



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	January 17, 2023
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Meggan Joseph Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Douglas Elliott	
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator	(by video) (by video)
<u>Guests</u>	Shaun Koopman, Strathcona Regional District, Protective Services Coordinator	(by video)
<u>Public</u>	10 Members of the public	(3 online)

A. Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

Letter to Council from Michaela Arruda, Executive Director, Campbell River Community Foundation under Correspondence as "L3".

Council Fowler's Notice of Motion Re: The Use of the Recreation Center for food security programs under Business Arising as "H1".

C. Approval of the Agenda

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0039/2023

THAT the Agenda for the January 17, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

Petition Re: Alleged Conflict of Interest of Council Fowler and Councillor

- 1 Northcott in voting on the upcoming Capital Projects and Loan Authorization Bylaw No, 652, 2022**

Elliott/ VOT 0040/2023

THAT this petition Re: Alleged Conflict of Interest be received.

FAILED

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public commented on the audio visual setup during Council meeting presentations.

A member of the public commented about an alleged conflict of interest .

F. Adoption of the Minutes

- 1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 3, 2023.**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0041/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 3, 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, and

be included in the 5 year Financial plan as a Village contribution to social capital.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

Last week, I attended a meeting in Tsaxana between our council and the Council of Chiefs of the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation. It was a followup to a previously held meeting between economic development consultants representing the MMFN and our council. They have several projects in the works and are interested in working more closely with our village on economic development initiatives in Nootka Sound. We have had many informal discussions during my first term as Mayor and are about to sign an agreement to work closely with them on plans that will be mutually beneficial for both. Topics discussed included potential tourism infrastructure investment in Tahsis, initiating trail programs to attract more ecotourism, aquaculture and the proposed community forest. They have access to funding streams as do we, and as I said at the meeting, we are stronger working together.

I also attended the first Strathcona Regional District meeting at the new year. There are many new faces at the Board table, new energy and ideas. One discussion of interest is around our plans to install an earthquake sensor array along the coast as part of the Connected Coast project. I am advocating for enhancing this array by installing tsunami sensors along the protected channels of the region, which would benefit Tahsis directly. As this coast is very dynamic, localized tsunamis can potentially be caused by non-seismically generated events such as rockslides or the collapse of deltas such as at Tsoowin Narrows, known as subsea slumping.

Another item of interest is that the SRD has commissioned a report on developing a regional fire service administration for unincorporated areas and communities that struggle to maintain a fire service, such as Zeballos. We are in good shape in this respect but will be in much better condition once we get our new fire hall off the ground. It will be interesting to see this report when it is completed, for review.

Councillor Joseph

Local spotlight- Ruth Russell of the Senior's Society has been such a great asset to our community, and I want to thank her for all her volunteer coordination within our community. Thank you, Ruth, for being such a wonderful person and always going above and beyond.

I want to bring some light to few things I have been hearing.

The garbage cans- around the community garbage cans have been removed. I can only hope this is temporary. I also would like to point out that some of the members of this community have added hardware to help prevent bears from gaining access and this has worked in my neighbourhood. I would like to see this addressed sooner than later as members are noticing and missing them around town. There seems to be a bit of an issue with dog droppings also. It seems since the garbage cans have been removed, people are neglecting to pick up after their pets. I would like to remind everyone to please pick up after your pets. The cans at the public works yard are still there and accessible for your household needs.

In Our last meeting speed bumps were brought to the attention of council with many concerned members who would like to see the addition to Alpine View Road.

In just 15 minutes while writing this, I have witnessed 3 people speeding down Alpine View Road. I stand with the parents and members of this community who have concerns. It would be great if the RCMP could be more present also to perhaps help us with reminding people of our local speed limits as they do exist. I intend on speaking up to this matter also.

Last but not least the road.

I have had the opportunity to travel our road 6 times in the past two weeks. I understand the rains bring pot wholes but the bridge between 50-51k was almost impassable for me. The pot holes could eat my vehicle and I'm pretty sure I am now in need of repairs.

Out of those 6 times going over our road, only once did I see the grader who was attempting to fix the whole on each end of the bridge making it a muddy mess. I wish I could say I was impressed with the maintenance but right now I would rate the road maybe a 5 out of 10 simply because the homeward stretch is a little easier now with the work that was done this summer.

I hope to start advocating for a little more maintenance on our road again. As we all know it's needed. We are louder together.

I know we all know but please be cautious of landslides. Rocks are falling and there are small shifts happening. This can be seen as we travel.

Stay safe and Happy everyone.

Meggan

Councillor Fowler

Around the final corner on my BCCDC Food Cost & Climate Impact Story project I will be waiting for the Good Food Box, Tahsis Buyers Club's village veggies, to be delivered at the rec centre tomorrow, January 18, 2023. My hope is to have this terms participants in our biweekly program fetch them from there while I bowl from 3-5pm. I expect to hand deliver any leftovers after that for those who are unable to access them at the hub.

