



AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
to be held on February 21, 2023 in the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive and by electronic means**

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A. Call to Order **Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order.**

Land Acknowledgement **The Mayor will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.**

B. Introduction of Late Items

C. Approval of the Agenda

D. Petitions and Delegations None.

E. Public Input # 1

F. Adoption of the Minutes **1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 6th, 2023**

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 7, 2023.

G. Rise and Report **None.**

H. Business Arising **None.**

J. Council Reports **1 Mayor Davis**
2 Councillor Joseph
3 Councillor Fowler
<https://letstalkfederalregulations.ca/blue-economy-regulatory-review#shr-pg0>
4 Councillor Northcott
5 Councillor Elliott

K. Bylaws **Report to Council Re: Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023**

1 Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023
1st, 2nd and 3 Readings

L. Correspondence **1 UBCM Re: 2022 Volunteer and Composite Fire Department Training and Equipment**

2 February 10, 2023 letter from Honourable Anne Kang, Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Growing Community Fund

3 February 14, 2023 letter from Mervyn Brown to the Village of Tahsis Mayor and Council Re: February 1st, 2023 and November 22nd, 2022 letters.

M. New Business **None.**

N. Public Input #2

O. Adjournment



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Committee of the Whole
Date	February 6, 2023
Time	1:00 p.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Meggan Joseph Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Doug Elliott	by video
Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance Janet StDenis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by video by video
Public	6 members of the public.	(1 online)

Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

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

Introduction of Late Items

None

Approval of the Agenda

Fowler: COW 014/2023

THAT the Agenda for the February 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**H. Business
Arising**

1 2023-2027 Financial Plan/ Budget Meeting #5

Fowler: COW 015/2023

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

The Director of Finance briefed Council on the updated proposed 2023 Operating Budget highlighting the changes over the previous draft. Staff responded to questions from Council.

The Director of Finance reviewed the 2023 property value changes per property class explaining how these changes along with the tax multiplier effect each property class's share of the municipal tax levy.

Increases to property class multipliers and municipal tax rates were presented and considered.

Fowler: COW 016/2023

THAT the municipal property tax revenue be increased by 4.5% over 2022 and;

THAT Council approve the following changes to the property tax multiples: increase the Class 2 (Utilities) multiple by .09 to 3.99 ; increase the Class 5 (Light Industry) multiple by 1 to 41; increase the Class 7 (Managed forests) by 1 to 45; status quo for Class 3 (Supportive Housing) at 1; status quo for Class 4 (Major Industry) at 3.4; status quo for Class 9 (Farm) at 1 and status quo Class 1 (Residential) at 1.

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

Adjournment

Fowler: COW 017/2023

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
21st day of February, 2023

Corporate Officer



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	February 7, 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
 Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator (by video)
 Wanda Waksdale, Admin Assistant
 Janet St-Denis, Corporate Services Manager (by video)

Public 22 Members of the public (9 online)

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

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0048/2023

THAT the Agenda be amended to add a Recess and a Closed Meeting following Item N. Public Input #2.

CARRIED

C. Approval of the Agenda

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0049/2023

THAT the Agenda for the F February 7, 2023 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 audio-visual equipment for Council meetings.

There was a discussion about the Community Dock Project/ correspondence item L2.

A member of the public spoke to the Community Charter with respect to the Good Food Box Program.

A member of the public commented on the Firehall Project and requested that his late correspondence be added to the agenda.

Fowler/Joseph: VOT 0050/2023

THAT the February 1, 2023 letter from Mervyn Brown be added to the agenda under Correspondence as "L5".

CARRIED**F. Adoption of the Minutes****1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 17th, 2023****Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0051/2023**

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of January 17, 2023 be adopted as presented

CARRIED**2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 17, 2023.****Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0052/2023**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 17, 2023 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**1 registered
"no" Councillor
Elliott**

3 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting held on January 23, 2023.**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0053/2023**

THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting minutes of January 23, 2023 be adopted as presented

CARRIED**4 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 23, 2023.**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0054/2023

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of f January 23, 2023 be adopted as presented

CARRIED**H. Business Arising**

1 Councillor Fowler's Notice of Motion Re: Use of Recreation Centre and Insurance Coverage for Community Food Initiative Partnerships.

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Tahsis partner with the community groups, including but not limited to:

- * The Knights of Columbus Hampers (once per year)
- * Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Loaves and Fishes truck (once per month, 12 days annually)
- * Strathcona Food Box and Greenways Trust (biweekly, 24 days annually)

SO THAT these Groups are granted the use e of the Tahsis Recreation Centre as part of a Village program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to make this use as under the Village's Insurance.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0055/2023

THAT this resolution be considered.

CARRIED

Councillor Fowler spoke to her motion. A discussion followed.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0056/2023

THAT this resolution be approved.

CARRIED

**1 registered
"no"
Councillor
Elliott**

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

I wish to start my report with our budget discussions. This year, there are no new tax increases for residential taxpayers apart from a modest increase in the water requisition to cover off projected costs for the coming year. Strata units such as condo apartments will see an increase. Any other potential increases may come from other categories which we have no control over such as police, hospital and school services. The village finances are in good condition as we were only in a \$35,000 deficit which is being corrected with small increases to property categories such as utilities managed forest and light industry designations. Village contingency reserves are also in good shape, sitting at about \$1.65 million. We did not draw from reserves in 2022. Despite all this, we have brought in medical and dental plans for village employees, as well as councillors, and increased our minimum starting wage for unskilled employees to \$20/hour.

Another item I wish to mention is that the Village has acquired a remote camera for assessing pipes in town for blockages, which will save on out-of-town contractor costs. Inspections such as this can now be conducted by Public Works.

