



**Regular Meeting of the Village of Tahsis Council
to be held on July 4, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquina Drive and by electronic means**

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- A. Call to Order** Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order.
- Land Acknowledgement** Mayor Davis will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.
- B. Introduction of Late Items** None.
- C. Approval of the Agenda**
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input # 1**
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- 1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 6, 2023.
 - 2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 20, 2023.
- G. Rise and Report**
- H. Business Arising**
- 1 Report to Council Re: 2023 Capital Commitments and available funding sources.

2 Report to Council Re: Code of Conduct- Development of Enforcement Provisions.

J. Council Reports

- 1 Mayor Davis**
- 2 Councillor Joseph**
- 3 Councillor Fowler**
- 4 Councillor Northcott**
- 5 Councillor Elliott**

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 June 12, 2023 letter from Mervyn Brown to Mayor and Council Re: Correspondence with Mr. Josh Krusell, Lawyer for Stewart, McDannold, Stuart.**
- 2 June 16, 2023 letter from Mervyn Brown to Mayor and Council Re: Property tax invoice for 1021 Cook Street, Tahsis.**
- 3 June 17, 2023 letter from Mervyn Brown to Mayor and Council Re: Submission Pursuant to the Community Charter Rule 99(1)(b).**
- 4 Letter from Derrick Kasper, President of the Tahsis Tax Payers Association to Mayor and Council Re: Formal introduction of the Tahsis Taxpayers Association (TTA).**
- 5 June 10, 2023 letter from Darlene Hedrick to Mayor and Council Re: Scotch Broom Bush Infestation.**
- 6 June 27, 2023 email from Brenda Lenahan Re: Flood wall stairs and accessibility.**
- 7 Vancouver Island- Sunshine Coast Community Relations 2022 Annual Report**
- 8 Letter from Kent O'Neill, President, Nootka Sound Watershed Society Re: Nootka Sound Watershed Benefit Fund 2023.**

M. New Business

- Presentation by Bridget Horel, Regional Manager North Vancouver Island/ Sunshine Coast,**
- 1 Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development & Innovation Re: Overview of the Regional and Rural Development Unit & the programs administered by this unit.**

N. Public Input #2

O. Adjournment



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	June 6, 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

Regrets Councillor Douglas Elliott

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
 Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance (by video)
 Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator (by video)
 Wanda Waksdale, Admin Assistant (by video)

Public 8 Members of the public. (4 by video)

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

A letter from Sharon Gregson Re: Urgent - UBCM Child Care Resolution under Correspondence as "L4".

Council Fowler's notice of motion regarding the upcoming fishing derbies in Kyuquot and Zeballos under New Business as "M3".

C. Approval of the Agenda

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0245/2023

THAT the Agenda for the June 6, 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 the Village's bear proof dumpster.
 A member of the public had questions regarding the "Firehall Project".
 There was a question regarding the purposed "Pavilion Project".
 A member of the public commented about time allotted for the public input at Regular Council meetings.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 2023.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0246/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 16, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 23, 2023

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0247/2023

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

No report.

Councillor Joseph

No report.

Councillor Fowler

June 6 2023

Our last NSWS meeting, until the "gone fishing" summer break is scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month, June 28, at Conuma Hatchery, as was the custom pre-pandemic. Due to the shift online, many dollars were saved, over the last couple years by not sending a representative every month to Gold River to attend. Also worth mentioning is the BCCDC Food Costs and Climate Impacts Report that I was working on it the fall has provided our Village with \$1000, in addition to an honorarium for interviewed participants. By my math, those dollars have been supporting the Tahsis Buyers Club Good Food Box program travel expense and it is only this next round, that I plan to go get tomorrow for the 10 recipients, that will go beyond that money.

It's Ocean Week in Canada. For your information, an event is being held in Campbell River on June 8th. I spent Sunday's power outage by the sea, waiting for Sophie & Laura, the #runwyld people who made the great walk from Gold River to Tahsis promoting youth empowerment. My heartfelt congratulations to them and their support teams at Strathcona Park Lodge and beyond.

This list of June derbies was provided to me by NSWWS stewardship coordinator.

June 14-17

Kyuquot Rugged Point Lodge Women's

June 16-17

Zeballos Reel Obsession Hardcore Salmon

June 24-25

Moutcha Bay Salmon Enhancement.

Submitted respectfully,

S. Fowler

Councillor Northcott

I attended the library board meeting last weekend and we passed the facilities master plan. In the three different criteria categories to set priority, Tahsis is in the top four for having library replacement.

Councillor Elliott

No Report

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0248/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

Bylaws

- 1 **Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023.**
Adoption

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0249/2023

THAT the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 be received for consideration for adoption

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0250/2023

THAT the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 be considered and finally passed and adopted this 6th day of June, 2023

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

- 1 **May 9, 2023 letter from Mayor Ruth Hoyte, District of Coldstream to Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing Re: Homes for People Action Plan.**
- 2 **March 17, 2023 letter from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation Re: Cryptocurrency Mining in B.C.**
- 3 **May 28, 2023 letter from Westview Marina Re: "Under the Sea" July 15 "On the Sea" Fire Works Celebration**

4 A letter from Sharon Gregson Re: Urgent - UBCM Child Care Resolution

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0251/2023

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0252/2023

THAT correspondence item # 3 and 4 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

Correspondence Items Discussed

3 May 28, 2023 letter from Westview Marina Re: “Under the Sea” July 15 “On the Sea” Fire Works Celebration

There was a brief discussion regarding the use of fireworks for this event.

4 A letter from Sharon Gregson Re: Urgent - UBCM Child Care Resolution

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0253/2023

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education and Child Care is responsible for B.C.’s \$10/day child care program, and ChildCareBC’s growing system of universal child care has been life-changing for families, with demand far outstripping supply;

AND WHEREAS the current grant-based process to expand universal child care relies on grant applicants to coordinate all aspects of design and implementation, and local and Indigenous governments and non-profit organizations often lack the resources to successfully manage this process in accordance with UBCM-funded child care needs assessments and action plans:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that while the Province continues to rely on individual grant applicants to plan and develop child care expansion, that instead, the Province provide multi-year funding to local and Indigenous governments and non-profit organizations to support resources to coordinate this process:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Ministry of Education and Child Care to replace the current grant-based application process with a systematic expansion of universal child care that upholds UNDRIP obligations and supports the involvement of, but does not rely on, local and Indigenous governments and non-profit organizations to coordinate design and implementation.

CARRIED

M. New Business

1 2023 UBCM Convention - Meeting Requests with Premier David Eby, KC and Cabinet Ministers

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0254/2023

THAT the May 24, 2023 letters from Premier David Eby, KC and Minister Anne Kang and the spreadsheet of previous cabinet minister meetings from 2016-2022 be received.

CARRIED

2 2023 UBCM Convention - Meeting requests with Provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) staff

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0255/2023

THAT the 2023 UBCM Convention Provincial Appointment Book be received

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0256/2023

THAT meeting requests be made with the following Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and/ or Corporation (MACC) staff to discuss the following issues:

CARRIED

<u>Minister/Ministry</u>	<u>Proposed Issues</u>
Forests	Community forest, Head Bay FSR, Old Growth Strategic Review/Management
Education	Teacher recruitment/retention?
Environment and Climate Change Strategy	Remediation of WFP former hemlock mill site
Transportation and Infrastructure	Head Bay FSR, public transportation
Agriculture and Food	Food security
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship	Aquaculture
Municipal Affairs	Local government elections staffing and protection of staff, training for elected
Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation	Head Bay FSR
Finance (BC Public Service Agency)	Provincial government policy and encouragement for BC public servants to work remotely

Mental Health and Addictions	Lack of services?
Public Safety and Solicitor General	Nootka Sound Detachment resourcing, lack of coordination with social agencies
RCMP "E" Division	As per above
Emergency Management and Climate Readiness	Head Bay FSR, tsunami sensors
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	Head Bay FSR
Housing	Head Bay FSR
Tourism	Head Bay FSR
Labour	Head Bay FSR
Health	Tahsis Health Clinic service levels?
BC Hydro	Alternative/emergency power source funding

3 Council Fowler's notice of motion Re: Upcoming fishing derbies in Kyuquot and Zeballos under New Business as "M3".

WHEREAS our seasonal economic development in the Village of Tahsis is inextricably linked with salmon streams and watershed enhancements

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to advocate for new and returning members of the Nootka Sound Watershed Society by allowing representatives to travel to Kyuquot & Zeballos for their upcoming derbies in June.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to budget in future years to make it a regular practice to be Nootka Salmon ambassadors for the region and promoting wilderness marine recreation and food security.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on affordable housing and suggested to Council to look at the possibility of a float home community.

A member of the public further commented about float home and foreshore leases.

A member of the public questioned whether the Good Food Box Program is a home based business and asked for proof of its' non-profit status.

Adjournment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0257/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned 8:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 4th day of July, 2023

Chief Administrative Officer



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Committee of the Whole Meeting
Date	June 20, 2023
Time	1.00 p.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Meggan Joseph	
Absent	Councillor Douglas Elliott	
Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance John Manson, P.Eng., Municipal Engineer Janet StDenis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by video by video by video
Guests	Kevin Brooks, Division Manager Planning, McElhanney Ltd. Bruce Carpenter, Property Owner, Rugged Mountain Mobile Home Park	by video by video
Public	2 members of the public	(1 by video)

Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1 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 046/2023

THAT the Agenda for the June 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

H. Business Arising	1	Rezoning Application for Rugged Mountain Mobile Home Park (Plan VIP 53172, Lot A, DL 595, Nootka Land District and title search).	
		Fowler: COW 047/2023 THAT these documents be received.	
		Kevin Brooks, Division Manager Planning with McElhanney spoke to the rezoning application proposal for Rugged Mountain Mobile Home Park (presentation attached).	
		Fowler: COW 048/2023 THAT the property owner be permitted to speak to his rezoning application for Rugged Mountain Mobile Home Park.	CARRIED
		The Rugged Mountain Mobile Home Park property owner spoke to his rezoning proposal to permit us to include recreation vehicles and tiny homes and his vision for the property and responded to Council's questions and concerns.	
		Kevin Brooks, outlined the "next steps" in the rezoning process.	
M. New Business	1	Village of Tahsis - 2022 Annual Report	
		Fowler: COW 049/2023 THAT the Village of Tahsis 2022 Annual Report be received.	CARRIED
		Fowler: COW 050/2023 THAT the public be permitted to speak.	
		A request from a member of the public was made to make this report available for 14 days as per Community Charter, section 99.	
		Northcott: COW 051/2023 THAT Council table the 2022 Annual Report.	CARRIED
	2	Report to Council Re: 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Village of Tahsis 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)	
		Fowler: COW 052/2023 THAT the Report to Council Re: 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be received.	CARRIED

Fowler: COW 053/2023

THAT the Village of Tahsis 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be received.

CARRIED

The Director of Finance spoke to the Statement of Financial Information Report. Topics included were the reporting requirements, audited financial statements, guarantee and indemnity agreements, remuneration and expenses, severance agreements, payments to suppliers of goods and services and the 2022 Management Report.

Fowler: COW 054/2023

THAT the Village of Tahsis 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be approved and posted to the Village's website.

CARRIED**Adjournment****Fowler: COW 055/2023**

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
4th day of July, 2023

Corporate Officer

Rugged Mountain Rd. Rezoning Proposal

Council Meeting
June 20, 2023

Kevin Brooks, MPlan, RPP
kbrooks@mcelhanney.com



Proposal

To rezone to allow for the permanent residency of Recreational Vehicles and Tiny Homes within the existing mobile home park.



