



## **AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of the Village of Tahsis Council  
to be held on November 21, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers  
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive and by electronic means**

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| <b>A. Call to Order</b>              | <b>Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order.</b>  |
| <b>Land Acknowledgement</b>          | <b>Mayor Davis will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.</b> |
| <b>B. Introduction of Late Items</b> | None.   |
| <b>C. Approval of the Agenda</b>     |   |
| <b>D. Petitions and Delegations</b>  | None.   |
| <b>E. Public Input # 1</b>           |   |
| <b>F. Adoption of the Minutes</b>    | <b>1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 7, 2023.</b>                               |
| <b>G. Rise and Report</b>            | None.   |

**H. Business Arising**      1   **Draft Community Questionnaire Re: Head Bay Forest Service Road**

**J. Council Reports**      1   **Mayor Davis**

2   **Councillor Joseph**

3   **Councillor Fowler**

**Attachment #J1 CMESS (PAC) Christmas Bazaar**

4   **Councillor Northcott**

5   **Councillor Elliott**

**K. Bylaws**                      **None.**

**L. Correspondence**      1   **Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Salmon Parks Declaration**

**M. New Business**              **None.**

**N. Public Input #2**

**O. Adjournment**



## Minutes

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

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Meggan Joseph	by video
<b><u>Absent</u></b>	Councillor Douglas Elliott	
<b><u>Staff</u></b>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator Lauren Roth, Finance and Administrative Assistant Wanda Waksdale, Administrative Assistant	by video by video by video by video
<b><u>Public</u></b>	8 Members of the public.	5 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 0342/2023**

**THAT** the Agenda for the November 7, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **D. Petitions and Delegations**

None.

### **E. Public Input # 1**

A member of the public had questions concerning the lock blocks used in the Food Wall Project.

A member of the public had questions on the status of the Community Pier and Dock Project to which Mayor Davis responded.

#### **F. Adoption of the Minutes**

##### **1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 17, 2023**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0343/2023**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of October 17, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### **2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2023.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0344/2023**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 17, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### **3 Minutes of the Public Hearing held on October 23, 2023**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0345/2023**

**THAT** the Public Hearing minutes of October 23, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **H. Business Arising**

##### **1 Report to Council Re: Capital Projects Status Report.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0346/2023**

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

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to the status of the Village's 5 capital projects and responded to the question in public input #1 regarding the lock blocks.

##### **2 McElhanney October 30, 2023 letter Re: Tahsis Dump Road Bridge - project scope and budget.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0347/2023**

**THAT** this letter be received.

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to the McElhanney's proposal for the Tahsis Dump Road Bridge project and responded to questions from Council. A discussion followed.

**Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0348/2023**

**THAT** Council approve the scope and budget for the Tahsis Dump Road Bridge project as per McElhanney's October 30th proposal and approve purchasing the 40 foot steel deck portable bridge from Pacific Industrial Marine, as recommended.

CARRIED

**3 Report to Council Re: Location Recommendation Tahsis Second Tsunami Warning Siren**

**Fowler/Joseph: VOT 0349/2023**

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

CARRIED

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0350/2023**

**THAT** Council approve Option #3 (the Tahsis Health Centre) for the location of the second tsunami warning siren; and **THAT** Council authorizes staff to enter into a co-location agreement with Island Health for installing the tsunami siren at this location.

CARRIED

**J. Council Reports**

**Mayor Davis** (verbal report)

Congratulations to Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation for being approved for a \$11.5 million grant towards their Salmon Parks concept.

**Councillor Joseph**

No report.

**Councillor Fowler (verbal report)**

I have a slide deck from the Tahsis Buyers Club which will be included with the minutes.

Attachment J1 Tahsis Buyers Club slide deck

**Councillor Northcott**

No report.

**Councillor Elliott**

Absent.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0351/2023**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

**K. Bylaws**

**1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 Re: Tiny home and RV permanent Residency- Rugged Mountain Road.**

**1st and 2nd Reading**

**Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0352/2023**

**THAT** Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 be received for consideration.

**CARRIED****Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0353/2023**

**THAT** Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 receive a first reading the 7th day of November, 2023.

**CARRIED****Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0354/2023**

**THAT** Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 receive a second reading the 7th day of November, 2023.

**CARRIED****L. Correspondence**

- 1 **October 19, 2023 letter to Mayor and Council from Silvie Keen, Nootka Gold in Tahsis Re: Economic Development Leadership Exchange.**