Its starting to feel like meeting season again. Since the last council meeting, I have met with the Strathcona Regional District Board including the First Nations Relations Committee, Comox Strathcona Regional Health Board, Solid Waste Management Board, Ministry of Transportation, and Island Coastal Economic Trust. The MoT meeting was with Tahsis Council and we discussed the progress that has happened in the last year and the improvements that are still needed on the Head Bay Road. I also had a call last week with our MLA where we discussed Tahsis issues and the recapitalization plans for ICET. As ICET funds economic development projects in our region, refinancing from the province is important to us and we expect an announcement soon, once the provincial government finalizes its budget. On another note, I was recently interviewed by CBC Radio where I talked about cave conservation issues in my capacity as president of the Cave Conservancy of Canada. Tahsis region caves featured in the interview.

I have been hearing concerns regarding payphones disappearing from Tahsis. This is happening across the province and we have been talking to Telus about this issue for the last couple of years. Unfortunately, they are not backing down and are trying to force everybody onto cell phones. The unfortunate part of this is that even if you have a cell phone, coverage is not universal and some plans are not supported here. I have also raised this issue with them but it remains to be seen if there will be any progress. Telus has suggested that we open a public internet phone in town, but the village would have to pay for running this. Yet another cost download, but this time from a corporation.

Councillor Joseph

No report.

Councillor Fowler

The draft report for the BCCDC is available as is a early quarterly report for Tahsis Buyers' Group of the Good Food Box. I am thankful for this dates of note page prepared for village vegetables. On February 2, I started a new Climate Transition Cohort Training with Tamarack Institute. The link for welcome package is below. I welcome others interested in participating in our local team to reach out to join before March 2, 2023, at 10am, as it takes place on the 1st Thursday of every month for an hour and a half.

Lastly, I look forward to able to participate in the Traditions and Tides February 15-17, 2023, in Nanaimo. The Elected Official Seminar for the AVICC region of the Local Government Leadership Academy has awarded me a level 1 certificate that I received May 5, 2021.

Submitted respectfully,
S.Fowler

2023 Climate Transition-Cohort

<https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/climate-transitions-cohort-faq>

Nootka Sound Watershed Society Minutes

<https://www.nootkasound.info/blog/categories/minutes>

Councillor Northcott

Yesterday, was our 5th budget meeting and it was great to see so many people attend.

I attended the VIRL trustees meeting on January 28th and was re-elected to the executive committee.

Last Friday, I completed the Responsible Conduct Every Day online course offered by the UBCM. A copy of my certificate will be included with my written report.

(certificate attached)

Councillor Elliott

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the overwhelming support that I received since my last mail out. There is a growing number of residents throughout the community that realised that we need to get our financial house in order. The Taxpayers Association is well under way and I wish it success. These types of organizations are what keep our local government accountable, they record and tabulate the council voting history and educate the public as to which candidates are best suited during the elections. This will provide each councillor an opportunity to engage this association and benefit when addressing their concerns. I believe they will be highly influential come the next election.

While engaging with the community, it is very clear that the economy throughout the country is in a recession. Inflationary rates are at an all-time high and the interest rates continue to rise with no signs of retreating. This is the worst time to borrow money and any large capital project is doomed to go way over budget. I did not campaign to borrow millions of dollars for capital projects that the village cannot afford. I received a large property tax increase which to me, raised a red flag concerning the financial status of the village. It was even more apparent that this village is unable to afford the upcoming loan payments. I now understand why the CAO is holding back the information concerning the administrative overhead. I am hoping that our mayor will correct this.

Before the last election, the council was the first administration that wanted to borrow millions of dollars to complete their capital project list. This would put us on the hook for severe tax increases over the next 30 years. This village has had 25 years of financial mismanagement and we now have to face the obvious problem. We cannot afford to continue down this path. We are approaching that critical moment, where it will be, too late.

What our village needs to do is clean house and set the bases up to have all future councils financially accountable as a first priority. We need to hire professionals that will ensure that the town operates within the budget and contributes 10% to replenish the cash reserves each year.

A bylaw should be created that the mayor and council only spend half of what they save in the first three years toward grants and capital projects. This would allow the council to selectively choose the grants that would benefit the village and not put the village in a financial crisis nor in a position of debt.

Each council should be mandated that they leave the village in a better financial state than when they were first elected. I understand how an elected official wish to leave their legacy however the financial status of the village should not suffer as a result. This would ensure that taxation remains within inflationary rates. This would also motivate the council to be more responsible in making decisions concerning the day to day operational costs. Failure to recognise this has multiple options. We can decide to go under the control of the regional district before we allow this council to borrow any funds. That would reduce our taxes while still maintaining the core services that the regional district would provide. The other alternative would be devastating as we the taxpayers would be on the hook for large tax increases thus lowering our property values and inflicting severe financial hardship on the community. This would prohibit future growth and deem us unattractive to potential investors in the future.

What is blatantly obvious here is that is re-elected officials are not addressing the real issues that this village faces. They are more interested in pursuing their capital project list and burying us in massive debt. Their strategic plan is way off base. They refuse to engage the public in meaningful debate and show no signs of accountability or transparency. They are protecting the CAO that is unable to manage this village within its financial means. We the taxpayers are the ones that will suffer if this continues.

The pathetic design of the boat launch facility was a classic example of why this village has lost confidence in this council. Members of the public brought forth numerous concerns on the flawed design. It was blatantly obvious that the engineer and the majority of the council had no previous marine experience. What's worse is that the design does not address the commercial needs of the community whatsoever. It is not in our best interest to have the CAO have any further involvement in this project. Council was poorly advised and has lost credibility when they were persuaded to approve this plan. There has been a considerable amount of discussions throughout the community concerning this fiasco. What needs to happen is that the mayor puts forth a motion to reconsider. Once approved. A motion to have this matter brought forth to a committee needs to happen next. Utilising the expertise from within the community could create a superior design that could be finalised by an experienced engineering firm. Local contractors should be given first preference. I recommend Mr. Hogarth, Mr. Macintosh and myself take part on this committee. This is a golden opportunity for the mayor to redeem himself from such a colossal mistake. We are all human. We all make mistakes. Wisdom is obtained when you learn from your mistakes. How we are perceived is based on how we react. Failure to act will have a negative impact on this entire community.