Official Community Plan

- Property is designated Residential under the OCP



Key Considerations

- Housing Affordability Policies
- Rental Housing Policies
- Residential Designation Policies
- Falls within the Anthropogenic Hazard DP area

Zoning

- Property is zoned RM-2

Principal Uses	Accessory Uses
Mobile homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accessory building or structure community care facility home-based business professional occupation urban agricultural use
Minimum Setbacks	
<p>A seven point five (7.5) metre minimum yard shall be maintained along all exterior property lines in a mobile home park.</p> <p>No mobile home shall be located within seven (7) metres of another mobile home.</p> <p>No part of any mobile home, or any addition or accessory building shall be located:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> within two (2) metres of an internal access road right-of-way or common parking area; within two (2) metres of rear and side mobile home space lines. 	
Maximum Density	
Mobile home park	20 dwelling unit per hectare
Maximum Height	
All buildings and structures	10 metres
Maximum Lot Coverage	
Mobile home and additions to it (exclusive of carport)	35%
Addition to a mobile home (exclusive of carport and/or patio)	20%
Minimum Lot Size and Lot Frontage	
Minimum area	325 square metres
Minimum frontage when abutting an internal roadway right-of-way	12 metres
Minimum frontage when abutting a cul-de-sac or panhandle mobile home space	6 metres (unless otherwise approved by Council)
Conditions of Use	
<p>4) Mobile Home Space/Lot</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> each mobile home space shall be clearly marked off by suitable means; all mobile home spaces shall be properly drained, clearly numbered and have a clearly discernible mobile home pad of compacted gravel or be surfaced with asphalt or concrete pavement; no more than one mobile home shall be located on a mobile home space. 	
5) Street Parking	

Key Considerations

- Should amenities be required as a condition of zoning?
- Should there be a maximum number of RVs/Tiny Homes versus mobile homes permitted?
- How should “permanent” residency be confirmed and controlled?

Summary

- The proposal is consistent with the OCP.
- The proposal would enable the use of RV and similar design temporary housing options (Tiny Homes) for permanent residency.
- Council can require conditions of the rezoning to encourage permanent residency.

Questions ?



VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: Director of Finance

Date: June 22, 2023

Re: 2023 Capital Commitments and available funding sources

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the current capital commitments and their funding sources, as well as to present newly identified capital projects or scope changes to exiting projects. This report is in response to the request made by Council during the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 23rd, 2023. Its primary objective is to inform the Council about the financial implications resulting from the projected changes in these capital projects and to seek their prioritization and decisions on funding sources.

BACKGROUND

The Village of Tahsis currently has several significant ongoing capital projects, primarily funded by grant funds. These projects include the Wastewater project, Firehall Relocation, Community Pier & Dock, Tahsis Tourist Centre Upgrade and Flood Mitigation Phase 2. These commitments were incorporated into the Village's Five-year Financial Plan bylaw. Please refer to the attached detailed list of capital projects included in the 2023-2027 Capital Plan.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Village of Tahsis received a \$650,000 Growing Communities grant late in the budget process. At that time, use of these funds had not been identified when the five-Year financial plan was set. In addition to this grant, the Village has the following funding sources available:

Funding Sources Available	Amount
Reserve- Capital Works Machinery and equipment	\$ 393,568.00
Reserve-Firehall	\$ 280,331.00
Reserve Rec center Capital works, Machinery & Equipment	\$ 168,597.00
Economic Development Reserve	\$ 33,968.00
Growing Communities Fund	\$ 650,000.00
Covid-19 Safe Restart Grant	\$ 249,000.00
Community Works Fund (Gas Tax)	\$ 545,817.38

Outlined below are the specific eligible uses for each funding source:

Eligible uses of the **Village of Tahsis Reserves** are set out in their respective Reserve bylaw.

Eligible uses of the **Growing Communities Fund** (from the Growing Communities Fund Questions and Answers for Municipalities April 5, 2023):

- Public drinking water supply, treatment facilities and water distribution
- Development finance portions of infrastructure costs that support affordable/attainable housing
- Childcare facilities;
- Municipal or regional capital projects that service, directly or indirectly, neighbouring First Nation communities,
- Wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities;
- Storm water management;
- Solid waste management infrastructure;
- Public safety/emergency management equipment and facilities not funded by senior level government;
- Local road improvements and upgrades;
- Sidewalks, curbing and lighting;
- Active transportation amenities not funded by senior level government;
- Improvements that facilitate transit service;
- Natural hazard mitigation;
- Park additions/maintenance/upgrades including washrooms/meeting space and other amenities; and
- Recreation related amenities.

Eligible use categories for the **Canada Building Community Fund- Community Works Fund**:

- Local Roads Bridges & Active Transportation
- Drinking Water
- Wastewater
- Community energy systems
- Public Transit
- Solid Waste
- Recreation & Sports Infrastructure
- Cultural Infrastructure
- Disaster Mitigation
- Tourism Infrastructure
- Broadband Connectivity
- Firehalls and Fire Stations
- Capacity Building- Asset Management Policy etc

COVID-19 Restart Grant was provided to support local governments with increased operating costs and lower revenues due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and ensure local governments can continue to deliver the services people depend on in the community.

Following the budget process, various updates have been made to existing projects, along with the identification of several new projects. Presented below is a summary of these updates, including their associated costs:

Projects	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source
Purchase of a parcel of land for the purposes of two infrastructure grants (Flood Protection Improvement project Phase 3 and Waste Water Treatment Upgrade and reconfiguration project) .	\$ 46,750	Growing Communities Fund
Replace bridge to dump	\$350,000	Gas Tax-CWF
Cost overrun – dock project (\$200k for crane+ additional overruns)	\$200,000	Growing Communities Fund
Cost overrun Phase 2 of flood project	\$275,000	Growing Communities Fund
Flood pump shelter	\$ 15,000	Growing Communities Fund
Cost overrun fire hall project	\$100,000	Gas Tax-CWF
Rec Centre repairs	\$150,000	Rec Reserve and/or Covid -19 Safe Restart
Village office heat pumps	\$ 50,000	Reserve funds
Council chambers cameras and screens/smart boards	\$ 10,000	Covid-19 Safe Restart
Community Pavilion/tsunami evacuation structure	Unknown	Grants + Growing Communities Fund
Deficiencies in VOT's core assets arising from geo locating exercise (Water/Sewer)	Unknown	Gas Tax-CWF

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

1. Municipality Budget amendment

Changes to the financial plan are sometimes required after the Village's financial plan bylaw has been adopted. The reasons for amendments vary and can include unforeseen emergency events, major project scope changes, budget carry forwards/ and new capital or operating initiatives that result from specific direction from Council. Although staff work to anticipate budgetary requirements based on the latest information, plans sometimes have to be modified to accommodate changes in circumstances or available funding sources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The additional capital projects and associated cost overruns will have financial implications for the Village of Tahsis. The costs will need to be carefully considered in relation to the available funding sources and the potential impact on the Village's overall Capital budget.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

These projects align with Council's priority to repair and replace infrastructure, seeking grant funding whenever possible. This will help council with their long-term capital planning strategies.

RECOMMENDATION

Seeking the Council's prioritization of the capital projects outlined in this report and earmarking the respective funding sources for each project.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adia Mavrikos', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA
Director of Finance

Category	Funding	Project	Description	Status	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Sanitary Sewer	Capital Grants	Sanitary Sewer System upgrades	Upgrades are subject to 73% grant funding (27% contribution from VOT); grant application deadline February 2020	Grant Officially Approved	73,330	366,650	868,961			1,308,941
Sanitary Sewer	LTD- 26.67%	Sanitary Sewer System upgrades	Upgrades are subject to 73% grant funding (27% contribution from VOT); grant application deadline February 2020	Adopted Bylaw LOA #653 and Temp Borrowing		160,020	316,040			476,060
Drinking Water	Gas Tax	Watermain replacement (linked to the sewer main replacement project)	N. Maquinna between Harbour View and Rodgers	High risk; using Class D estimate		150,000	150,000			300,000
Sanitary Sewer	Gas Tax	Sewer main replacement (linked to the Watermain replacement project)	N. Maquinna between Harbour View and Rodgers	High risk; using Class D estimate		150,000	20,000			170,000
Drinking Water	Capital Grants - 100%	Future watermain replacements	TBD					150,000	150,000	150,000
Sanitary Sewer	Capital Grants - 100%	Future sewer main replacements	TBD				150,000	150,000		300,000
Eng. Structures	Capital Grants - 100%	Future roadwork renewal	TBD				150,000	150,000		300,000
Sanitary Sewer	Capital Works Reserve	Lift Station Pump Replacement Plan	Pumps currently exceed expected 10 year life; requires replacement plan	One lift station(#4- outside north treatment)beginning to fail- Replaced in Phase 1 Sewer treatment			20,000	20,000	20,000	60,000
Drainage	Capital Grants	Flood Disaster Mitigation - Dike Improvement Phase 2		Tender Closing July 4, 2023	1,038,877					1,038,877
Drainage	Own reserves - over runs	Flood Disaster Mitigation - Dike Improvement Phase 2	Village is responsible for cost overruns (same for all grants)	Projected cost over runs \$275,000 June 15, 2023						
Drainage		Flood Disaster Mitigation - Dike Improvement Phase 3		Awaiting approval- Fall 2023		88,880	810,811	1,703,246		2,602,937
Drainage	LTD	Flood Disaster Mitigation - Dike Improvement Phase 3				11,100	101,351	176,764		289,215
Eng. Structures	Capital Grants	ICIP - Tahsis Loading Pier and Boat Launch Upgrade	Reconfiguration of Airline dock	Design approved by Council Jan 17	75,000	600,547	1,800,000			2,475,547
Buildings	Capital Grants	Tahsis Rec. Centre - Energy system renewal	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant	Waiting on grant approval		1,000,000	1,125,177			2,125,177
Buildings	LTD	Tahsis Rec. Centre - Energy system renewal	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant			250,000	477,098			727,098
Buildings	Recreation Reserves					150,000				150,000
Buildings	Operations Reserve/Surplus	Replace heat pumps	Replace heat pumps in Village office that are no longer operational		-	20,000				20,000

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Category	Funding	Project	Description	Status	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Equipment	Covid Restart	Replace sever	moving the server onto a hybrid system on the cloud and moving public works and rec onto the server.		\$ 10,000					\$ 10,000
Equipment	Covid Restart	Connected Coast		Project moving forward	\$ 100,000					
Buildings	Operations Reserve/Surplus	Village Office Foyer	Address serious deficiencies; need to demolish and rebuild		-	50,000				50,000
Buildings	Capital Grants	Fire Hall Project	Construct a new Fire Hall at CMESS	Grant Approved	483,169	1,169,605	304,901			1,957,675
	LTD	Fire Hall Project				50,000	65,000			115,000
	Firehall reserve	Fire Hall Project			25,000					25,000
Equipment	Capital Works Reserve	Replace garbage truck (used)				160,000				160,000
Equipment	Capital Works Reserve	Replace P/U truck (new)					35,000	35,000		70,000
Equipment	Capital Works Reserve	Replace PW Generator	Sewer/recycling gen 30+ yrs.			100,000				100,000
Equipment	Capital Works Reserve	Replace loader (used)				160,000				160,000
Equipment	Fire Hall Reserve	Fire chief command vehicle (used)					20000			20000
Buildings	Capital Reserve/surplus	Hangar building repairs	Repair deficiencies noted by McElhanney	Bathroom repairs in 2023	7500	100000				107500
Buildings	Capital Grants	Museum/info center upgrades	Repair building deficiencies	Grant approved	100,000	150,000	175,000	72,479		497,479
Buildings	Capital Reserve/surplus	Museum/info center upgrades					6500			
Land	Gas Tax	Site Preparation - VIRL	VOT contribution to a new library - per McElhanney report			132,000				132,000
Land	Capital revenue	Sale of Lots	Alpine lots to be transferred to reserves		50,000					50,000
Equipment	Fire Hall Reserve	Fire Engine #1	Purchase used fire engine (between 2002-2006) as Engine 1 can remain in service as a 2nd line pumper up to 30 years old.	Replace 30-yr old engine 1 in 2024 (place order in 2023?) to meet standards		200,000				200,000
		Total Plan			1,962,876	5,218,802	6,595,839	2,457,488	170,000	16,148,505

Category	Funding	Project	Description	Status	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Funding Sources:					2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Capital Grants					1,770,376	3,375,682	5,384,850	2,225,725	150,000	12,906,633
Gas Tax					0	432,000	170,000	0	0	602,000
Fire Hall Reserve					25,000	200,000	20,000	0	0	245,000
Capital Reserves					7,500	520,000	61,500	55,000	20,000	664,000
Covid Restart					110,000					110,000
Recreation Reserves					0	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
Operations Reserve						70,000	0	0	0	70,000
Long-term Borrowing					0	471,120	959,489	176,764	0	1,607,373
Total					1,912,876	5,218,802	6,595,839	2,457,488	170,000	16,355,005
Capital revenue					50,000					50,000
Sale of Lots					Alpine lots to be transferred to reserves					
					1,962,876	5,218,802	6,595,839	2,457,488	170,000	16,405,005

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: Chief Administrative Officer

Date: May 29, 2023

Re: Code of Conduct – Development of Enforcement Provisions

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide Council with key considerations in developing enforcement provisions for Council's Code of Conduct. To also provide Council with procedural options in developing these provisions.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

1. Strike a Standing Committee pursuant to Council Procedure Bylaw No. 495, 2004 s. 50(1) to "consider, inquire into, report and make recommendations on enforcement provisions for inclusion in Council's Code of Conduct."
2. Council to review other local governments' codes of conduct and then convene a 2-3 hour committee of the whole meeting with staff and legal counsel to discuss and develop the outline of code of conduct enforcement provisions.
3. To satisfy the enforcement provision, add one clause to the Code of Conduct that in the event of an alleged code of conduct breach Council must retain legal counsel to provide on-going legal advice to Council in responding to the allegation and any investigation.
4. Delay this project until 2024.
5. Any other option that Council deems appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

At its March 10, 2023 in camera meeting, Council, in accordance with s. 113.1 of the Community Charter, agreed to review its Code of Conduct, adopted on August 6, 2019, Policy No, 2015 and to amend it by adding a section 7 on enforcement to be developed;
by staff and legal counsel.

