



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	September 12, 2023
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present Mayor Martin Davis
Councillor Sarah Fowler (by video)
Councillor Cheryl Northcott

Absent Councillor Douglas Elliott
Councillor Meggan Joseph

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer (by video)
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance (by video)
Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator (by video)
Lauren Roth, Finance and Administrative Assistant
Wanda Waksdale, Administrative Co-ordinator

Guests Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment

Public 4 Members of the public. (3 by video)

A. Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

None.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0297/2023

THAT the Agenda for the September 12, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

None.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on August 1, 2023.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0298/2023

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of August 1, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 1, 2023.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0299/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 1, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on August 29, 2023.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0300/2023

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes of August 29, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 Code of Conduct- Development of Enforcement Provisions.

Joseph/Northcott: VOT 0265/2023 (July 4th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting)

THAT a combination of option #1 (that Council 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 Councils Code of Conduct) and option #2 (to review other local governments' codes of conduct and then reconvene a 2-3 hour Committee of the Whole Meeting with staff and legal council to discuss and develop the outline of code of conduct enforcement provisions) be approved.

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0301/2023

THAT Mayor Davis and Councillor Northcott be appointed as members of Code of Conduct Enforcement Provisions Standing Committee.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports (written)

Mayor Davis

Back in August, I was invited to the Yuquot Spirit Summerfest, hosted by the Mowachaht/Muchalat First Nation. It was not my first, but I always enjoy spending time there, their traditional summer home. It was well attended and was the first to be held completely outside, due to the large numbers. It was the 100th anniversary of Yuquot being designated a National Historic Site. In attendance were our MLA, Michele Babchuk, Mayor Lott of Gold River, National Parks representatives, as well as writers and historians. I also found time to speak with Chief Maquinna, and Sanford Williams, their master carver, who now has a new building to do his work in. The feast was excellent and gifts were given to all attendees. I brought gifts for the four chiefs, including samples of our excellent Tahsis chocolate from Coal Creek Roasters.

On August 15, I met online with representatives from Fisheries and Oceans in order to speak regarding the federal net pen transition process. I spoke in favour of the transition to closed containment and advocated for investment in other sustainable seafood production methods, including seaweeds, as part of this process. I also spoke regarding reducing federal/provincial barriers to new permitting for alternate seafood production such as shellfish.

At my last Strathcona Regional District meeting, we voted in favour of the SRD establishing a housing service. This will allow us to apply for grants toward creating affordable housing in our region.

I recently learned of pending provincial transportation funding, following the recent provincial transit study. The timing is fortuitous as our regional district has previously been doing its own regional transit study and we will soon be voting on setting up a transit service for the SRD.

People will be aware that we are in phase 2 of our flood mitigation project construction. We have used the low water window to place riprap along two of the more erosion-prone stretches of the river. Effort was made to minimize tree removal, with some alder being removed in order to place riprap. The dike will be raised to prevent overflow in the case of an extreme flood event. The construction of the initial dike has prevented floods in the lower town, which has allowed people there to utilize their lower floors for more than just carports. In addition, effort will be made to re-establish the walking trail along the river side of the dike, with one stairway access being built over the dike.

Councillor Joseph

No report.

Councillor Fowler (verbal report)

I would like to thank Chief Lisa Illes for her service.

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Elliott

No report.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0302/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 August 3, 2023 email from Sasha Prynne, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM to Mayor Davis Re: Tahsis 2023 Next Generation 911.**

- 2 July 26, 2023 letter from UBCM to Mayor and Council Re: Canada Community-Building Fund- First Community Works Fund Payment for 2023/ 2024.**

- 3 August 1, 2023 email from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Re: UBCM Convention - 2023 Student Registration.**

- 4 July 31, 2023 email from Peace River Regional District Board of Directors to Mayor and Council Re: UBCM Resolution - BC Wildfire Service Fire Fighting Equipment.**

- 5 August 14, 2023 Email from Andrea Cyr, Executive Head, Pacific Aquaculture Transition Reminder - Re: Phase 3 Feedback deadline on the Development of an Open-Net Pen Transition Plan.**

- 6 Email from Irine Polyzogopoulos, Uu-a-thluk Communications & Development Coordination, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council and Alison Wale, Uu-a-thluk Capacity Building Coordinator, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council Re: Request for donation for summer Camp program.**

- 7 August 14th, email from Councillor Fowler Re: Climate Caucus, August 14th Newsletter and Call Reminder.**

- 8 August 21, 2023 Email from Deidre Syms, Executive Director, BC Epilepsy Society Re: Request for Proclamation from the Village of Tahsis Mayor and Council to designate March 26, 2024 as International PURPLE DAY for Epilepsy Awareness in the Village of Tahsis.**

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0303/2023

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0304/2023

THAT correspondence items #1, 2 and 7 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

Correspondence Items Discussed

- 1 **August 3, 2023 email from Sasha Prynne, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM to Mayor Davis Re: Tahsis 2023 Next Generation 911.**

Staff spoke to this correspondence by explaining the purpose of the grant funding and coordination with the SRD.

- 2 **July 26, 2023 letter from UBCM to Mayor and Council Re: Canada Community-Building Fund- First Community Works Fund Payment for 2023/ 2024.**

The Director of Finance described the Community Works Fund including the permitted uses of these grant funds.

- 7 **August 14th, email from Councillor Fowler Re: Climate Caucus, August 14th Newsletter and Call Reminder.**

Councillor Fowler spoke to this correspondence item. Councillor Fowler will be making a presentation to Climate Caucus on September 28th.

M. New Business

- 1 **Nootka Sound RCMP – Village of Tahsis report and plans
Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0305/2023

THAT this information be received.

CARRIED

Sgt. Greg Young's presentation included the following issues/concerns: Staffing concerns have been addressed. The detachment is at full strength now (6 members); the RCMP boat will be repaired and back in the water next week; how the condition of the road impacts response time and that an effort will be made to attend community events. Sgt. Young agreed to contact Mainroad North Island regarding the importance of road maintenance in relation to the detachment providing policing service to Tahsis.

- 2 **Report to Council Re: Council Chamber Equipment for Virtual Meetings.**

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0306/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

THE CAO spoke to this report and responded to questions from Council.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0307/2023

THAT option # 2 (Smart Board) be approved.

CARRIED

3 Report to Council Re: Outstanding Daycare Fees

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0308/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

The Director of Finance spoke to the accumulation of unpaid daycare invoices and described the solution staff will implement to rectify the issue. A discussion followed.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0309/2023

THAT Council ask staff for a follow up report in September 2024.

CARRIED

4 Report to Council Re: 2023 Canada Day

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0309/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

5 End of Season Report to Council for the Tahsis Information Centre and Museum.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0310/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

None.

Adjournment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0311/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned 8:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 25th day of September 2023.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and curves, positioned above the title of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Chief Administrative Officer