As far as the fire hall plan, the mayor and I disagree. It is abundantly clear to me that the community is not interested in converting the wood shop into a fire hall. There is growing support to repair the existing facility. The mayor has stated that there will be a referendum however, if the grant is fully funded, he is no longer obligated to conduct the referendum. That doesn't take into account that we the taxpayers are still on the hook for cost overruns and subject to lease payments for decades to come. I have little faith in the engineering firm that came up with this plan. Especially after they signed off on the water system that was implemented in 2016. They are not experts when it comes to repairing foundations and our fire hall is repairable. I hope the mayor recognises that we, the taxpayers, should be part of the decision on how the grant is spent. The grant will not be cancelled if we come up with a better and more affordable plan that preserves our existing investments.

The bottom line

The mayor needs to put forth the motion that a referendum be organised and that the village votes on whether we want the existing fire hall repaired or proceed with his plan. Let the community decide. After all, they are the ones that have to pay for it.

Thank you for coming out tonight. I hope the mayor will run the meeting according to the Robert's Rules of Order and allow questions from the public to be answered by the council without discrimination, censorship and violations of the Canadian Constitution. This is crucial if this council wishes to be recognised as accountable, upfront and hopefully honest.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0057/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED
1 registered
"no" Mayor
Davis**

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 January 19th, 2023 Letter from Mr. Murray Peavoy Re: January 17th, 2023 Council Meeting.**
- 2 January 30, 2023 email from Nigel Hogarth Re: The Community Dock Project**
- 3 Letter from Rachel Blaney, Member of Parliament, North Island to Power River Re: Canada Dental Benefits, How to Apply**
- 4 January 18, 2023 Email to Mayor and Council from Deirdre Syms, Executive Director, BC Epilepsy Society Re: March 26, 2023 - International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness.**

- February 1, 2023 letter from Mervyn Brown to the Village of Tahsis, Mayor Davis and Councillors Re: Petition presented at the January 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0058/2023

THAT these correspondence items including the late item "L5" be received.

CARRIED

Joseph/Fowler: VOT 0059/2023

THAT correspondence item #2 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

L2 January 30, 2023 email from Nigel Hogarth Re: The Community Dock Project

There was a discussion around the Community Dock Project.

Mayor Davis will follow up with the marine structural engineer regarding options for future expansion for commercial vessels.

M. New Business

1 Village of Tahsis delegation for 2023 UBCM Convention:

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0060/2023

TO receive and consider the selection of Village of Tahsis delegates to the 2023 UBCM Convention (Vancouver Convention Centre September 18-22, 2023).

CARRIED

A discussion followed.

Fowler/Elliott: VOT 0061/2023

THAT the following members of Council and staff be selected to attend the 2023 UBCM Convention:

CARRIED

Councillor Sarah Fowler

Councillor Cheryl Northcott

Mayor Martin Davis

Mark Tatchell, CAO

2 Report to Council Re: Webcasting Council Meetings on Demand

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0062/2023

THAT the Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

A brief discussion followed.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0063/2023

THAT option # 1 to approve webcasting on demand all open Council meetings, including Committee meetings, Special Council meetings, Budget meetings, and Regular Council meetings, on the Village website using the MS Teams platform be approved.

CARRIED

Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on audio-visual equipment for Council meetings.

Two members of the public commented on the Community Dock Project.

A member of the public spoke about the Code of Conduct.

A member of the public commented on staff salaries

Public Exclusion

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0064/2023

THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

Recess

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0065/2023

THAT the Regular Meeting recess to go into the closed meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0069/2023

THAT the Regular Meeting reconvene at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0070/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 21st day of February, 2023

Chief Administrative Officer

Certificate of Completion

This is to certify that

Cheryl Northcott

has completed the course on

Responsible Conduct Every Day

February 3, 2023



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

THIS CERTIFIES THAT


Councillor Sarah Fowler

of the Village of Tahsis

has successfully completed the requirements for LGLA Certification,
and is therefore awarded this

LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

given this 05 day of May, 2021


Laurey-Anne Roodenburg
LGLA President



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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344 Alpine View,
Tahsis, B.C.
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Feb 1, 2023

To: Village Of Tahsis Mayor Davis & Councillors

A petition was signed and presented to Mayor and Council for it to be reviewed at the Regular Council Meeting of January 3, 2022. It was presented on behalf of 26 Tahsis residents who affirmed their belief that Councillor Northcott & Councillor Fowler would be in a conflict of interest if they voted on the loan authorization bylaw for the Firehall Relocation Project.

At the next council meeting of January 17, Mark Tatchell CAO said that this petition had not been received. Clearly, this was a misrepresentation in that I formally served the mayor and councillors with a copy of this petition and it had in fact been published in the Council Agenda as a topic for discussion.

During this subsequent meeting, Councillor Fowler participated in discourse on further topics and proceeded to make a diligent attempt to discredit this petition by claiming that the writer of a letter to Council had stated that "... ***the petition had coercion attached to it...***" When council appeared to disregard her comments, she reiterated: ***"I take it that it doesn't matter that there was coercion."***

I immediately attempted to affirm that I had taken the signature of Murray Peavoy, the resident who had written the referenced letter, and could confirm for the record, that no coercion was involved in gathering his or any other signature. However, I was prevented from speaking, by Councillor Fowler. Instead, she indicated that she wanted her slanderous allegations to be on the public record and the only witness to this acclaimed event in question, to be prevented from speaking. Later Councillor Fowler stated: ***"I think it is really important to understand why this person signed"*** - implying that Mr. Peavoy was coerced into doing so.