1. Key Considerations

As recent experience shows, a Code of Conduct, with or without enforcement provisions, is not necessarily an effective and efficient policy tool to ensure appropriate conduct or to sanction inappropriate conduct. Still, Code of Conduct enforcement could lead to meaningful results in future matters. Moreover, incorporating enforcement processes into the code, instead of using an ad hoc process, has a few advantages:

- Provides certainty and transparency in the process
- Fairness (ensures everyone is treated fairly)
- Possibly improved compliance (stated sanctions might act as deterrent)
- Administrative efficiencies (do not have to develop new processes each time there is an allegation of a code breach)

Again, as Council has learned, Code of Conduct enforcement does not replace other enforcement approaches that are better suited to address the particular type of off-side conduct. Seeking legal advice early in response to a Code of Conduct issue will help Council make informed decisions on which route(s) to pursue based on the fact specifics, Council's needs and the law.

2. Fair Process

Code of conduct enforcement has two stages: has there been a contravention? and, if so, what sanctions should be imposed? The process in answering each question must be fair.

Fairness is more likely ensured if:

- the person affected by the decision participates in the process before the decision is made (e.g., is notified of the allegations, receives all documents and information relied on by the decision-makers, is given the opportunity to respond and is given the opportunity to be represented by legal counsel);
- the decision-makers are open minded (i.e., have no predetermined bias and have no conflict of interest); and
- the decision is based on relevant evidence and, where applicable, the justification for the decision is given to the person affected by it

Other considerations that can arise:

- If an investigation is required, it is difficult to ensure the person conducting the investigation is free from bias or the perception of bias when investigating a colleague or where there is an employer/employee relationship. Retaining an independent third party investigator can improve fairness and public trust in the process.
- While the Community Charter dictates when a meeting must be closed to the public for privacy or other reasons, there may be opportunities to conduct some parts of the enforcement process in an open meeting to enhance public confidence in the process.
- Financial and human resource capacity are required to support the complaint and investigation process.

In developing an enforcement process, fundamental questions will need to be addressed and answered, such as:

- What triggers the process?
- What informal resolution processes are available?
- Who is appointed to investigate and how are appointments made?
- How are complaints initially dealt with and by whom?

- How are complaints investigated?
- How are investigation findings and recommendations report and to whom?
- What actions can be taken once findings have been reported and by whom?
- What range of sanctions should be included?
- What are the considerations when imposing sanctions?

There are multiple answers to each of these questions, all of which have legal, financial, human resource, public accountability, and fairness implications for this council and future councils. To date, Council has not provided guidance on how it wishes to enforce the code of conduct. It is very difficult for staff to anticipate Council's views on the above questions and fundamental questions about the level of detail and the extent of formality to incorporate into an enforcement section in the code.

The options are aimed at generating input from Council to assist staff with developing an enforcement section, assuming Council continues to see value in this.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Community Charter, SBC 2003, Ch. 26

Requirement to consider code of conduct

113.1 (1) Within 6 months after its first regular council meeting following a general local election, a council must decide

- (a) whether to establish a code of conduct for council members, or
- (b) if a code of conduct for council members has already been established, whether it should be reviewed.

(2) Before making a decision under subsection (1), the council must

- (a) consider the prescribed principles for codes of conduct,
- (b) consider the other prescribed matters, if any, and
- (c) comply with the prescribed requirements, if any, including requirements respecting public notice or consultation.

(3) If the council decides, under subsection (1), not to establish a code of conduct or review an existing code of conduct, it must make available to the public, on request, a statement respecting the reasons for its decision.

Tahsis Council Code of Conduct Policy, No. 2015, 2019

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

No Recommendation

Respectfully submitted:

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Mark Tatchell, CAO

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For Inclusion In Public Council Meeting Agenda For July 4, 2023

To Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Davis,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of my correspondence with Mr. Josh Krusell, a lawyer from Stewart McDannold Stuart who has been representing you, Councillor Fowler, Councillor Northcott and Mark Tatchell in response to the negligence claims against you and the other defendants. As you will notice from the content of my letter: your lawyer has perpetually neglected to supply the necessary disclosure of documents over a long period of time.

I am therefore putting you on notice that unless this full and proper disclosure transpires in the very near future, it is my intention to hold you accountable for failing to instruct your lawyer to abide by the rules of court - which has been at my expense.

There is hardly a need to remind you of how long this case has dragged on. I provided you precise details that fully recounted the appalling Village mismanagement of a sewer debacle, at a special council hearing on the issues, in February of 2022. Since then, it is apparent that you have disregarded the facts and neglected to respond appropriately - despite the adverse ruling in *Aedan v The Village of Tahsis* which obligates you and the Village to resolve this matter in good faith instead of wasting more taxpayer funds.

There have already been approximately ten court hearings and this case is scheduled for more, plus an eight day trial. The costs that this Village has already incurred must be substantial and will certainly be excessive if this fiasco proceeds in a manner that disregards the responsibility you have to make wise decisions which safeguard Village funds that property owners are obligated to provide - in the belief that you will honestly safeguard their best interests.

You are the chief executive officer of this municipality and your role includes providing direction and ensuring that this Village is functioning in a manner that is fair and acceptable to all the inhabitants. Disregarding a chronic sewer malfunction is negligent. However, ignoring the court ruling in *Aedan* and authorizing Village management to unnecessarily continue incurring legal expenditures to no avail, is both shameful and unacceptable. It manifests utter disregard for property owners who believe that you will represent their legal rights if they suffer similar catastrophes.

Section 116 of the Community Charter prescribes the powers, duties and functions of the mayor as "*providing leadership to council to assist good governance of the municipality.*" However, based on my observations while attending council meetings; it is apparent that you defer most questions to Mr. Tatchell and reference his comments as being either accurate or sound legal advice. Instead of providing general directions to our municipal officer, I observe that he provides general direction and even legal advice to you.

It is noteworthy that you have consistently refused to answer the many questions I have asked you, both at these meetings and in letters to council. This cannot be equated with taking responsibility, as your role requires. I further believe that this failure violates an acceptable code of conduct. Municipal obligations extend to overseeing that negligence and carelessness are punished rather than being perpetually ignored. Tahsis cannot be governed by limiting resident comments to two minutes and then ignoring and disregarding the public issues that have been raised.

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There have been numerous troublesome Village rulings that have transpired since I started attending council meetings. Councillor Elliott exposed many of these problems. However, instead of conscientiously investigating his concerns and the issues he raised: it is apparent that management must have used considerable taxpayer funds to victimize him and coerce his resignation. These facts need to be comprehensively examined and discussed in an open council meeting. The legal expenditures must be broken down and released to the public: not camouflaged through guarded accounting descriptions that hide specific expenditures.

Each year, under Section 165 and 166 of the Community Charter, the Village is required to develop a five-year financial plan and undertake a public consultation process before the plan is adopted. To my knowledge, there was no proper public consultation process, before adopting the recent financial plan.

In closing, I am resolute in that the problems I have outlined in this letter and the attachments that have been included, must be discussed in an open council meeting and not hidden under a closed meeting category. The problems I have recounted and the Village expenditures that have transpired, involve funds that have been paid to the Village treasury by all Tahsis taxpayers, in the belief that their hard earned tax dollars are not squandered. There needs to be open, accurate and honest records that are accountable - to prevent mismanagement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mervyn Brown', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

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Box 104,
Tahsis, B.C.,
V0P 1X0

June 12, 2023

Dear Mr. Krusell,

Thank you for your emails with an explanation as to why you failed to provide documentation pursuant to the May 5th, 2023 order of Judge Stewart. However, considering that you are a partner of Stewart McDannold Stuart and have utilized this company reference while representing the five defendants in Case C-7686: I am puzzled why you have not received assistance from your partners Peter Johnson and Ryan Bortolin or their five associates, so as to meet the required deadlines - given that this law firm is represented as being open 7 days a week - until 10:50 pm.

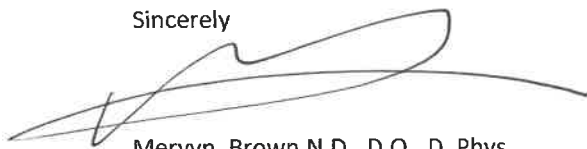
The May 5, 2023 order of Judge Stewart failed to mandate necessary production requirements on behalf of the five defendants that you represent, other than the "*production of documents relevant to the involvement of PEV.*" However, production deadlines were imposed on both the claimant and defendant Waypoint Insurance Services Inc., for the production of additional documents. Regardless, **a demand for production of documents dated September 20, 2022, was served on you almost nine months ago and since that date, you have neglected to produce any of the relevant documents that were requested.**

During a subsequent provincial court hearing you made the comment that you would be prepared to discuss which documents are applicable for production but have since continued refraining from providing any disclosure. This is unacceptable. It is my position that all the documents that I originally requested, are relevant, and must be disclosed along with additional documents related to proceedings that have transpired since that time frame.

Included with this email are four attachments that contain my document submissions that relate to the subject matter of the claims filed against the five defendants you represent. Attachment *img_20230607_001.pdf* is 97 pages; attachment *img_20230607_002.pdf* is 76 pages; attachment *img_20230607_003.pdf* is 23 pages and attachment *img_20230607_004.pdf* is 38 pages. The previous demand for production of documents is being resent as pages 19-20 in the second attachment.

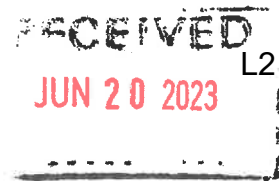
Be advised that if you do not promptly provide full and complete disclosure of all documents that are relevant to the filed claims and other documents I have submitted - as required by law - it will be necessary to compel disclosure and seek additional costs against you and the defendants you represent.

Sincerely



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

cc: Waypoint Insurance Services Inc.
Mayor Davis,
Councillor Fowler
Councillor Northcott
Mark Tatchell



For Inclusion In The Agenda For July 5, 2023 Council Meeting

June 16, 2023

To Mayor & Council

Dear Mayor Davis,

Attached is the copy of a tax bill I recently received for 1021 Cook Street in Tahsis. It demands \$3860.48 as taxes for this property and includes what has been wrongly categorized as "arrear - \$661.75" and " interest on arrears - \$31.73 ". Please have these amounts removed from this property tax statement prior to the due date. This year I have received tax billings for approximately ten thousand dollars and take objection when these figures include a misrepresentation that appears as a calculated attempt to disguise wrongful charges as taxes due.

There should not be a need to remind you of fabrications - after your receipt of my former communications. This billing is indicative of a misplaced attempt to coerce a taxpayer into paying fees that should not have been billed - least of all attached to a property tax statement. Pursuant to the ruling in *Aedan v. Village of Tahsis, 2023 BCCRT 160*, this bill should not have been formulated or mailed by the Village office because it is for the clearance of a blocked lateral-sewer pipe that was discovered to be on Village property. This municipality is obligated to repair it at their expense.

On February 24, 2023, the Civil Resolution Tribunal established the current factual interpretation of the *Village of Tahsis Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw No. 645, 2021*. It emphasized the liability and obligation of the Village of Tahsis, to abide by the terms of this ruling. However, this latest Village billing, indicates that you as Mayor and Mr. Tatchell as your employee, have disregarded this legal interpretation, despite the Village having paid the expenses awarded to Ms. Aedan and thereby accepted the legitimacy of this ruling.

