



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	September 25, 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
Councillor Cheryl Northcott

Absent Councillor Douglas Elliott
Councillor Meggan Joseph

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance
Lauren Roth, Finance and Administrative Assistant (by video)
Graham Bosecker, Acting Fire Chief (by video)

Guests Casey-Faye Longhurst, Protectives Services Assistant, Strathcona Regional District. (by video)

Public 6 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

None.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0312/2023

THAT the Agenda for the September 25, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public commented on Councillor participation/meeting attendance and thanked Council members who regularly attend meetings.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 12, 2023.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0313/2023

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of September 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 12, 2023.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0314/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (verbal report)

I was going to write a report, but I decided to hold off just because of the limited time and I think we're going to be having a Committee of the Whole to discuss our attendance at UBCM.

But, one thing I will say is that there were over 2000 people who attended this year's convention.

Councillor Joseph

Absent.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

I attended the AGM of the Tahsis Auxiliary today at the Seniors Centre and I would like to use my report to Council today to appeal to potential volunteers to get involved in this important organization. I learned the following and wanted to share it.

Auxiliary Affirmation

May we as Auxilians bring comfort and hope to all who are distressed in mind or body.

May we be guided to serve the aged, the ill and the very young.

May we serve with generosity, discretion, and gentleness.

May we have the strength to work diligently and the courage to think and speak with clarity and conviction, without prejudice and pride.

May both wisdom and humility direct our united efforts to do for others as we would have them do for us.

Submitted respectfully,

S. Fowler

Councillor Northcott (written report)

I spent last week at UBCM where the Mayor and I met with six ministers, three parliamentary secretaries, staff from MoTI, and the RCMP E Division commanding officer. That's a total of eleven meetings for those keeping track.

Most of those meetings were encouraging and provided us with some strategies to move forward.

Not surprisingly, our meeting with MoTI was deeply disappointing. I very much appreciate our new RCMP detachment commander sending a letter about the state of the road (included in tonight's correspondence). We handed a copy MoTI staff during our meeting. Their only response was that they'd already seen it.

Council will be having a committee of the whole meeting at 1pm on October 3 to discuss the UBCM meetings and our next steps. I encourage everyone to attend.

I want to thank staff for all the hard work that went into preparing for all these meetings. I'd also like to mention how much I appreciated our MLA, Michelle Babchuk attending a number of our meetings. She provided excellent advice and insight.

I also attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library board meeting on September 16 where we unanimously adopted our 2024 budget.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Councillor Fowler on her re-election to the UBCM executive as small community representative.

Councillor Elliott

Absent.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0315/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

1 Letter from Sergeant Young, Detachment Commander, Nootka Sound RCMP to Ashley Cousins, Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Vancouver Island District, Courteney Area and Julie Brown, Road Foremen, Mainroad North Island Contracting Gold River Re: Head Bay Forest Service Road.

- September 15, 2023 Email from the Local Government Climate Action Program**
2 Team, Climate Partnerships and Engagement Branch Re: Climate Leadership Symposium.

- September 20, 2023 email from Ashley Cousens, Area Manager, Ministry of**
3 Transportation and Infrastructure, Vancouver Island District Re: Head Bay FSR Seasonal Update - Summer 2023.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0316/2023

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0317/2023

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

CARRIED

Correspondence Items Discussed

- 1** Councillor Northcott spoke to correspondence items #1 and #3 and her concerns with the September 20, 2023 email from Ashley Cousens.

Mayor Davis noted Sergeants Young's quick response to Council's request for a letter regarding the condition of the road. This letter was brought forward at UBCM. A stakeholders meeting to discuss the road conditions was suggested.

- September 15, 2023 Email from the Local Government Climate Action Program**
2 Team, Climate Partnerships and Engagement Branch Re: Climate Leadership Symposium.

Councillor Fowler spoke to this correspondence item.

The Director of Finance spoke about the funds the Village has received under the Local Government Community Action Plan (LGCAP). The Village has received \$84,000 of the \$126,000 that the Village will be receiving over three years. These funds have been put in a reserve fund.

CAO spoke about the annual survey that had to be completed in order to receive funding along with potential uses of the funds.

M. New Business

- 1 Report to Council Re: Tsunami Siren #2 Location options**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0318/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this report and the steps taken to determine a location for the 2nd Tsunami Siren. A discussion of the potential locations followed.

Casey- Faye Longhurst, Protective Services Assistant, SRD addressed Council's concerns about the volume and tone of the Tsunami Siren.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on the location options for Tsunami Siren #2.

A member of the public commented on the derogatory comments and negativity on social media towards Tahsis.

Another FB page for Tahsis set up as a "business page" without the ability for comments was suggested.

A member of the public suggested that concepts such as Climate Readiness, Emergency Preparedness and Accessibility in be integrated into every project,

Adjournment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0319/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned 7:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 3rd Day of October 2023.



Chief Administrative Officer