When I tried to explain the facts and stated: ***"I have spoken to this person and there was no coercion at all"*** I was shut down by Councillor Fowler. Mayor Davis then stated in regards to Mr. Peavoy: ***"... I would prefer to hear from him directly rather than the person who started the petition."***

I believe that the statements made and events outlined in this letter, indicate that a public council meeting was used as a means to discredit me and broadcast false information. Attached to this letter is an email I received from Mr. Peavoy - after he heard the comments of Councillor Fowler. He appeared shocked that a councillor would make such a claim and assured me that coercion did not occur. He told me that he wanted the record made clear and reemphasized that no coercion was used to obtain his signature. Attached to this letter is the copy of an email I received from Mr. Peavoy.

Sincerely,



Mervyn Brown N.D., D.O., D. Phys.

Under duress?

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nan peavoy <peavoy_2@hotmail.com>

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To:

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You;

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Rita Aedan

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Wed 2023-01-18 3:50 PM

Hi Rita and Mervyn,

I'm told that Counsellor Fowler said that I was under duress when I signed the petition.

That means that threats were made to extract my signature.

I'll make it clear to her and council that did not occur.

Murray Peavoy

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 10, 2023

Re: *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023*

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide background and context for the proposed bylaw.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

1. Proceed with 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings of the *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023* at the February 21, 2023 regular meeting and adoption at the March 7, 2023 regular meeting.
2. Do not proceed with 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings of the *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023* at the February 21, 2023 regular meeting and adoption at the March 7, 2023 regular meeting.
3. Propose amendment(s) to *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023*.
4. Any other option that Council deems appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

1. In December 2022, the Village's Puddle Ducks Daycare received approval under the Provincial Government's \$10/day Daycare Program. This approval allows the Village to charge parents \$10/day for full day daycare and \$7/day for half day care. The Village receives a provincial government subsidy to cover operating costs to offset the loss of fee revenue from parents. To implement the new fees, the *Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 594, 2017* must be amended to repeal the current daycare fees and to authorize charging the new lower fees. The current fee schedule, which will be repealed if Bylaw No. 654 is adopted, is appended as Appendix "A".
2. At the January 23, 2023 committee of the whole budget meeting, Council passed a resolution approving a \$25/year increase in the residential water utility rate and a 10% increase in the commercial rate. To implement the rate changes, the *Fees and Charges Bylaw, No. 594, 2017* must be amended with an updated Schedule "P". The current fee schedule, which will be repealed if Bylaw No. 654 is adopted, is appended as Appendix "B".

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

The *Community Charter (SBC 2003, Ch. 26)*, s.194 establishes the authority for a municipal council to charge fees for services.

Municipal fees

- 194** (1)A council may, by bylaw, impose a fee payable in respect of
- (a)all or part of a service of the municipality,
 - (b)the use of municipal property, or
 - (c)the exercise of authority to regulate, prohibit or impose requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Having signed the \$10/day Daycare agreement with the Province, the Village is eligible to receive \$3,643.81/month plus \$763.20/month as a wage enhancement for our Early Childhood Educator, subject to approving the fees in the proposed bylaw.

The updated water utility fees will ensure that the utility operates on a break even or modest surplus basis.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Option #1

Respectfully submitted:



Mark Tatchell, CAO

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS**AMENDMENT TO FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 629, 2020**

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 594, 2017

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Tahsis wishes to amend the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* No 594, 2017 to establish the fees for the Puddle Duck Daycare

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Tahsis in open meeting assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The *Fees and Charges Bylaw* No 594 is hereby amended:
 - a) by adding "N" Puddle Duck Daycare Fees on the next line and immediately following "M" Credit Card Fees for Payment of Property Taxes in section 2; and
 - b) by adding Schedule "N" as annexed immediately following Schedule "M".
2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "*Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw* No.629".

Read a First, Second and Third time this 19 day of May, 2020.

Adopted this 19 day of MAY, 2020.


Mayor


Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "N"

Puddle Ducks Daycare Fees

	Monthly (under 36 months)	Monthly (3 years to Kindergarten)	Daily (under 36 months) 4 hours or less	Daily (under 36 months) 4 hours or more	Daily (3 years to Kindergarten) 4 hours or less	Daily (3 years to Kindergarten) 4 hours or more
Per Child	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$20.00

Other Child Care Services

Per Child	Daily	Hourly
Before school care	\$8.00	
After school care	\$10.00	
Half Day	\$10.00	
Before & After school	\$15.00	
Pro-D Day	\$20.00	
Full Day	\$20.00	
Lunchtime		\$6.00
Emergency care		\$10.00

Water System Service Fees

Use of Land or Real Property	Annual Rate
Residential (single family dwelling, apartment, suite, guesthouse, condominium, short term rental accommodation unit, mobile home, Rooming House, Bed and Breakfast unit)	375.00
Mobile Home Park per serviced pad	375.00
Hotels and Motels	375.00
plus, each room to rent located on the property whether or not it is always available for rent	173.00
Restaurants, cafes, dining rooms, pubs	
up to 60 seats	1,182.18
over 60 seats	1,412.85
Churches	375.00
Industrial	1,412.85
Schools	375.00
plus, each classroom	173.00
Retail premises	403.67
plus, for each square foot gross area	0.13
Other commercial premises	1,412.85
Campground/RV park (per site)	62.47



VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

BYLAW NO. 654, 2023

BEING A BYLAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF TAHSIS FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 594, 2017

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Tahsis wishes to amend the *Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 594, 2017* to update the annual fees under the *Water System Regulation Bylaw, No. 644, 2021*, and to update the Puddle Ducks Daycare fees;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Tahsis, in open meeting assembled, enacts the following amendments to Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 594, 2017 as follows:

1. The *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 594, 2017* is hereby amended:
 - a) by deleting Schedule "N" to *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 629, 2020* and replacing it with the Schedule "N" to this Bylaw; and
 - b) by deleting Schedule "P" to *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 646, 2021* and replacing it with Schedule "P" to this Bylaw; and

Citation

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2023."