Pursuant to *Aedan v. Village of Tahsis*, the tribunal ruled in the relevant section: " ... *Part D, section 4(a) also says that, if any private connection or municipal system becomes blocked, or fails to function, the owner shall contact the Director, who will determine where the stoppage or blockage is located. I agree with Ms. Aedan that this part of the bylaw shows that the Village, acting through the Director of Infrastructure and Operation, has responsibility to investigate any sewer blockage or stoppage, whether it is suspected to be in a private connection or the municipal system* " ... "In summary, I find the Village is responsible for investigating any blockage found within the sewer system..."

As Mayor of Tahsis, you are the chief executive officer with a fiduciary obligation to oversee the financial health and welfare of Tahsis residents who entrust you to act in good faith and honour municipal law - especially in the legal interpretation of our bylaws that are supposedly established to specify and uniformly control the interests and rights of Village residents. I am sure you don't need to be reminded that homeowners pay your salary through a process of taxation which they have no control over. In response, you are obligated and entrusted to honour these rules and their correct legal interpretation. According to the above referenced ruling; the Village of Tahsis was responsible for investigating and repairing the blockage found at 1021 Cook Street and I should not have been billed for this service. Similarly, for other Tahsis residents who have experienced sewer malfunctions since this Tahsis bylaw was established in 2021.

There is a need for accountability - including penalties when Village management neglect or refuse to abide by the law. However, being culpable and taking responsibility for miscalculations, is also intrinsic to the well being of all Tahsis homeowners who have been a victim of similar circumstances.

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Since the CRT ruling was established, why has there not been an updated report or announcement on this matter, by Council? Surely this is a necessary function of your fiduciary obligation? Why hasn't Village management tracked down homeowners who experienced sewer malfunctions since this bylaw was established and then investigated their circumstances to discover if the Village is required to provide compensation for expenses that were incurred? Why have the implications of this ruling been ignored?

It appears there is a mistaken belief that the sole responsibility of this municipality is to only pay the judgment amount awarded to Ms. Aedan while ignoring the fundamental obligation that this ruling has established. The tribulations of other Tahsis residents who have suffered sewer problems or needlessly expended time and effort on undertaking unpleasant diagnostic work that the Village was obligated to perform, have been disregarded.

The billing I received needs to be reversed. I believe it is apparent that Mr. Tatchell has been lax in his fundamental duty and responsibility to inform residents and taxpayers of a new set of facts. It is my understanding that it was our chief administrative officer who represented the Village in their refusal and/or inability to properly investigate and repair the sewer dilemma of Ms. Aedan and therefore, this ruling appears as a statement on his performance in his role as chief administrative officer. His subsequent failure to promptly inform all Village property owners of this ruling, is further evidence of maladministration. Clearly, it is your responsibility to step in and instruct our administration to obey the law and look after the well-being of all Tahsis residents and property owners, if Mr. Tatchell refuses to do so.

It is my belief that neglecting to communicate significant and far-reaching municipal obligations to property owners, and/or failing to provide a transparent accounting of the latest legal implications; is a breach of your fiduciary duty as the mayor of this Village and its inhabitants. I further believe this failing is indicative of a perpetual and ongoing problem with our Village Council as there is a constant failure to communicate important and necessary details in a timely manner. This epitomizes the need for claims of negligence. Only permitting members of the public to speak for two minutes at council meetings, then refusing to answer their questions or blatantly ignoring the issues presented; is not only an abuse of the democratic process that municipal governments are obligated to honour, but an insult and slap in the face of any Canadian citizen who attempts to abide by and enforce the democracy that this country was founded on. The fact that our provincial government appears reluctant to enforce applicable municipal rules, does not justify their encroachment.

Be advised that if this billing is not promptly reversed and/or continues to remain in the billing for 1021 Cook Street, after the due date, it will be my intention to make this demand, a further claim against you and the Village of Tahsis.

Sincerely



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

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PO BOX 104
TAHSIS BC V0P 1X0

DUE DATE JULY 4, 2023
BY 4:00pm PT

TAXES SET BY
OTHER GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES

If property ownership has changed, please forward this notice to the purchaser

POSTMARKS NOT ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF PAYMENT
IF TAXES ARE DELINQUENT: THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD FOR TAXES ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 UNLESS THE DELINQUENT TAXES WITH INTEREST ARE SOONER PAID.

1021 COOK ST

Class	DESCRIPTION	TAXING JURISDICTION	ASSESSMENT	RATE	CURRENT TAXES	(G) AMOUNT PAYABLE IF ELIGIBLE FOR N & R HOME OWNER GRANT	
						IF UNDER AGE 65	IF 65 AND OVER
1	Residential	Local School	186,200	3.0493	567.78	567.78	567.78
		Total School			567.78	567.78	567.78
		PHOG Basic			0.00	-567.78	-567.78
		Net School			567.78	0.00	0.00
1	Residential	Police Tax	186,200	0.2889	53.79	53.79	53.79
1	Residential	General Municipal Tax	186,200	7.7099	1,435.58	1,435.58	1,435.58
1	Residential	Municipal Finance Auth	186,200	0.0002	0.04	0.04	0.04
1	Residential	Regional District Tax	186,200	0.1627	30.29	30.29	30.29
1	Residential	Reg Hospital Tax	186,200	0.2607	48.54	48.54	48.54
1	Residential	Assessm Auth Tax	186,200	0.0336	6.26	6.26	6.26
1	Residential	Library	186,200	0.1264	23.54	23.54	23.54
1	Residential	CVRD Waste Mgmt	186,200	0.1030	19.18	19.18	19.18
		Gross Gen/Other			1,617.22	1,617.22	1,617.22
		Residual PHOG			0.00	-202.22	-477.22
		Net Gen/Other			1,617.22	1,415.00	1,140.00
UTILITIES					CURRENT TAX PAYABLE	2,185.00	1,415.00
WATER \$ 400.00 SEWER \$ 392.00 GARBAGE \$ 190.00					TOTAL UTILITIES	982.00	982.00
A. PENALTY: 10% will be added to current taxes and utilities remaining unpaid after July 4, 2023, 4:00pm PT.					ARREARS	661.75	661.75
B. If you are eligible for the N & R Home Owner Grant, please claim this grant by July 4, 2023 to avoid penalty on that portion of taxes. Claiming of this grant is not dependent upon payment of taxes. Apply online at: www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant					DELINQUENT	0.00	0.00
C. A grant not claimed by the due date may be claimed if eligible by applying Online at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant by December 31, 2023.					INTEREST ON ARREARS AND DELINQUENT TO JULY 4, 2023	31.73	31.73
D. Interest on arrears and delinquent taxes is calculated from January 1, 2023 at a rate set by the Province of BC.					PREPAYMENT	0.00	0.00
E. Minimum current tax payable under 65: \$350; Minimum current tax payable 65 & over: \$100					TOTAL PAYABLE	3,860.48	3,090.48
					PAYMENT		

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Submissions Pursuant To The Community Charter Rule 99(1)(b)
For Inclusion In Council Agenda For July 4, 2023 And/Or June 30, 2023

June 17, 2023

Dear Mayor Davis & Council,

On Tuesday, June 13, 2023, I attempted to obtain a copy of the agenda for the *Committee of the Whole* and the *Report To Council*, at the Village office but was told by administrative staff that it would not be available until June 16. I attended the Village office again, on that subsequent date, and was provided a copy of the *Agenda* and *Report To Council*. This document specifies that the meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on June 20, 2023. However, please be aware that if this scheduled meeting proceeds on this date and with such short notice, it violates the Community Charter Section 99 (2) which specifies in relevant part "The annual meeting must occur **at least 14 days after the annual report is made available for public inspection** - but no later than June 30."

I am also objecting to the dubious evaluation and lax verification of financial information contained in this report as it only specifies "reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly." It does not specifically verify accuracy or honesty and is distinctly questionable and unreasonable, given the veracity of other interrelated legal claims filed in court against municipal management and public representatives from the Village of Tahsis.

Information has been obtained to indicate that the records as published in the *Report To Council*, need to be forensically examined and substantiated independently, because Village records are reported as having been deliberately withheld by our chief administrative officer, Mark Tatchell, who has allegedly refused to provide copies of official records in response to requests from Councillor Doug Elliott for verification of legal fees, consulting fees, out of town contractor and engineering consultant reports. It is my further understanding that Mr. Tatchell misinformed Councillor Elliott by transmitting communications representing that a resolution from Council was needed before he could provide the requested documentation, and then he subsequently refused to provide such.

The *Report To Council* maintains that external auditors claim to have had "full and free access" to all financial records but there is no official confirmation that these records were personally reviewed, evaluated and independently verified. To the contrary, there is every indication to suspect that these records have been intentionally withheld from public scrutiny. This would violate the principles of legislation established to enforce transparency.

It is apparent that you, Mayor Davis, have delegated responsibility for the integrity of financial information contained in the Management Report, to the chief administrative officer who maintains control over every municipal function in our Village. The *Report* only vaguely specifies that financial statements have been "properly prepared" and are based upon "management's opinion" instead of it being an evaluation and comprehensive examination of appropriate records. It is apparent that this report is primarily dependant on the word of Mr. Tatchell. However, I believe his word is suspect, given his abject refusal to provide Village records to Councillor Elliott.

I do not need to remind you that a claim of gross negligence was filed against Mr. Tatchell in the British Columbia Provincial Court, on July 19 of 2022 - in the case of *Brown v. Village of Tahsis and Mark Tatchell et al.* This lawsuit also includes a claim of negligence against you, Councillor Fowler and Councillor Northcott. However, since the date of filing, there has been no appropriate defence filed against these claims and a complete failure to provide or produce relevant documents to establish facts for a proper defense - despite this request being mailed on September 20, 2022 in a formal demand for the production of documents.

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In view of the circumstances outlined in this letter, I believe the claims of Mr. Tatchell are suspect and his verification of records cannot be assumed as credible. Furthermore, until such time as documentation is properly and fully produced and he provides a reasonable defence against the filed claims, I further believe there is evidence to establish that Mr. Tatchell has flagrantly and repeatedly refused to provide documents that are required to be produced and be available for review, pursuant to the laws of British Columbia.

According to the *Community Charter* 99(1)(b) and (2), the Tahsis Council is required to: [i] hold a meeting for public consideration of the administration's Report To Council; [ii] consider submissions and questions from the public, at this meeting; [iii] hold this annual meeting at least 14 days after this report was made available for public inspection and [iv] schedule this meeting no later than June 30, 2023.

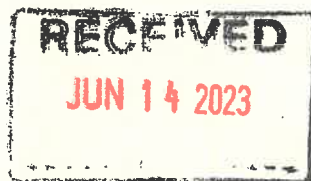
As stated in my opening paragraph, the *Report To Council* was only provided to the public on June 16, 2023 and to reiterate: pursuant to regulations outlined in Section 99 of the *Community Charter*, a meeting to present, approve and evaluate this *Report*, must not be heard before or after June 30, 2023.

Sincerely,

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

cc. Honourable Anne Kang



Tahsis Taxpayers Association

Village of Tahsis
977 South Maquinna Dr
Tahsis, BC
V0P 1X0

Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing to you to formally introduce the Tahsis Taxpayers Association ("TTA"). The TTA's Executive represents a growing group of both residential and commercial stakeholders, who are looking to become more involved in the financial affairs of the Village. The TTA's primary mandate is to hear the concerns of our members and bring them to decision-makers, so that tax dollars and grant monies are expensed (or not) in a manner that has a minimal impact on overall taxation. Much like Council, the TTA is a reflection of those who voted us into positions of power, and as such I would request that Council please consider adding the TTA to the list of stakeholders for invitation to any meetings where there is a potential financial impact to residents.

I would also encourage the Mayor to reach out to me for a more personal meeting, whereby we can discuss how we can work together to ensure that our constituent's voices are heard and how we can keep respectful dialogue with the understanding that any questions or criticisms are respectful and necessary for a functional democracy. I understand that not all points of view with regard to the use of taxpayer dollars will be agreed upon; however, dissenting views must be heard to ensure robust debate and discussion.