Upon the wall I will have the following group questions, with post it notes, to allow input from the public as part of my last submission.

1. What are your experiences in accessing or gathering food, including hunting, fishing and or purchasing groceries from a store?
2. Can you describe some challenges with accessing, gathering or buying food and how you overcame them or how do you think you could?
3. How has climate change impacted your own and your communities ability to access, gather and afford food ?

4. What are you your experiences with the cost and affordability of food?

Any contributions are welcome to be added before my meeting with Rebecca
Thursday January 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Looking down the road 6 months, I have prepared a draft schedule for the other
food security days coming up.

They are as follows...

January 18th

February 1st, 3rd & 15th

March 1, 3, 15, 29

April 12, 14, 26

May 10, 12, 24

The days that are Wednesdays are for the good food box distribution hub between
3-5pm at the rec centre. The vegetable ordering dates are:

January 24th

February 7th & 21st

March 7th and 21st

April 4th and 18th

May 2nd 16th and 30th

June 13th and 27th

These dates are subject to change. Please reach out to my email

[farnevery foot@gmail.com](mailto:farneveryfoot@gmail.com)

or [250 202 8416](tel:2502028416)

The other days are "food bank Fridays" are when we expect the loaves and fishes
truck to arrive in our Village.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Submitted respectfully,

Councillor Fowler

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Elliott

Ladies and gentlemen,

Now that the holiday season has come to a close, I have been extremely active in the past two weeks concerning the affairs of the village. One of my first actions was a conversation with the Corporal of the RCMP detachment in Gold River. This conversation went very well and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated individual serving our community. I was very pleased to hear that he wishes our village success with the challenges that we face. I apologized that he was invited to our last council meeting under false pretence.

I am also overwhelmed with the positive response from my last mail out. I engaged with former councillors and received great advice concerning the affairs of the village. They also shared with me their past experiences giving me historical insights on how to overcome the obstacles that I will face in the future. I am committed to following *the Robert's Rules of Order* as I believe that public officials are obligated to keep the electors informed and address their concerns. I support great ideas, regardless of the origin and believe that the public have a lot to contribute when they are passionate concerning the future of their community. My inspiration to serve this community has been constantly fueled by the support extended to me by intelligent, open minded individuals that are committed to enhancing the quality of life to the entire community.

The Robert's Rules of Order promotes discussion and debate of opposing views. When properly followed, individuals are given fair opportunities to share their opinions and ideas. When the Chair maintains a position of impartiality and fairness, they ensure that opposing views are voiced and discussed in a civil manner. They only vote when the council has a tied vote. They don't allow the phrase Point of Order to be used as a weapon to censor an individual. They acknowledge that the laws of the land need to be followed and that the Canadian Constitution be adhered to. To discriminate against any member of the public or council, to censor an opposing view and to violate the Community Charter is to conduct oneself in an unethical manner that violates their oath of office. I hope to see improvements concerning this matter. I realize that we are all human and we make mistakes however, how we deal with our mistakes measures our integrity.

The Mayor and Council were invited to Gold River to discuss the investment opportunities from the First Nations community. After a warm welcome, our Mayor conducted himself as a true statesman and conveyed appreciation that Tahsis was included in their economic plans. The First Nations have indicated that their priority is to create economic development in Gold River, Friendly Cove and Tahsis area. They are looking to market this region throughout the world and create employment opportunities for the entire community. Our mayor also discussed working together in creating a Community Forest program that would revolutionize a new level of sustainable forest practices that would involve more processing of the wood products within our region. If successful, this could amount to more profits that would remain within our region while protecting old growth and watersheds. The mayor has my complete support and I hope that his skills will lead to a successful partnership with the First Nation community. Aquaculture opportunities were also discussed and I believe that the First Nations will be open minded concerning profitable ventures.

My contributions to the meeting pointed out to the Chiefs that the reserve at the entrance of Tahsis is a prime location for commercial development. The waterfront area has incredible potential for tourist accommodations with plenty of room for residential development. I also indicated that the Leiner River is also a prime location for a Hatchery and that the estuary would also require repairs to enhance fish production for future generations. This was well received by Chief Maquinna and I hope to see progress in the near future. I also brought up the need for our mill site to be developed. I believe that if the community forest program and potential aquaculture developments are successful, there will be a need to open up the mill site to accommodate the economic development that will soon follow.

Chief Jerry Jack also explained to the Council that the First Nations have been working towards having artifacts returned to their community. These artifacts have been spread throughout the world and they have had success in having their property returned to them. I hope to discuss with the council that any artifacts that are in the possession of the Village be returned to the First Nations as a sign of good will.