Effective Date

This bylaw comes into force upon adoption.

READ a first time this 21st day of February, 2023

READ a second time this 21st day of February, 2023

READ a third time this 21st day of February, 2023

Reconsidered, Finally Passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2023

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Bylaw No. 654, 2023 duly passed by the Council of the Village of Tahsis on this 7th day of March, 2023.

CORPORATE OFFICER

Schedule “N”

Puddle Ducks Daycare Fees

Enrollment	Maximum Fee
Full days (4 hours or more), 5 days a week*	\$200/month**
Full days (4 hours or more), 1 to 4 days a week	\$10/day to a maximum of \$200/month
Half days (less than 4 hours), 5 days a week	\$140/month
Half days (less than 4 hours), 1 to 4 days a week	\$7/day to a maximum of \$140/month

*Full time as per existing hours of service; does not include extended hours (before 6 am, after 7 pm, or overnight service. Full days and half days include before school and after school care.

** Additional fees may be charged for extended hours or optional services, such extra-curricular lessons/programming for your child (see below).

Other Child Care Services

Per child	Daily	Hourly
Pro D Day	\$20.00	
Other times not listed		\$10.00

Schedule "P"

Water System Service Fees

Use of Land or Real Property	Annual Rate
Residential (single family dwelling, apartment suite, guesthouse, condominium, short term rental accommodation unit, mobile home. Rooming House, Bed and Breakfast unit)	\$400.00
Mobile Home Park per serviced pad	\$400.00
Hotels and Motels	\$400.00
plus each room to rent located on the property whether or not it is always available for rent	\$190.30
Restaurants, cafes, dining rooms, pubs	
up to 60 seats	\$1,300.40
Over 60 seats	\$1,554.14
Churches	\$400.00
Industrial	\$1,554.14
Schools	\$400.00
Plus each classroom	\$190.30
Retail premises	\$444.04
Plus for each square foot of gross area	\$0.14
Other commercial premises	\$1,554.14
Campground/RV Park (per site)	\$68.72



January 31, 2023

Mark Tatchell, CAO
 Village of Tahsis
 977 South Maquinna Drive
 Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Reference: AP7662

**Re: 2022 Volunteer & Composite Fire Department Training & Equipment –
 CONFIDENTIAL Approval Agreement & Terms and Conditions of Funding**

Dear Mr. Tatchell,

Thank you for submitting an application under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the 2022 Volunteer & Composite Fire Department Training & Equipment funding stream.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee has recommended your project, *Coveralls, Safety Boots, Hose and Wrenches*, for funding. A grant in the amount of \$10,167.32 has now been approved.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide, grant payments will be issued in two payments: 50% when the signed Approval Agreement has been returned to UBCM, and the remainder when the project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, and in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for grant payment:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager, or designate and returned to UBCM within 30 days;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval **in confidence** until February 17, 2023.
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above-named project and for the expenses itemized in your approved application and budget;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility and funding requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide (refer to Sections 4 and 5);
- (5) All project activities must be completed within one year and no later than January 31, 2024;

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC

- (6) The final report is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of project end date and no later than February 28, 2024;
- (7) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date;

In addition, local governments are encouraged to engage with local First Nations and Indigenous organizations. Engagement by local governments both locally and regionally can help build relationships with First Nations, benefit both communities and enhance reconciliation. More information on engagement best practices is available [here](#).

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all interim, progress, and/or final report materials will be made available to the Provincial government and First Nations' Emergency Services Society.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to support emergency preparedness and resiliency in your community.

If you have any questions, please contact 250-387-4470 or cepf@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bishop, LGPS Program Officer

cc: Lisa Illes, Fire Chief

Reference: AP-7662

Approval Agreement (to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager, or designate)

I, MARIC TATCHER, have read and agree to the terms of this agreement, the general Terms & Conditions, requirements for funding, and reporting requirements for the 2022 Volunteer & Composite Fire Department Training & Equipment funding stream.

[Signature], CAO Feb 09, 2023
 Signature, Title, Tahsis Date

Please return a scanned copy of the signed Approval Agreement within 30 days to cepf@ubcm.ca.



February 10, 2023

Ref: 272022

Dear Mayors and Regional Chairs:

I am pleased to let you know of the significant investment our government has made to support all our municipalities and regional districts around the province. This is in direct response to my mandate letter to support growing municipalities and regional districts with funding for infrastructure and community amenities.

Today Premier David Eby and I announced the [B.C. building stronger communities with \\$1-billion Growing Communities Fund | BC Gov News](#). The fund will provide a one-time total of \$1 billion in direct grants to all 188 of B.C.'s municipalities and regional districts. Your local government can use it to address your community's unique infrastructure and amenities demands, such as recreation facilities, parks and water treatment plants, as well as other community infrastructure. It will help communities prepare for future growth and build the amenities needed to support new home construction, especially with the *Housing Supply Act* where targets are set.

These grants will complement existing infrastructure funding programs for projects such as sewer, water and recreation facilities. The province will distribute them to B.C.'s 188 municipalities and regional districts by the end of March 2023. The Growing Communities Fund arises from the surplus shown in the Second Quarter Financial Report. The province is putting this year's surplus to work for people to support them now and for the long term.

The province has heard from local governments about the need for infrastructure and amenities to support their growth. Infrastructure funding programs are routinely significantly oversubscribed. For example, there were six times more requests for funding through the "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community Culture and Recreation" stream than what was available. This one-time fund also supports priorities identified by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

The Ministry will issue a direction letter to each local government in March 2023 including further details on this one-time direct grant. This will include information on the formula used to allocate the funds, the amount your local government will be receiving and the province's expectations for the use and reporting of the funds.