I can be reached at 250-268-2070 or at tahsistaxpayer.president@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Derrick Kasper, *President*
Cc: CAO



Darlene Hedrick
22 Edith Road, P.O. Box 186
Tahsis, B. C. V0P 1X0

June 10th, 2023

Mayor & Council, Village of Tahsis,
977 South Maquinna Drive,
Tahsis, B.C. V0P 1X0

ATTENTION: Martin Davis, Mayor, Doug Elliott, Councillor, Sarah Fowler, Councillor, Meghan Joseph, Councillor, Cheryl Northcott, Councillor

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Scotch Broom Bush Infestation

This spring it has become highly evident that Scotch Broom has overtaken both the parking lot at the entrance to the Village and the former mill site, as well as spreading throughout both the lower and upper reaches of the village itself.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/what-we-do/resource-centre/invasive-species/scotch-broom.html> refers to Scotch Broom as *"the poster child of invasive species in British Columbia"*.

Tree Canada <https://treecanada.ca/resources/tree-killers/scotch-broom/> identifies Scotch Broom as *"tree killers"* as it grows in open woodlands, forest openings and clearcuts that suppress native tree seedlings.

Island Trust Conservancy <https://islandtrust.bc.ca/conservancy/protect-nature/care-for-your-land/protect-against-invasives/scotch-broom/> refers to it as highly flammable; a fire hazard.

The Invasive Species Council of BC <https://bcinvasives.ca/invasives/scotch-broom/> recommends taking action and, on their website, suggests contacting *"local government"*.

With such evidence and sound advice in mind we are contacting our local municipal government, The Village of Tahsis Mayor and Council, to express our concerns and offer suggestions which will prove helpful in immediately addressing this issue.

Mayor Davis, as a tree planter, you have probably removed broom bush while employed, which is truly commendable. However, this plant is one tough contender to get rid of permanently and now it has established itself within our village. There is a process to take and it must be done as soon as possible before all those yellow buds burst open up and spew their seeds all over the place...caught in the wind coming up the inlet.

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The citizens who have added their names to this letter encourage all of you to please refer to the **Broom Busters** website: <https://www.broombusters.org/about-broom/> which specifically states: **Cut Broom in Bloom!** As an Island association and registered society, **Broom Busters** gives the best of all information concerning this noxious plant and how to remove it.

As concerned citizens, we are putting forth a suggestion that you contact Western Forests Products who owns and uses both of the properties currently infested with this plant, requesting that they **immediately** cut the broom bloom before it breaks into seed, plus remove all broom debris from both sites. We highly encourage the Village of Tahsis and Western Forest Products to work together to take down and remove this highly invasive plant.

Please note as you go through the **Broom Busters** website that removing all the broom bush both in Tahsis and within areas logged is of benefit to the logging company as Scotch broom is not only a fire hazard but, as broom spreads quickly in clearcuts, it ***"makes forest regrowth difficult to impossible"***. Also of note is the fact these seeds stick to logging vehicle tires and are distributed throughout the areas travelled.

As citizens of Tahsis we encourage Mayor and Council to read about the examples on the **Broom Busters** website of other municipalities on Vancouver Island who have involved themselves; Campbell River, Comox Valley, Cowichan Valley, Ladysmith, Lantzville, Nanaimo, Parksville & Qualicum areas, Alberni Valley and Sooke. They have set an example to follow, if they can do it, **so can we!**

Please do not wait for an open council meeting, please meet amongst yourselves, talk this over and take action. Time is of the essence.

Respectfully yours,

Darlene Hedrick,
ocanada@gmail.com

Cc: Western Forest Products, BC 28, Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0

Attached List of Signatures

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BUST THE BROOM BUSH IN TAHSIS!NAME - Please PrintStreet Address

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Travis Mohr 56 Brabant cres Tahsis BC

Trina Gonsalvi 58 Brabant Cres Tahsis BC

Jim Godwin 58 Brabant Tahsis BC

Kathy Belanger #44 Brabant Tahsis BC

Shawn Thompson #44 Brabant Tahsis B.C.

June 27, 2023

Dear Mayor and Council,

In recent days I have learned that there are plans to install a set of stairs over the flood wall in the valley as a part of the larger project to raise the height of the wall.

In the spirit of accessibility and human centred design I would strongly suggest that this should be a ramp and not stairs.

Installing a ramp would be functional for a larger percentage of our population than stairs. Ramps work better for people using mobility aids (wheelchair's walkers, crutches), people with mobility impairments related to age, injury or disability, people using strollers, young children and even dogs who can face challenges with injury and aging.

A ramp would ensure access to the river is easier for all purposes in the short and long term including for public works or emergency services (eg lawnmower, maintenance gear, rescue gear etc)

It really just makes sense if you look through the lens that I do.

Government dollars should never be used to build barriers for anyone and universal design and/ or human centred design should be used to ensure that the built environment is accessible to the greatest extent possible for the greatest number of people possible.

Proper ADA (US regulation) ramp angles are 1:12 which would mean an 84 ft long ramp.

But you could go as steep as 2:12 for a 42 ft long ramp and you would still be giving many more community members access.

2:12 is considered okay for a wheelchair user who is assisted.

<https://www.omnicalculator.com/construction/ramp-slope>

I really hope that village projects can start to proactively consider accessibility and universal design. The best approach would be to use this lens at the **very beginning** of every proposed project and every grant application. And to follow up on that with robust community engagement opportunities.

I know it isn't a familiar process but this is where the accessibility legislation is headed and it would be worth getting on board with this approach as it rolls out. At some point there will likely be penalties for not working and building in this way. Using this lens is a way of future proofing the infrastructure in Tahsis and spending municipal dollars in the best way possible.

I might add that the other side of the wall could be the subject of a small grant to make some improvements to the walking path and give folks access to some nice riverside spots with picnic tables etc. I walk there with my son in his all-terrain wheelchair and it is manageable but many more community members could access this beautiful riverside path with some improvements.

I would be happy to work with the Village of Tahsis to create processes so this lens is applied consistently. Public engagement with the community as a whole is also very important to ensure feedback has an opportunity to be incorporated into project plans where possible. I have a certificate in Universal Design from Access BC, have paid professional experience and have spent the last 6 years working with and advising all levels of government on accessibility and inclusion. This includes my appointment to federal and provincial advisories as well as volunteer work on the Cumberland access & inclusion committee. As a professional in this area and a dedicated member of this community for almost 20 years, I am here to assist.

Sincerely,

Brenda Lenahan
589 Cardiac Climb

From:
Sent: May 25, 2023 3:41 PM
To:
Subject: FW: BC Hydro Community Relations Annual Report: Vancouver Island - Sunshine Coast
Attachments: CS-3084-3-CRAnnualReports2022_VancouverIsland-Compressed.pdf

From: Vancouver Island <vancouverisland@bchydro.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 3:37 PM
Cc: Olynyk, Ted <Ted.Olynyk@bchydro.com>
Subject: BC Hydro Community Relations Annual Report: Vancouver Island - Sunshine Coast

Good Afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Vancouver Island – Sunshine Coast Community Relations Annual Report.
Feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

Thank you,



Ted Olynyk
Manager, Vancouver Island-Sunshine Coast
Community Relations

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March 2023

Sunrise in Powell River. Photo courtesy of Greg Williams, North Vancouver Island Design Manager, BC Hydro.

Active Pass Submarine Cable Replacement Project

Many coastal communities are reliant on submarine cables for their electrical service. About 40% of our power is generated on Vancouver Island, with the remainder supplied by two transmission submarine cable systems crossing the Strait of Georgia. The older of the two systems, built in the 1980s, crosses from the Sunshine Coast, over Texada Island and lands at Qualicum Bay. In 2008, new transmission cables replaced the 1950s cable system between Tsawwassen and Duncan. In addition to those two transmission crossings, over 250 kilometres of distribution submarine cables provide power to islands off Vancouver Island.



A team of specialized crew installing submarine cables in Active Pass.

The Active Pass submarine cable system, between Galiano Island and Mayne Island is a short but significant section of the Gulf Island Loop, a submarine cable system that provides electricity to Salt Spring, Pender, Saturna, Mayne and Galiano Islands. Following years of planning, in April 2022, the Active Pass Submarine Cable Replacement Project concluded with the testing and energization of four new cables. The four new cables, spanning a length of 1680 metres installed in the existing right-of-way between Galiano and Mayne Islands, replaced the three-cable system that existed previously and had reached end-of-life.

In addition to the fourth submarine cable acting as a spare cable for redundancy and load growth, the quality of the new cables surpasses the old ones. They are larger in size to offer greater capacity, heavier to provide greater stability, and more robust for additional corrosion and abrasion resistance, with an expected lifespan of 40–50 years.

Vancouver Island has more trees per kilometre of utility power line than any place else in North America; add to that more than 250 kilometres of submarine cables that connect the Island and smaller islands to the provincial grid and it results in many challenges for our crews and planning engineers. We'll never eliminate outages completely, but with the work we do above and below the water we can lessen the impacts on our customers.

Powered by Water

BC Hydro provides clean, reliable and affordable electricity to British Columbians. We generate about 98% clean energy for the province, mostly from our hydroelectric resources.

Message from Chris O’Riley, President & CEO



Hi everyone,

BC Hydro is pleased to share our Community Relations annual report highlighting some of our work in your region. We’re proud to serve communities in all parts of the province.

BC Hydro is one of the largest electric utilities in Canada. We generate and provide electricity to 95 per cent of B.C.’s population and serve approximately five million people. We are powered by water. We have 30 hydroelectric plants, which provide the foundation for our clean, reliable, low-cost power system. This ensures our hydroelectric supply can be used to help B.C. reduce its carbon footprint and mitigate the impacts of climate change both today and for future generations.

Climate change, technological advances, and evolving customer energy needs continue to transform our business. While we navigate these ongoing developments, we have the important responsibility of keeping electricity rates affordable for our customers and funding necessary investments in our system.

Within this report, you’ll find many examples of how we’re working with your communities on a range of initiatives – from regional capital projects and corporate programs, to our Electrification Plan. The plan has us pursuing electrification opportunities in three sectors that account for the most emissions in our province: homes and buildings, transportation, and industry. You can read more at: bchydro.com/electrificationplan.

We’ll continue to encourage conservation as it’s an important part of the Province of B.C.’s climate plan. At the same time, we’ll be offering new programs and incentives to help British Columbians make the switch from fossil fuels to clean hydroelectricity to power their homes, vehicles, and businesses. We’ll also help attract new energy-intensive industries to B.C. and offer programs to reduce the time and costs for new customers to get connected to our grid.

We’ll continue working closely with you to support your community. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Community Relations representatives in your region. We’d be pleased to help.

Sincerely,

Chris O’Riley

President & CEO
BC Hydro

Quick Facts

PROVINCE-WIDE:

Approximately 5 million customers

Electricity is delivered through a network of:

- approximately 80,000 kilometres of transmission and distribution lines
- over 300 substations
- 1 million plus utility poles

VANCOUVER ISLAND – SUNSHINE COAST GENERATING CAPACITY

Ash River	28 MW
Clowhom	33 MW
John Hart	136 MW
Jordan River	170 MW
Ladore	47 MW
Puntledge	24 MW
Strathcona	64 MW

MW = megawatt



Site C update

Located in northeast British Columbia, BC Hydro's Site C Clean Energy Project will be the third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River.

Construction on the Site C project began in July 2015. The project is more than two-thirds complete and on schedule to have all six generating units fully in-service in 2025.

The Site C powerhouse building structure is finished, the new substation and transmission lines are already in-service and work on the earthfill dam is about 70 per cent complete. Over the next year, work will continue on the earthfill dam to reach the necessary elevation gains in preparation for reservoir filling.

The project hit peak construction in the summer of 2022 with more than 5,000 workers. Nearly 70 per cent of workers are from British Columbia and about 1,000 workers are from the local Peace region.

BC Hydro also continued to deliver on several commitments in the region this year. For example, we continued to provide grants to support non-profit organizations in the Peace region through the Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund. As of fall 2022, 73 projects had received more than \$638,000 since the fund was launched in 2016.

The Site C project plays a key role in British Columbia's plan to electrify its economy by encouraging customers to choose clean electricity powered by water over fossil fuels.

Once the project is up and running, Site C will provide British Columbians with 1,100 megawatts of firm capacity and produce about 5,100 gigawatt hours of clean electricity each year. This is the equivalent amount of energy needed to reliably power about 450,000 homes or 1.7 million electric vehicles per year in British Columbia.

