably be expected to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

Recess

Fowler/ Northcott: VOT 0026/2023

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

CARRIED

Reconvene

Fowler/ Northcott: VOT 0037/2023

THAT the meeting reconvene at 10:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Rise and Report

At the January 3, 2023 Closed Council meeting Council approved awarding a sole source contract to GNPC Investment Ltd. to undertake and complete the Village of Tahsis Strategic Economic Development Plan.

Adjournment

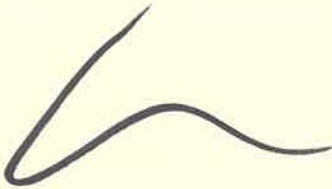
Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0038/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 17th day of January, 2023



Chief Administrative Officer

Sent:
To: Subject:
Response

From: Stephanie Olson <olson.stephanie2009@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Martin Davis <iskarst22@gmail.com>; Councillor Fowler <sarahfowlertahsis@gmail.com>; Cheryl Northcott <cheryl.northcott@gmail.com>; Meggan Joseph <m.c.joseph@outlook.com>; dougout1@telus.net
Subject: Response

In the letter Doug mailed out to the public, he encouraged citizens to "contact the mayor and councillors and share your opinions on this matter" so...

I voted for you four because I wanted you to represent me on village matters. The village can't be run by people yelling at meetings and insulting others. Just doesn't work.

I think members of council know the factors of fire hall construction and can make the decision including what loans have to be made. A village without a fire department can not have any fire insurance and no help in medical lifting situations. I don't want to see that happen in Tahsis.

If a matter of personnel is to be discussed, I want you to go in camera. These personal issues of employees should not be dealt within public.

I think the hostility in council is spreading throughout the town. I hope you can find a way to stop that. It's not what Tahsis needs.

Stephanie Olson