As this is a direct grant from the province to each municipality and regional district in B.C., your local government will not have to apply for the funds. Your council or board will be required to make decisions on the use of the funds in compliance with this second letter coming in March 2023. Projects that support neighboring First Nations communities are strongly encouraged.

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Mayors and Regional Chairs
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I trust you will join me in acknowledging the importance and value that this fund will have to focus on building a secure, low emission, sustainable economy and a province where everyone can find a good home – whether you live in a rural area, a city, or in an Indigenous community. Together we can make life better for people in B.C., improve the services we all rely on, and ensure a sustainable province for future generations.

I look forward to connecting with you again soon in person or virtually as I continue to tour and meet with local elected officials. In the interim, any questions can be directed to myself at: Minister.MUNI@gov.bc.ca. Staff are available at: LGIF.Infra@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Anne Kang
Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

pc: The Honourable David Eby, Premier
 The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Finance
 Chief Administrative Officers
 Okenge Yuma Morisho, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs
 Jen Ford, President UBCM
 Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM

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Feb. 14, 2023

For The Attention Of:

The Village Of Tahsis Mayor & Council

Attached to this letter are copies of two letters I previously sent to the Mayor and Council. Questions that I asked in my letter of November 22, 2022, required precise answers on details of the controversial fire hall conversion project planned to be on grounds at the elementary school. These questions have been ignored by Mark Tatchell and the Village of Tahsis. Mayor Martin Davis, Councillor Sarah Fowler and Councillor Cheryl Northcott voted for this project and appear to be simply waiting for grant funding, while ignoring any further questions on the matter.

My recent letter of February 1, 2023 (also enclosed) was not included in the last Agenda of Council. Mark Tatchell said it had been accidentally withheld and therefore, it is being submitted again. This letter referred to accusations against me by Councillor Fowler: comments that were little short of a smear and disinformation campaign to discredit a petition that I obtained signatures for - and to also lambaste me. The information this letter provides needs an evaluation at the next public Council Meeting. When these slanderous accusations were made, Mayor Davis did not intervene. Instead, he commented that he did not wish to hear from me and later, he needed to be calmed down by Councillor Elliott, after he became angry and threatening, in response to my questions.

There appears to be a misconstrued belief held by Mayor Davis and most of Tahsis Council, that because the Tahsis Council Procedure Bylaw states *"The Public Input Period provides an opportunity for public input only, without expectation of response from Council"* : it absolves a mayor or any councillor, of a duty to reply to questions being asked of them and does not require a response to relevant issues raised by Tahsis residents. Questions from the public have been consistently ignored at Council Meetings, to such an extent, that no purpose is served by having a public input session - other than to feign transparency.

Rushing through a bylaw to finalize completion of a dubious Council plan to raise funds based on the assets of Village taxpayers, then prevent further public input on the matter, does not absolve Councillors of their responsibility to abide by the law - as written in the revised statutes of British Columbia. Evidence has emerged to indicate there is more than one dominant conflict in regards voting by two members of the Tahsis Council - Councillor Fowler and Councillor Joseph - who both have vested interests and receive benefits for their families, due to their direct connections with the Tahsis fire department and the school in which a building owned by it, is planned to be re-purposed by the Village. Particulars of such personal connections has not been mentioned, discussed or properly evaluated in public, by the Mayor or the two Councillors involved. To the contrary, there has been only a cursory statement by Mayor Davis, followed by an abrupt dismissal of a conflict question, then a refusal by Councillor Fowler, to disqualify herself after a conflict of interest claim was made by Councillor Elliott. This failure to consider all the facts was later justified by what Mayor Davis called an expensive legal opinion. However, the lawyer who provided his opinion and the referenced case law quotes, have not been not divulged - despite a \$1300 charge for such, funded by taxpayers

Laws of British Columbia do not permit Mayor Davis and members of Council to recklessly disregard the financial health and future security of Tahsis residents, or to be indifferent on questions posed to them in their elected roles. The privilege of being elected comes with a responsibility that cannot be shirked simply because it may shatter predetermined beliefs and vested interests. Ignorance or a collaborative effort by members of Council, to manipulate and control a majority vote, is not an

honest or appropriate strategy that our legislature intended for use as a means to bypass regulations that govern fairness, honesty and accountability. To the contrary, such procedures are contraindicated and classified under the British Columbia Criminal Code in RSC 1985, c C-46, as municipal corruption.

Recent information has emerged to indicate that both Councillor Fowler and Councillor Joseph, have been, and continue to be, in a multiple conflict of interest position when voting on plans for a fire hall relocation at the school due to their involvement with a Parents Advisory Council [PAC] which is part of an officially recognized voice of parents, through elected officers. It has the purpose of advising and influencing a school board, in decision making. In regards to the PAC at Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School [CMESS] in Tahsis, documentation indicates that: [i] Councillor Megan Joseph has been the secretary; [ii] Councillor Joseph's husband, Curtis Rutherford, has been an employee of the Village of Tahsis; [iii] Councillor Sarah Fowler has been the Chairman or President of this PAC and [iv] Councillor Fowler's husband, Graham Boseker, has been the treasurer of the PAC and also, the Deputy Fire Chief of the Tahsis Fire Department.

The PAC of CMESS is one of the first meeting points in communications for student and parent advocacy on school issues in Tahsis. It is an organization that is required to provide a voice for parents, on various issues and problems related to the school. This connection translates to : if parents of children who attend CMESS, are opposed to the idea of a transplanted fire hall, or opposed to having the school facilities of an art/wood shop dismantled and sold to the Village of Tahsis; then the PAC of CMESS is supposed to take a stance and vote against the project. This PAC would then need to advocate for the school; the district; the school board, and the municipality, in a manner that expresses their opposition, and in doing so, gain support from other PACS across the province.