Our Plan to Electrify B.C.

BC Hydro will be instrumental in building a sustainable economy in B.C. We'll continue to support conservation efforts, while also offering new programs and incentives to help British Columbians make the switch from fossil fuels to clean hydroelectricity to power their homes, businesses, fleets, and vehicles.

We'll also help to attract new energy-intensive industries to B.C. and offer programs to reduce the time and costs for new customers to get connected to our grid.

Our business-to-business website, choose.bchydro.com, is now live!

The Why Choose B.C.? site was created to promote the Load Attraction Program with businesses and industry – one of the key pillars of our Electrification Plan.

The site is geared towards clean tech and high-tech businesses interested in establishing operations in the province. BC Hydro is offering eligible new customers support and access to favourable industrial rates and funding/incentives for their businesses, as well as support to identify potential industrial sites.

At the same time, we are working with existing customers and municipalities to find capacity and identify suitable industrial sites for these customers. If you have questions about the Load Attraction Program, please contact **Business & Economic Development**.



This aerial view shows Site C's spillways, penstocks, powerhouse and operations building for BC Hydro's third dam along the Peace River.

Regional Information

Generating Stations adapt to extreme weather

Weather in British Columbia over the last few years has proven to be unusual, thanks in part to worldwide climate change. In 2021, our province powered through a heat dome, and an atmospheric river with record-breaking rainfall and floods. In 2022, we tackled widespread droughts, affecting water levels in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. However, our teams have proven to be ready for this new normal.

Extended heat and little rain through the summer and fall in 2022 forced us to adjust our operations to reduce impacts on our communities and the environment. We found that while there was adequate water at our larger facilities and we could easily meet the demand for power, inflows into reservoirs at some of our smaller facilities in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island were at near, or record-breaking, low levels.

Our reservoirs play an important role in managing these dry and hot conditions by using storage and planning releases to provide protection to downstream river flows. While the dry conditions have had an impact on our watersheds, several unregulated natural river systems – not related to BC Hydro – have fared worse, with rivers drying up and thousands of fish killed. Last year, the conditions at many South Coast facilities forced our teams to conserve water in order to protect the fish habitats downstream. In anticipation of these conditions, we began holding back water in July and August to ensure that we would have water storage for later summer and early fall salmon spawning.

The most significant impacts on operations occurred at Puntledge and Campbell River on Vancouver Island, as well as Coquitlam and Stave/Ruskin in the Lower Mainland. Campbell River, for example, broke a 53-year-old record for the month of September with the lowest inflows. To help manage water levels on Vancouver Island, we reduced Puntledge River flows by one-third. By adjusting flows proactively and gradually to conserve the water, we manage the risk of running out of storage and having more sudden or severe drops in flow that can have greater environmental risk.

While many of our smaller systems in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island are under some pressure, there are no concerns about continued power delivery, thanks to our province-wide, integrated system. Most of the electricity generated and used in B.C. is produced by larger facilities in the north and southeast of the province – and while inflows in some of those areas are below normal, there is enough water to meet the province's power needs.



Low water levels at Comox Dam and Strathcona Dam last year

Unusual weather patterns related to climate change are expected to continue in the years ahead and we are constantly adapting to these evolving conditions. Our system is designed and operated to perform safely across a wide range of conditions and extreme events. Some of the ways that we have been preparing for climate change impacts, include:

- Continuously working to improve our weather and inflow forecasting. For example, all coastal watersheds can now be forecasted down to the hour, which improves the forecast accuracy for extreme events.
- Expanding our hydroclimate monitoring technology. This includes custom-made solutions that have been designed inhouse, as well as upgrading snow survey stations to automated, real-time snow and climate stations.
- Investing in capital projects – like spillway gate replacements – that will increase resiliency of the system to climate change.

As we power through the next few years, including the risks and uncertainties of climate change, we will continue the work to protect our services and the environment.

Island Time

When an area is islanded, it is isolated from the rest of the grid and uses local generation that is set up to serve the local load. The system operates with minor variation in frequency, just over or under 60 Hertz, but well within the operating standards.

Islanding happens from time to time and is one of the ways BC Hydro keeps the power on during planned work and power outages. Twice in 2022, we islanded West Coast customers for several days to allow crews to safely replace end-of-life structures on the transmission line near Port Alberni. While islanded, customers in Tofino, Ucluelet, Ahousaht, Salmon Beach, Toquaht Bay and Port Albion were supplied with electricity directly from our Ash River Generating Station, a 28 megawatt (MW) hydroelectric facility located on the north shore of Great Central Lake, near Port Alberni.

A side effect of islanding for customers is that they can experience minor inaccuracy in clocks plugged into electrical power outlets; a loss or gain of about 5 minutes a day until the transmission system is reconnected back into the system. Proving true that time really does slow down on Vancouver Island.



Ash River Generating Station is an important resource that contributes about 6% of BC Hydro's Vancouver Island hydroelectric generation.

Gas vs Electricity

Not surprisingly, the cost of energy is causing growing concern for British Columbians. Home heat is often one of the biggest household expenses. Recent increases in natural gas prices means it's now cheaper to heat with an electric heat pump than a natural gas furnace and a recent [report](#) finds most British Columbians (56 per cent) aren't aware of this cost difference.

Energy costs are soaring in Europe due to the ongoing war in Ukraine and the cost of natural gas in B.C. is also on the rise – up about 31 per cent since the spring of 2022 – with prices set to go even higher for some customers. Despite a rise in cost, nearly half still think it is more expensive to heat with an electric heat pump than with a natural gas furnace, and many who do not use a heat pump said they would not consider switching – often listing the cost of purchase and installation as a top concern. For the average household in B.C., it is less expensive to heat with an electric heat pump than a natural gas furnace. A natural gas furnace costs around \$731/year to operate, compared to \$642/year for an electric heat pump. Switching to an electric heat pump in B.C. where about 98 per cent of the power is from water, the average household's GHG emissions can be reduced by about two tonnes per year.

BC Hydro offers **up to \$3,000 in rebates** for switching from a fossil fuel based system, which can be combined with provincial and federal rebates for a total savings of up to \$11,000 on cost and installation with some municipalities adding additional rebates on top of that. Up to \$2,000 in rebates are available for customers switching from electric baseboard heating.

Facetime

It's ironic that the result from a period of forced isolation, our opportunities for engagement with each other have increased. Conference calls have been replaced with virtual meetings and, while not in person, Microsoft Teams or Zoom meetings have proven to still be personal and inclusive.

At the annual UBCM convention, BC Hydro traditionally met with elected officials in-person on important community issues. During the pandemic, meetings at UBCM were still held albeit virtual with us all ensconced in a corner of our house or office. Now a hybrid model and likely a better product has emerged. BC Hydro still holds meetings with elected officials and other stakeholders, but it has become evident that not everyone needs to be in the same room. It is now easier for our senior leaders and subject matter experts with tight schedules to participate with those unable to travel to the meeting location.

The clear result is that we no longer need to wait for the annual UBCM convention to have our subject matter experts and senior leaders meet with municipal leaders. With the pandemic in the rear-view mirror and new technology at our disposal, we can meet throughout the year. Therefore, I invite all local government officials to not wait for the annual UBCM convention to request a meeting with BC Hydro on issues important for your community. Please do not hesitate to contact **Ted Olynyk** or **Karla Louwers** to arrange a meeting.



BC Hydro Executives and Community Relations staff meet with local government representatives at the 2022 UBCM Convention in Whistler.



Site work has begun to prepare the area around the John Hart Dam in Campbell River for the upcoming John Hart Dam Seismic Upgrade Project. The Project includes seismic upgrades to strengthen the dam so it can withstand a severe earthquake. For more information on this project, as well as the Ladore and Strathcona projects, visit majorprojects.ca

Supporting Communities

Trees and Vegetation Management

Our electrical system is complex and highly efficient, with approximately 80,000 kilometres of overhead transmission and distribution power lines throughout the province. Managing trees and plants around these lines is important for safety and service reliability.

B.C. has some of the tallest and fastest-growing trees in North America. Our vegetation management team regularly inspects trees and other tall vegetation growing under or adjacent to our overhead system to identify potential problems.

Tall, diseased or dead trees can fall or grow into power lines, causing electrical outages.

Vegetation management contractors – we employ professional arborists and foresters that follow strict environmental guidelines – prune or remove trees and vegetation in areas where the lines may be impacted. Furthermore, when an area experiences reliability issues, we assess the local distribution lines for potential tree-related causes.

Even with a proactive management program, more than half of all outages in B.C. are caused by adverse weather causing trees and vegetation to come into contact with our system. For more information, please select bchydro.com/trees.



A BC Hydro transmission line near Upper Campbell Lake

Recreation sites

We maintain a wide range of recreation areas as one part of our efforts to balance the province's energy needs with the preservation of the natural environment.

BC Hydro reservoirs make it possible to provide clean energy to the province. Those reservoirs also serve as recreational sites that many people enjoy for things like hiking, boating, camping and swimming. For more information, please select bchydro.com/recreation.

Community ReGreening Program

BC Hydro is proud to assist local governments through our Community ReGreening Program which supports the planting of trees and other vegetation that help enhance ecological networks across the province. The program also helps to ensure the right trees are planted near our powerlines.

Our ReGreening grants fund small-scale community planting projects and are open to all municipal and Indigenous Nations' governments within BC Hydro's service area. All applications are accepted through our online form.

The application intake for 2023 grant funding closed on January 31, 2023. All applicants will be notified of funding decisions by email within approximately four to six weeks. For more information, please select bchydro.com/regreening. Check back in November for updates on next year's funding cycle.

This past year, successful applications included:

Community	Project	Funding
Campbell River	Lilelana Park Rejuvenation and Nodales Street Tree Replacement	\$7,500
Langford	Willing Pond Enhancement	\$5,525

Courtenay (Comox Valley Regional District)	Seal Bay Park, Bates Entrance Reforestation	\$6,887
Port Hardy	Granville Street Tree Planting	\$4,560
Chemainus (Municipality of North Cowichan)	Kin Beach Park	\$2,974
Texada Island (qathet Regional District)	Texada Island Green Space Beautification	\$7,369
Cumberland	Village Park Tree Planting and Preservation	\$4,875
Victoria	Enhancing Pollinator Habitat at the Welland Orchard	\$1,900
Victoria (District of Saanich)	Cedar Hill Golf Course Planting Phase 2	\$7,500
Courtenay	2022 Tree and Restoration Planting	\$7,200
Victoria (District of Oak Bay)	Midland Road Restoration	\$6,000
Sechelt	Adopt-a-Street Tree	\$7,500
Ladysmith	Kinsmen Park Reforestation	\$3,500
Esquimalt	Esquimalt ReGreening Project	\$7,500

Decorative Wrap Grant Program

Our Decorative Wrap Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipal governments, regional districts and First Nations communities looking to improve the visual aesthetics of a neighbourhood by installing decorative wraps on BC Hydro-owned pad-mounted equipment boxes.

Eligible applicants can receive grant funding of \$350 or \$700 per unit, depending on the size of the equipment box to be wrapped. The funding amount will be determined by BC Hydro during the application review.

This past year, successful applicants for decorative wraps included:

- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- District of Sechelt

The application closing date for each year is September 30. For more information, please select bchydro.com/wraps.



The Town of Sidney added decorative wraps to BC Hydro equipment in their community.

Graffiti removal

Graffiti vandalism is a crime that affects everyone. BC Hydro prioritizes the removal of graffiti that is socially offensive (e.g. obscenities, racial or religious slurs) as well as graffiti that is located in high-profile or sensitive areas (e.g. adjacent to schools, churches, and community centres).

We rely on the public around B.C. to report graffiti on everything from pad-mounted transformer boxes to our buildings. As an alternative, graffiti removal agreements offer financial support to local governments or community groups to remove graffiti on our behalf. For more information on graffiti removal agreements, please contact your local Community Relations office (see last page of this report).

Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program

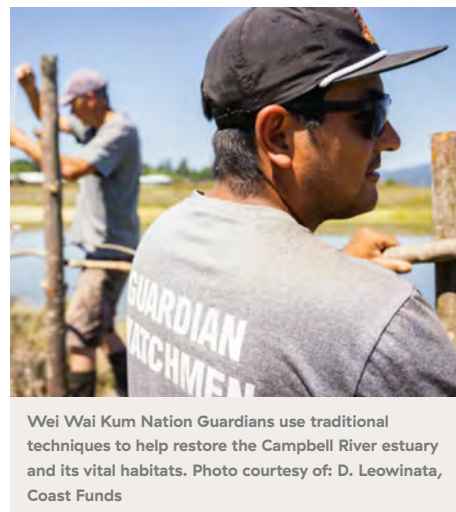
The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

BC Hydro has water licence obligations in the Columbia and Peace regions and has made voluntary commitments to address the impacts of dams in the Coastal Region. BC Hydro fulfills these obligations through the work of the FWCP.

In 2021–2022, the FWCP's Coastal Region board approved 13 projects on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast, for nearly \$700,000 in funding.

These projects are improving salmon spawning habitat in the Campbell River, restoring riparian habitat for salmon at a site of cultural significance to the K'omoks First Nation, enhancing western screech-owl habitat, supporting recovery of endangered Vancouver Island marmots, and using eco-cultural restoration techniques in the Puntledge and Campbell River watersheds.

Since 1999, the FWCP has committed more than \$43 million to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in its Coastal Region. Learn more at fwcp.ca.



Grants-in-lieu

We pay net property tax and grant payments to local governments. The grant program is a provincial government initiative and the amounts paid are determined under the current legislation. Listed below are the grants paid to each community in the Vancouver Island – Sunshine Coast region as of December 31, 2022.

Municipality/District	School taxes*	Grants	Other taxes	Total payments
Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot	0	\$66,673.00	0	\$66,673.00
Village of Alert Bay	\$3,859.66	\$8,595.41	\$1.18	\$12,456.25
City of Campbell River	\$2,749,377.86	\$1,012,332.80	0	\$3,761,710.66
Capital Regional District	0	\$404,807.00	0	\$404,807.00
District of Central Saanich	\$339,757.73	\$277,414.03	\$8,703.10	\$625,874.86
City of Colwood	\$42,764.64	\$147,261.22	0	\$190,025.86
Town of Comox	\$39,610.08	\$118,357.36	0	\$157,967.44
Regional District of Comox Valley	0	\$57,149.00	0	\$57,149.00
City of Courtenay	\$225,661.22	\$443,634.53	\$9,076.08	\$678,371.83
Village of Cumberland	12,096.72	\$35,660.70	0	\$47,757.42
City of Duncan	\$8,853.12	\$58,638.96	0	\$67,492.08
Township of Esquimalt	\$215,858.40	\$313,924.47	0	\$529,782.87
Town of Gibsons	\$67,821.77	\$123,303.03	\$699.42	\$191,824.22
Village of Gold River	\$12,084.00	\$17,634.44	0	\$29,718.44
District of Highlands	\$93,410.59	\$31,906.34	0	\$125,316.93
Town of Ladysmith	\$67,585.01	\$118,721.07	0	\$186,306.08
Village of Lake Cowichan	\$29,278.89	\$37,922.98	\$550.00	\$67,751.87

Municipality/District	School taxes*	Grants	Other taxes	Total payments
City of Langford	\$221,705.79	\$398,883.74	0	\$620,589.53
District of Lantzville	\$106,961.21	\$72,824.62	0	\$179,785.83
District of Metchosin	\$58,939.39	\$59,813.31	0	\$118,752.70
City of Nanaimo	\$830,057.53	\$2,017,091.46	0	\$2,847,148.99
Municipality of North Cowichan	\$902,661.07	\$905,492.07	\$2,101.00	\$1,810,254.14
District of North Saanich	\$123,276.09	\$188,208.51	\$400.00	\$311,884.60
District of Oak Bay	\$37,231.44	\$136,688.52	0	\$173,919.96
City of Parksville	\$42,891.84	\$138,825.53	0	\$181,717.37
City of Port Alberni	\$193,132.97	\$659,768.68	\$136.96	\$853,038.61
Village of Port Alice	\$6,782.35	\$10,481.71	0	\$17,264.06
District of Port Hardy	\$71,491.01	\$94,827.23	\$(0.29)	\$166,317.95
Town of Port McNeill	\$10,048.80	\$42,908.63	0	\$52,957.43
City of Powell River	\$176,946.71	\$203,136.79	\$2,554.00	\$382,637.50
Town of Qualicum Beach	\$119,134.25	\$223,132.26	\$245.00	\$342,511.51
District of Saanich	\$1,137,746.73	\$1,905,594.46	0	\$3,043,341.19
Village of Sayward	\$2,874.72	\$3,832.01	0	\$6,706.73
District of Sechelt	\$69,680.07	\$159,366.23	0	\$229,046.30
Town of Sidney	\$23,411.78	\$123,477.44	0	\$146,889.22
District of Sooke	\$111,018.89	\$161,643.12	0	\$272,662.01
Regional District of Strathcona	0	\$152,399.00	0	\$152,399.00
Regional District of Sunshine Coast	0	\$78,580.00	0	\$78,580.00
Village of Tahsis	\$16,492.75	\$14,861.11	0	\$31,353.86
District of Tofino	\$10,392.24	\$48,943.49	0	\$59,335.73
District of Ucluelet	\$12,325.68	\$39,986.39	0	\$52,312.07
City of Victoria	\$753,641.15	\$1,693,849.55	\$854.86	\$2,448,345.56
Town of View Royal	\$121,851.24	\$154,826.31	0	\$276,677.55
Village of Zeballos	\$2,153.50	\$3,997.04	0	\$6,150.54

* Local governments collect school taxes which are then forwarded to the provincial government to help fund school districts.

Community Grants

By supplying electricity to the people and businesses of this province, we provide an essential and important service. But we also believe in doing more than that. We're offering two types of grants to support non-profit organizations and registered charities that are making a difference in their communities. In 2022, we supported over 60 community-based projects across every region of the province.

Our grants are given out in three focus areas: building the STEM workforce of tomorrow, safety education, and developing a clean and sustainable future. When planning for your project, please keep in mind that our grants have set criteria and application deadlines.

To learn more, please select bchydro.com/grants.

Some of the organizations that we supported in the region this past year included:

Applicant	Project	Community	Grant
Epic Exeo	Beach Cleaning Safety Capacity Enhancement	North Vancouver Island	\$2,000
Discovery Island Emergency Preparedness Association (DIEPA)	Discovery Island Emergency Preparedness Awareness Program	Quadra Island	\$2,500
South Quadra Fire Protection District	Quadra Island Neighbourhood Emergency Response Planning	Quadra Island	\$2,000
Hornby Island Resident's and Ratepayers Association	Reception Centre Upgrades	Hornby Island	\$1,000
Strawberry Isle Marine Research Program	Youth in Marine Sciences Program	Tofino	\$2,000
Nanaimo Area Land Trust	Northfield Marsh Riparian Restoration Project	Nanaimo	\$2,000
Salt Spring Elementary	Solar Pump and Rainwater Collection Project	Salt Spring Island	\$1,000
Saanich Legacy Foundation	Restoration of Kings Road Community Nature Green Space	Greater Victoria	\$1,500

Reliability Performance



We recognize how important the reliable supply of electricity is to our customers. We'll continue to improve, reinforce and maintain the electrical system.

The information below provides a comparison between Fiscal 2021 and Fiscal 2022 for communities in the Vancouver Island–Sunshine Coast region. These statistics include interruptions due to planned outages.

Community	Fiscal 2022 average customer interruption duration (hours)	Fiscal 2021 average customer interruption duration (hours)	Fiscal 2022 average number of interruptions per customer	Fiscal 2021 average number of interruptions per customer
Campbell River	4.88	3.03	4.37	3.17
Courtenay	3.68	2.68	3.78	3.55
Duncan	2.00	5.13	2.94	3.82
Islands Trust	2.48	3.28	8.73	8.91
Nanaimo	1.00	2.15	1.24	1.10
Parksville	1.85	1.64	1.00	1.70
Port Alberni	1.13	2.16	4.51	2.21
Port Hardy	6.56	7.12	16.37	11.02
Powell River	2.11	2.20	4.56	3.93
Qualicum Beach	1.26	2.01	5.64	4.91
Sechelt	3.13	2.56	9.14	4.83
Victoria	1.36	2.21	1.31	0.71

BC Hydro Community Relations

At BC Hydro we build strong relationships to support the unique needs and strengths of the communities we serve. Our Community Relations team does this by listening, providing information and working together with communities. Community Relations is the point of contact for local government, media, local business and community groups. Whether it's for regional capital projects, corporate initiatives and programs, local BC Hydro activities, significant planned outages, emergency response or unplanned power outages, we work hard to meet the needs of our stakeholders and ensure communities are kept informed.

Vancouver Island–Sunshine Coast

If you have questions or comments for us, please contact:

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BC Hydro Guide for Local Government

Quick access to key information on bchydro.com

My Hydro and Energy Savings initiatives	
My Hydro bchydro.com/myhydro/	Log in to manage your account.
Energy Savings Programs bchydro.com/energysavings	Learn how you can be smart with your power. Take advantage of rebates and programs.
Projects	
Capital Projects bchydro.com/projects	Learn more about major projects taking place in your region.
Programs	
Decorative Wrap Grant Program bchydro.com/wraps	Learn about our program that provides financial assistance to municipal governments looking to install decorative wraps on BC Hydro pad-mounted equipment boxes.
Community ReGreening Program bchydro.com/regreening	The regreening program assists municipalities with urban tree planting while helping to make sure appropriate trees are planted around power lines.
Community Giving	
Grants for community groups bchydro.com/grants	Learn about our grants for community groups and how to apply for them.
Scholarships & Endowments bchydro.com/scholarships	We look to build the next generation of engineers, electricians, and many other key roles who will help us deliver clean energy to our customers. Learn about our scholarships and endowments.
Electric vehicles	
Fast charging stations bchydro.com/ev	Learn more about how clean and affordable power makes B.C. a great fit for electric vehicles.
Report an outage	
How to report a power outage bchydro.com/outages	Check the outage map or list to see if we know your power is out. If not, call us at 1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376) or *HYDRO (*49376) on your mobile phone to report it.
Report graffiti	
How to report graffiti on our equipment bchydro.com/graffiti	We rely on the public to report graffiti on everything from our pad-mounted transformer boxes to our buildings.



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BC Hydro
Power smart

Attention: Mayor Davis

c/o : Village of Tahsis

Re: Nootka Sound Watershed Benefit Fund 2023

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) is pleased to introduce the Nootka Sound Watershed Benefit Fund which seeks to requisition donations to further the development of restoration projects throughout Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet.

The Nootka Sound Watershed Society's mission is to actively steward, protect, restore, enhance and manage aquatic resources and their watersheds to sustain prosperous fisheries and eco-systems for the long-term benefit of the communities in the Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet. The NSWS recognizes the Indigenous stewards of these lands and waters and respects their traditional knowledge, cultures and practices. Together we strive to coordinate on sustainable and equitable development and proper management of the Nootka Sound watershed with respect to environmental conservation and Indigenous food sovereignty.

With your business's contribution we can provide stability and sustainability to our small team of staff and leverage funding. In recent years our team has brought in over \$2.3 million through the BC Salmon Restoration Fund, to work with biologists and foresters to enhance salmon rearing habitats.