- 2 **October 17, 2023 email to Mayor Davis and CAO from Sergeant Greg Young, Detachment Commander, Nootka Sounds RCMP Re: Letter from Dwayne McDonald, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, BC RMCP - regarding actions taken in relation to recruiting and vacancies in BC.**

- 3 **October 18, 2023 letter to Mayor Davis from Dwayne McDonald, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, BC RMCP Re: UBCM Meeting with BC RCMP on September 19, 2023.**

- 4 **October 20, 2023 email from Sarah Herring, Government Relations Officer, BC SPCA Re: Discussions at BC SPCA's Trade Show at the 2023 UBCM Conference.**

- 5 **October 18, 2023 email to Local Governments in BC from Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board Re: Call for immediate action to prevent invasive mussel introduction into BC.**

- 6 **October 20, 2023 email from Brenda Locke, Mayor, Surrey BC Re: Surrey Police Transition.**

- 7 **AVICC (Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities) AGM and Convention April 12-24, 2024**

- 8 **November 1, 2023 letter to Mayor and Council from Mervyn Brown Re: Sewer Issues**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0355/2023**

**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0356/2023**

**THAT** correspondence items # 1,2,3,5 and 7 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- L1 October 19, 2023 letter to Mayor and Council from Silvie Keen, Nootka Gold in Tahsis Re: Economic Development Leadership Exchange.**

Council discussed this conference opportunity. Mayor Davis to follow up with Silvie Keen.

The Village of Tahsis' Rural Business Advisor is unable to attend.

- L2 October 17, 2023 email to Mayor Davis and CAO from Sergeant Greg Young, Detachment Commander, Nootka Sounds RCMP Re: Letter from Dwayne**

Councillor Northcott spoke to this email.

- L3 October 18, 2023 letter to Mayor Davis from Dwayne McDonald, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, BC RMCP Re: UBCM Meeting with BC RCMP on September 19, 2023.**

Mayor Davis and Councillor Northcott spoke about their UBCM meeting with BC RCMP on September, 2023.

- L5 October 18, 2023 email to Local Governments in BC from Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board Re: Call for immediate action to prevent invasive mussel introduction into BC.**

Mayor Davis spoke to this item and Council discussed sending a letter of support and the Staff time required to draft this letter.

**L7 AVICC (Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities) AGM and Convention April 12-24, 2024.**

Councillor spoke to this email. There was a discussion regarding AVICC's 50th Anniversary Slide Show. Councillor Fowler to prepare slide for Council's consideration.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0357/2023**

**THAT** Staff provide Councillor Fowler with the Village Logo for the photo slide.

**M. New Business**

**1 Village of Tahsis draft letter of support Re: Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation - Guest and Medium Term Rental Building.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0358/2023**

**THAT** this draft letter be received.

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to this request.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0359/2023**

**THAT** this letter be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2 2024 - Canada Day Grant Application**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0360/2023**

**THAT** this 2024 Canada Day grant application be received for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0361/2023**

**THAT** this 2024 Canada Day grant application be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3 2024 Appointment for Directors for:**

**a) Strathcona Regional District**

**Northcott:/Fowler VOT 0362/2023**

**THAT Mayor Davis** be appointed as Director for the Strathcona Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**b) Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0363/2023**

**THAT** Mayor Davis be appointed as Director for the Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board.

**CARRIED**



**c) Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0364/2023**

**THAT** Mayor Davis be appointed as Director for the Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board.

**CARRIED**

**d) Vancouver Island Regional Library Board**

**Fowler/Joseph: VOT 0365/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Northcott be appointed as Director for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board

**CARRIED**

**e) Nootka Sound Watershed Society**

**Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0366/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Fowler be appointed as Director for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society.

**CARRIED**

**f) Municipal Insurance Association of BC**

**Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0367/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Fowler be appointed as Director for the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

**CARRIED**

**4 2024 -Appointment of Alternative Directors for:**

**a) Strathcona Regional District Board**

**Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0368/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Fowler be appointed as the Alternative Director for the Strathcona Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**b) Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0369/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Fowler be appointed as the Alternative Director for the Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board.

**CARRIED**

**c) Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0370/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Fowler be appointed as the Alternative Director for the Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board.

**CARRIED**

**d) Vancouver Island Regional Library Board**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0371/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Joseph be appointed as Alternative Director for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

**e) Nootka Sound Watershed Society**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0372/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Joseph be appointed as the Alternative Director for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society.