There is clearly a significant overlap and conflict if two Village Councillors are voting on matters involving the purchase/lease and re-development of the school wood workshop for being transformed into a Village of Tahsis fire hall, when these Councillors have benefits, connections, responsibilities or vested interests in competing negotiations on both sides of the fence. Information has been received to suggest that the PAC management of CMESS, has managed to successfully muffle opposition to their control over PAC decisions, by using censorship over Tahsis members and their opinions. There are also claims that Councillor Fowler has been instrumental in changing the constitution and bylaws of this PAC, to such an extent, that any complaints are not only disregarded but not permitted, and the executive board has been able to exert their power and discretion over who can become a member. If true, such a procedure would be a direct violation of the *School Act*, as it is an inherent right of a Tahsis parent, to belong to the PAC of CMESS - if their child attends this institution.

Councillor Joseph and Councillor Fowler clearly have conflicting interests in decision-making positions on two different councils or boards - when voting on matters that involve municipal appropriation, purchase, acquisition or agreements between CMESS and the municipality, in regards an acclaimed multi million dollar fire hall lease - by a municipality that has inadequate funds for financing such. Mayor and Council have already voted on issues concerning these acquisitions, despite the indicated vested interest and divided loyalties. These votes and decisions need to be reversed. Both Councillor Fowler and Councillor Joseph must remove themselves from participation in any future vote on these matters because of their conflicts of interest.

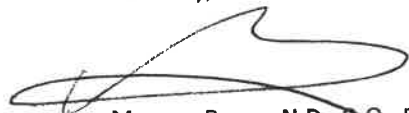
The Community Pier & Dock Project has been recently ratified by a majority of Council - despite a plea from Councilor Elliott and a detailed critical analysis and informed opinion against such a project, from Nigel Hogarth. I believe there is evidence to indicate that the decision of Council was not only unwise but was facilitated by a collaborative effort of Council members with a different agenda. The indication is that the vote was prearranged and not based on democratic principles that this municipality is required to abide by.

In regards to the *British Columbia Criminal Code RSC 1985, c C-46 Section 123(1)* that is listed as Municipal Corruption: determination is evaluated not only through monetary compensation or financial bribery, but by the appearance of a "benefit of any kind" as consideration. *Section*

123(1)(c)(d) clarifies that determining factors include influences that *"procure or prevent the adoption of a measure, motion or resolution"* and thereby control an official determination, or a failure/refusal to perform an official act. I believe this statute has been repeatedly breached by a majority of the Tahsis Council as well as Section 123(2)(a) : *"suppression of the truth, in the case of a person who is under a duty to disclose the truth."*

If Mayor Davis and any Tahsis Councillor [i] continue to openly and improperly refuse to respond or reply to questions of Tahsis residents, at public Council Meetings; [ii] prevent Councilor Elliott from speaking at Council meetings and answering questions from the public, and [iii] use undemocratic strategies to suppress the truth and deter public input: it is my opinion that such a stalemate can only be corrected by a comprehensive investigation by the Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia, so as to ensure that the municipal administration of the Village of Tahsis, is being conducted according to the laws of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mervyn Brown', with a stylized, looping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Mervyn Brown N.D., D.O., D. Phys.

cc. Hon. Niki Sharma, Attorney General of British Columbia

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November 22, 2022

For The Attention Of:

Village of Tahsis Mayor and Council

During the Tahsis Council Meeting on November 15, 2022 and prior to the vote on proposed *Loan Authorization Bylaw No. # 652 2022*, I made a brief presentation to Council and requested copies of the "general plans" that were referenced in the council agenda as being the criteria for which councilors were being asked to authorize a loan of two million and fifty thousand dollars.

Although this council agenda request was eventually tabled, the facts I requested need to be presented to the public, otherwise there is an appearance of deception or the intentional withholding of information that was necessary to be evaluated by councilors and the public, for a fair and informed vote - or what is seen as such.

It is puzzling that copies of these plans were not in the agenda and furthermore, that a proposed bylaw would be phrased in a vague, generalized and obscure manner as to specify: "*in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office*" - without disclosing copies of such plans. Even more surprising is the appearance that there was an attempt to have this bylaw be given three readings and then have it promptly ratified by council - at one sitting - and by councilors who were mostly absent from the council meeting and who had not been provided this documentation for their review, prior to a vote.

Before discussion of this proposed bylaw at the meeting, I asked Mayor Davis and council: [i] What are the general plans for the "*Tahsis Firehall Restoration Project*" that is quoted in the proposed bylaw as being "*on file in the municipal office*"? [ii] If these plans were understood by the councilors? [iii] If Mayor and Council had thoroughly reviewed these plans prior to this proposed vote? [iv] Why these plans were not presented in the agenda if they were to be voted on? and [v] If these documents were going to be presented or available for public review? Mayor Martin Davis responded with: "*I'm not answering those questions.*"

The meeting subsequently descended into a debacle of mismanagement and comedy of errors that was contrary to legislation designed for regulating council meetings. The public was informed that three female councilors who had been in the municipal building shortly before this open council meeting, had all decided not to attend in person, and instead, made an appearance through zoom. This appearance was not able to be viewed by the public in attendance and only heard intermittently through a sound system that constantly cut out. Because of this almost inaudible sound, and female councilors who were clearly reluctant to speak up: deciphering which councillor voted on what proposal, was only guesswork.

It is apparent that the public is being deprived of the process of hearing and receiving detailed explanations and documentation that is necessary to be heard and reviewed before decisions are made at council meetings. Very few inhabitants attend these meetings or read the minutes. Relying exclusively on this means of communication for relaying information to residents, involving financial obligations proposed on their behalf and to which their property is being used as collateral for a multi million dollar loan, requires more explicit public transparency than a planned presentation that only serves the interests of whomever is editing content and scripting the minutes it is based on.