We look forward to discussing the possibilities for collaboration between the Nootka Sound Watershed Society and your agency. We hope that your business can contribute to the Nootka Sound Watershed Benefit Fund through requisition of profits for the betterment of the Nootka Sound and its vast natural habitat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent O'Neill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kent O'Neill, President
Nootka Sound Watershed Society
<https://www.nootkasound.info/about>

For more information and examples of how to contribute, please reach out to our Stewardship Coordinator, Madison Stewart. nswscoordinator@gmail.com

MINISTRY OF JOBS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

Regional and Rural Development Unit



Ministry of
Jobs, Economic Development
and Innovation

Village of Tahsis
July 4, 2023

Stronger BC Economic Plan

The StrongerBC Economic Plan sets two big goals for B.C - inclusive and clean growth

Inclusive Growth



Supporting People &
Families



Building Resilient
Communities



Advancing true, lasting &
meaningful reconciliation
with Indigenous Peoples

Clean Growth



Meeting B.C.'s Climate
Commitments



Leading on Environmental
& Social Responsibility



Fostering Innovation
across our Economy

Regional and Rural Development Unit Overview

Who we are:

- A team of 39 staff, working throughout the province.
- 5 Directors and an Executive Director
- Part of the Small Business and Economic Development Division (SBED) of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation (JEDI)

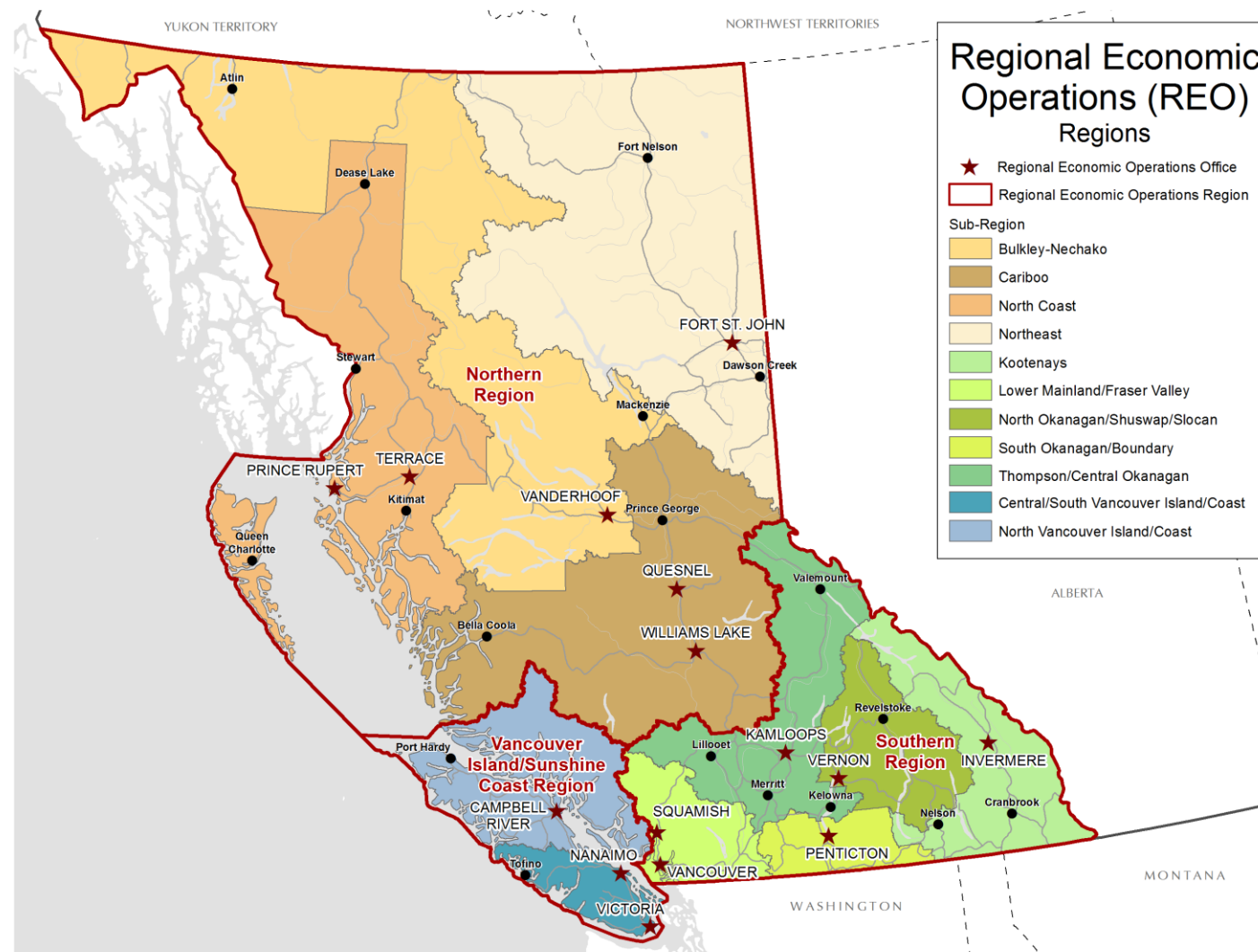
JEDI Leadership:

- Honourable Minister Brenda Bailey
- Fazil Mihar, Deputy Minister
- Chris Rathbone, Assistant Deputy Minister of Small Business & Economic Development Division
- Kimberley Reid, Executive Director

Regional Economic Operations (REO) Regions

- REO has three regional teams
- Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast
 - Northern
 - Southern

Sub-regions within each team are identified on the map



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REO Branch Priorities

- **Economic Development Capacity** – Engaging stakeholders and partners to provide strategic support to build economic development capacity across the province.
- **Business Development** – Supporting business development through Business Retention & Expansion (B, R & E), Investment Readiness, and Sector Development in response to regional needs and opportunities, and in alignment with Ministry strategic objectives.
- **Community Transition & Resiliency** – Providing rapid response and pro-active engagement with at-risk communities to mitigate economic shock and foster economic diversification.
- **Indigenous Economic Development** – Engaging with Indigenous governments and businesses to advance community-led economic development priorities.

REO Branch Priorities in Action

Supporting Local & Regional Economic Development Capacity

Deliver

Deliver on-the-ground support to communities and businesses for investment readiness and business expansion

Assist

Assist First Nations communities with customized workshops and online resources

Develop

Develop tools and resources to increase capacity and strengthen regional economies

Share

Share best practices and raising awareness of available resources



REO Branch Priorities in Action

Providing Support for Business Development and Investment Attraction



Working with communities to support familiarization tours with foreign investor tours



International Trade and Investment Branch investor tours and buyers' missions (virtual and in-person)



Participating in ADM, Parliamentary Secretary, Deputy, and Minister tours



REO Branch Priorities in Action

Supporting Economic Resiliency



Facilitate community economic development strategic planning



Work with communities and regional partners to define and pursue economic development priorities



Identify resources and support communities in accessing support programs



REO Branch Priorities in Action

Coordinating Community Transition Services



Local Government Supports



Worker Transition



Community Services



Economic Development



Worker and Community Supports Programs

Supports to offset economic impacts and build resilient communities

Workers

Skills Training for Employment (PSFS)

Supports training and wrap around services for sustainable employment

WorkBC Employment Services (SDPR)

Supports job-seekers with occupational training, coaching, and job-search assistance

Forest Employment Program (JEDI)

Offers short-term employment opportunities

Bridging to Retirement (LBR)

Supports transition to retirement

Community

Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (JEDI)

Supports communities and non-profits with economic development projects

Community Transition Services (JEDI)

Offers in-community support after job loss

Community Workforce Response Grant (PSFS)

Supports community-driven training initiatives

Business & Industry

BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (JEDI)

Supports businesses with high-value manufacturing and industrial projects

Rural Business & Community Recovery Initiative (JEDI)

Funds business advisors delivered through the B.C. Economic Trusts

Employer Training Grant (PSFS)

Supports employer-driven training initiatives for current employees and new hires

BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund

Quick and direct benefits to communities and workers.

The BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (MJF) will help manufacturing companies modernize, innovate and grow by funding capital projects in all regions of B.C., particularly where affected by economic impacts or downturns.

Program Priorities

- New business lines to make innovative and sustainable use of available fibre and biomaterial
- Are located in rural, remote and forestry-dependent communities
- Have a high degree of readiness, need and direct impact
- Are Indigenous-led or benefit Indigenous Peoples

All manufacturing sectors are eligible, including:

- Forestry
- Aerospace
- Agritech, agrifood and food and beverage processing
- Metals and machinery
- Biomanufacturing
- Industrial

Investment of up to \$180 million

The program intake is OPEN and will remain open for approx. two years, or until all funds are allocated.

Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

Supports economic development through infrastructure and capacity building.

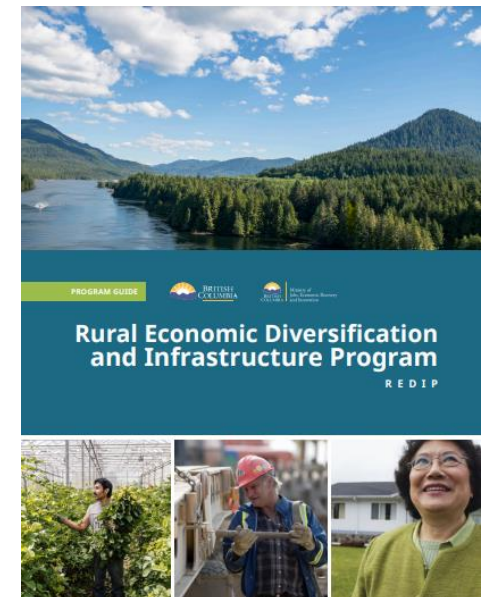
- Includes support for areas experiencing or anticipating impacts by changes in the forest sector, including old growth deferrals.
- \$33M/year over 3 years for rural communities, not-for-profits, and Indigenous governments and organizations
- Grants of up to \$1M for infrastructure and program delivery, and up to \$100,000 for planning and capacity building



Program Intake

1st Intake closed in January 2023

Funding is confirmed for two more fiscal years (through 2023/24, and 2024/25).



REDIP Funding Categories

Economic Capacity (REDIP-EC)

Helps communities build internal capacity for economic development.

Economic Diversification (REDIP-ED)

Funds projects that promote economic diversification and development in rural communities.

REDIP-ED Sub-streams:

- Development
- Implementation

Forest Impact Transition (REDIP-FIT)

Supports economic recovery and transition in communities impacted by changes in the forest sector.

Applications & Prioritization

REDIP-EC	REDIP-ED	REDIP-FIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application based, set intake• Communities with highest need are prioritized.• Up to 100% of eligible costs up to \$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application based, set intake• Projects with highest economic development potential.• Up to 80% of project costs up to \$1,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application based, continual intake• Communities most impacted by forest sector downturn are prioritized.• Up to 100% of project costs up to \$500,000

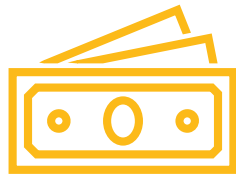
2022-23 First Intake Highlights

Program Uptake



347

Applications
Received



\$125M

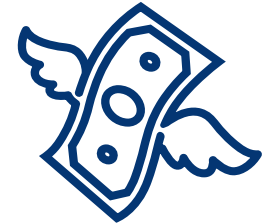
Funding Requested

Outcomes



210

Projects Funded



\$66M

Total Funding
Delivered

2022-23 First Intake Project Examples

REDIP-EC	REDIP-ED	REDIP-FIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village of Zeballos Staff Capacity and Retention Program• Village of Port Alice Economic Development Officer• Director of Economic Development & Community Capacity Building on Cortes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Island North Film Commission (INFLIM) Attracting and Growing BC's Motion Picture Industries in Rural Communities• Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nationk'awat'si Economic Development Indigenous Tourism and Business Center Project• Klahoose First Nation Gorge Harbour RV and Recreational Amenities Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Port McNeill Downtown Waterfront and Community Revitalization Plan• Tahsis Tourist Centre Upgrade• City of Campbell River Installation of a micro-unit marketplace: an incubator ecosystem for small and medium based businesses

See funded projects here: gov.bc.ca/REDIP

Looking Forward



Summer 2023 Intake 2

- Longer intake window



Subscribe: gov.bc.ca/REDIP

- Intake dates
- Updated application materials
- Workshops and learning opportunities



Contact

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Looking for Other Economic Development Tools?

Data

BC Economic Atlas

Community Information Tool

Community Investment
Opportunities Tool

Major Project Inventory

Toolkits

Business Attraction

Strategic Planning

Land Development

Performance Measurement

Funding

Economic Development
Funding and Grant Search

CleanBC Funding Finder Tool

Regional Economic Trusts

gov.bc.ca/economicdevelopment

Looking for Other Funding?

- BC Community Climate Funding Guide for Indigenous communities & local governments - <https://communityclimatefunding.gov.bc.ca/>
- Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/redip>
- Manufacturing Job Fund - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/manufacturing-jobs-fund>
- AgriService Newsletter - https://agriservicebc.campayn.com/contact_list_form/signup/88410
- BC Employer Training Grant - <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/industry-and-employers/bc-employer-training-grant>
- Community Workforce Response Grant - <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/community/community-workforce-response-grant>
- Community and Employer Partnerships Program- <https://www.workbc.ca/discover-employment-services/community-and-employer-partnerships>
- Island Coast Economic Trust – <https://islandcoastaltrust.ca/>
- Pacific Economic Development Canada - <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding.html>
- BC Arts Council - <https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/program/arts-based-community-development/>
- First Peoples Cultural Council - <https://fpcc.ca/>

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