Concerning the budget, I have still not received the information that I requested from the CAO. I'm in communication with the authorities concerning this matter and will update the community in my next mail out. The last two budget meetings are on January 23rd and February 6 at 1pm. You are all welcome.

Council has already discussed having the lots on Alpine Road put on the market to raise funds and promote residential development. I have not seen any signs indicating that the properties are for sale. I'm curious why the CAO has not completed this task and hope to receive an update concerning this matter.

I have received the petition from the electors of this community concerning their perception of a conflict of Interest pertaining to the re-elected councillors. Since I was expecting the motion for the referendum to be on tonight's agenda, I can only speculate that the two councillors are seeking legal advice before this motion is put forth. I look forward to receiving a copy of the legal advice. Past motions may need to be reconsidered and we need to move forward with the referendum to resolve this issue once and for all.

If the community supports the fire hall plan, I will follow the will of this community and not interfere with any aspect of the plan. It is no secret that I do not support this plan and believe that there is an affordable solution that includes the necessary repairs of the existing facility and the use of the Marine Centre as a temporary fire hall while the repairs are conducted. I believe that the grant application can be updated to support this alternative plan but it is important that the community be part of the decision. After all, it concerns our assets and the appearance of the commercial entrance to our village.

Another positive development that has taken place is the formation of the Tahsis Ratepayers Association. It has been very apparent that the citizens of our community are concerned with the large tax increases that took place last year. After a considerable amount of research and pleasant discussions, the Ratepayers Association is moving forward full steam. I believe that well informed citizens, that are well organised, can hold any government to be accountable and transparent. I was very impressed with individuals who have come forward and wish them success. The next meeting is on January 25, 1pm at the Senior Centre.

Thank you for taking time out of your schedules and participating in our council meeting tonight. I look forward to your input.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0042/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

Letter from Murray Peavoy to Mayor Council and the Fire Department Re:

- 1 Regret signing petition regarding the alleged conflict of interest pertaining to the Firehall Relocation Project.**

- 2 Letter from Derrick Kasper to Mayor and Council Re: Meeting with Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.**

- 3 Letter to Council from Michaela Arruda, Executive Director, Campbell River Community Foundation Re: Community Services Recovery Fund.**

Joseph/Northcott: VOT 0043/2023

THAT these correspondence items including the late item "L3" be received. **CARRIED**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0044/2023

THAT correspondence items 1,2, and 3 be pulled for discussion. **CARRIED**

Letter from Murray Peavoy to Mayor Council and the Fire Department Re:

L1 Regret signing petition regarding the alleged conflict of interest pertaining to the Firehall Relocation Project.

Councillor Fowler spoke to this correspondence item.

L2 Letter from Derrick Kasper to Mayor and Council Re: Meeting with Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.

Council had a brief discussion on this correspondence item.

L3 Letter to Council from Michaela Arruda, Executive Director, Campbell River Community Foundation Re: Community Services Recovery Fund.

This letter will be posted on social media by staff.

M. New Business

1 Report to Council Re: Outdoor Metal Tsunami Information Sign

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0045/2023

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

Shaun Koopman spoke to his report and responded to questions from Council.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0046/2023

THAT as part of the Village of Tahsis' ongoing work in relation to tsunami preparedness that the proposed design for the Tahsis tsunami evacuation information sign be approved. **CARRIED**

Public Input #2

Comment on the Tsunami evacuation routes in regards to gates and private property

A member of the public commented about Council's response to questions being brought forward.

There was a comment on food security.

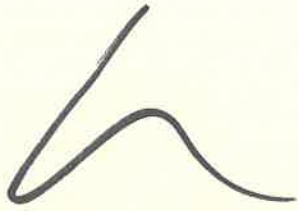
Adjournment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0047/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:11pm **CARRIED**

Certified Correct this

the 7th day of February, 2023

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Chief Administrative Officer



Lake item
L.3

January 16, 2023

To City Council,

I hope this letter finds you well as we embark on this new year. On behalf of The Campbell River Community Foundation, I am writing to notify you that our foundation will be helping to lead the Community Services Recovery Fund. This fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support registered charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies as they adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery.

We will be taking part alongside community foundations from coast to coast to coast and our partners at the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada. Together, we will support organizations as they build their **internal capacity** to meet the immediate and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and become more resilient.

As leaders and champions in our communities, we respectfully request you to share information about the Fund with potential applicants in your community. **Please note that applications are now open and will remain open until February 21, 2023. Our Foundation will be accepting applications for projects with a minimum ask of \$10,000 from organizations within the boundaries of School Districts #72, #84, and #85.** Applicants are encouraged to visit www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca to explore resources and apply.

We are grateful for your community leadership in supporting and promoting this program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our participation in the Community Services Recovery Fund or the work of the Campbell River Community Foundation more broadly.

Sincerely,
Michaela Arruda
Executive Director
Campbell River Community Foundation