There is reason to believe that Village management has: [i] purposefully withheld and continues to withhold documentation required to be made available to the public, pursuant to the revised statutes & Community Charter: [iii] censored, restricted and/or advised the mayor and councilors to

refuse to respond to relevant questions asked at public council meetings; [iii] provided copies of minutes in which comments, statements, evidence of wrongdoing or statements and opinions contrary to those of management, have been purposefully removed; [iv] refused and/or neglected to properly record these minutes or make them available to be heard and reviewed by the public, and [v] subsequently used unreasonable & unacceptable explanations for not disclosing information.

If council meeting records are heavily edited, selectively transcribed and not made available to the public because of inadequate equipment, untrained personnel or employees incapable of performing these tasks: minutes are most likely in error and not an accurate record of what transpired at council gatherings. This would then be a misrepresentation to Tahsis taxpayers and a ploy to exploit the value of their holdings by failing to properly inform residents about processes and procedures that affect or devalue their assets. There is every indication of a planned effort by mayor and council and/or by Village management, to accelerate the arrangement of financing for the fire hall/school restoration project, in bad faith - before the majority of Tahsis residents are informed of the facts.

Be advised that pursuant to the *Revised Statutes of British Columbia 1996 Chapter 165, Division 4, 25 (1)(b)*, the Village of Tahsis, their employees and the Village of Tahsis Council, must permit public inspection of: [i] council agendas and relevant information that is taken into consideration for proposed decisions; [ii] strategic plans; [iii] contracts and [iv] other documents that have been tabled or adopted at an open council meeting and are clearly in the public interest.

Please provide copies of the following documents listed below and make them available for public review. In addition, the contradiction outlined in #10 requires a detailed explanation.

1. Firehall project options report to council. [rev1.docx]
2. Reference to [Appendix D Arch_rendering.jpg]
3. Firehall Options [Analysis.xlsx]
4. Reference to: [2221-49140-Tahsis-technical Memo - Existing Firehall-McElhanney202110322.pdf]
5. Tahsis Firehall Proposal [Jan06,2022.pdf]
6. Terms of PHI architecture dated January 6, 2022 - approved/accepted at closed meeting on January 18, 2022 and reported in Rise & Report on February 1, 2022
7. SD84 approved proceeding with the development of the plan to repurpose.
8. Details of the "Canada Community - Building Fund BC Strategic Priorities Fund" grant, applied for pursuant to a council vote on September 6, 2022
9. Notice/Letter of documentation officially condemning the old Firehall
10. Mayor Davis stated to council that acquisition for a new building would cost in excess of \$2 million. The school woodshop retrofit is listed at under \$1 million? This requires a comprehensive explanation.

Be further advised that with this letter, you are in receipt of a formal demand for access to the aforementioned records and to either supply these for public perusal or have accurate copies made at this office. Please advise when this documentation can be reviewed. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Feb 1, 2023

To: Village Of Tahsis Mayor Davis & Councillors

A petition was signed and presented to Mayor and Council for it to be reviewed at the Regular Council Meeting of January 3, 2022. It was presented on behalf of 26 Tahsis residents who affirmed their belief that Councillor Northcott & Councillor Fowler would be in a conflict of interest if they voted on the loan authorization bylaw for the Firehall Relocation Project.

At the next council meeting of January 17, Mark Tatchell CAO said that this petition had not been received. Clearly, this was a misrepresentation in that I formally served the mayor and councillors with a copy of this petition and it had in fact been published in the Council Agenda as a topic for discussion.

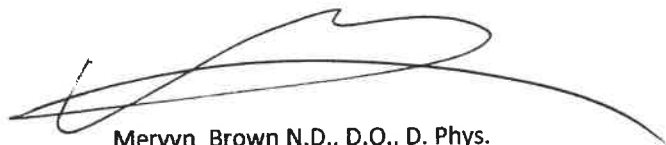
During this subsequent meeting, Councillor Fowler participated in discourse on further topics and proceeded to make a diligent attempt to discredit this petition by claiming that the writer of a letter to Council had stated that "... ***the petition had coercion attached to it...***" When council appeared to disregard her comments, she reiterated: "***I take it that it doesn't matter that there was coercion.***"

I immediately attempted to affirm that I had taken the signature of Murray Peavoy, the resident who had written the referenced letter, and could confirm for the record, that no coercion was involved in gathering his or any other signature. However, I was prevented from speaking, by Councillor Fowler. Instead, she indicated that she wanted her slanderous allegations to be on the public record and the only witness to this acclaimed event in question, to be prevented from speaking. Later Councillor Fowler stated: "***I think it is really important to understand why this person signed***" - implying that Mr. Peavoy was coerced into doing so.

When I tried to explain the facts and stated: "***I have spoken to this person and there was no coercion at all***" I was shut down by Councillor Fowler. Mayor Davis then stated in regards to Mr. Peavoy: "***... I would prefer to hear from him directly rather than the person who started the petition.***"

I believe that the statements made and events outlined in this letter, indicate that a public council meeting was used as a means to discredit me and broadcast false information. Attached to this letter is an email I received from Mr. Peavoy - after he heard the comments of Councillor Fowler. He appeared shocked that a councillor would make such a claim and assured me that coercion did not occur. He told me that he wanted the record made clear and reemphasized that no coercion was used to obtain his signature. Attached to this letter is the copy of an email I received from Mr. Peavoy.

Sincerely,



Mervyn Brown N.D., D.O., D. Phys.

Under duress?

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To:

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You;

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Hi Rita and Mervyn,

I'm told that Counsellor Fowler said that I was under duress when I signed the petition.

That means that threats were made to extract my signature.

I'll make it clear to her and council that did not occur.

Murray Peavoy