CARRIED

**f) Municipal Insurance Association of BC**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0373/2023**

**THAT** Councillor Joseph be appointed as the Alternative Director for the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

CARRIED

**5 Report to Council Re: Village of Tahsis Q3 Operating Results**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0374/2023**

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

CARRIED

The Director of Finance provided Council with an overview of the year to date operating results. Variances between projected year to date and actual revenue and expense accounts were reviewed. A modest surplus is projected for year end.

**October 25, 2023 email to Mayor and Council from Ian Thorpe, Chair, Nanaimo**

**6 Regional District Hospital Re: request for a letter of support for Capital Projects for Nanaimo Regional Hospital District.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0375/2023**

**THAT** this letter be received.

CARRIED

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0376/2023**

**THAT** The Village of Tahsis Council provides a letter of support directed to Health Minister Dix for the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District priority capital projects including the new patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab to be located at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

CARRIED

**Resolution to instruct legal counsel for the Village to make an application to the**

**7 BC Supreme Court to disqualify Doug Elliott as a council member for being absent for 4 consecutive regularly scheduled council meetings.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0377/2023**

**THAT** the proposed resolution be received for consideration.

CARRIED

The potential costs of proceeding with the proposed resolution were discussed.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0378/2023**

**THAT, WHEREAS** Councillor Douglas Elliott verbally advised Council at the regularly scheduled meetings of May 2, 2023 and July 4, 2023 that he intended to resign from Council effective September 18, 2023.

**AND WHEREAS** section 121 of the Community Charter, SBC 2003, c. 26 (the "Community Charter") provides that a council member may only resign the member's office by delivering a written resignation to the council at a council meeting or to the corporate officer at any time.

**AND WHEREAS** Councillor Elliott has refused or neglected to deliver his resignation in writing to either Council or the Corporate Officer;

**AND WHEREAS** Councillor Elliott was absent from the regularly scheduled Council meetings held on August 1, 2023, September 12, 2023, September 25, 2023, October 3, 2023, and October 17, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** Councillor Elliott has therefore been absent from Council meetings for a period of more than 60 days and has not attended 4 consecutive regularly scheduled Council meetings, both contrary to section 125(5) of the Community Charter, SBC 2003, c. 26 (the "Community Charter");

**AND WHEREAS** Councillor Elliott has not indicated to Council that his absence from any of the regularly scheduled council meetings was due to illness or injury;

**AND WHEREAS** Council wishes to make an application to the Supreme Court of British Columbia for a declaration, pursuant to sections 111(1) and (6) of the Community Charter, that Councillor Elliott is disqualified from holding office on Council under section 125(5) of the Community Charter;

**AND WHEREAS** section 111(2)(a) of the Community Charter requires that an application made by the Village under section 111(1) of the Community Charter must be approved by a resolution that is adopted by a vote of at least 2/3 of all Council members;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

(a) The Village of Tahsis is authorized to apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia for an order under section 111(6) of the Community Charter declaring that Councillor Elliott is disqualified from holding office on Council under section 125(5) of the Community Charter, and that his seat is vacant, and for an order awarding costs of the proceeding to the Village; and

(b) The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to retain and instruct legal counsel to make the application on behalf of the Village.

**CARRIED****N. Public Input #2**

A member of the public suggested a resolution to AVICC/ UBCM to both lower the costs and streamline the councillor disqualification process.

A member of the public inquired into the of date for the next public hearing for the Zoning Amendment Bylaw to which staff responded.

**Public Exclusion****Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0379/2023**

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

**CARRIED**

**Recess:****Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0380/2023**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting recess at 8:45 p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.

**CARRIED****Reconvene:****Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0391/2023**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting reconvene at 9:06 p.m.

**CARRIED****Rise and Report**

At the November 7th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting that Council approved the motion **THAT** pursuant to Village of Tahsis Indemnity Bylaw No. 347, 1993, that all legal costs incurred by the Village of Tahsis, Mark Tatchell, Martin Davis, Sarah Fowler and Cheryl Northcott in defending themselves in the small claims action brought by Mervyn Brown (File No. C7686, Campbell River Registry) will be paid by the Village of Tahsis; and

**THAT**, under the above referenced bylaw, the Village of Tahsis, Mark Tatchell, Martin Davis, Cheryl Northcott and Sarah Fowler are indemnified by the Village of Tahsis for any claims for damages or other costs arising from the above referenced matter.

**Adjournment****Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0392/2023**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

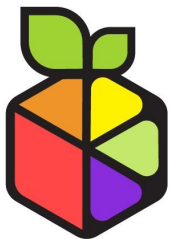
**CARRIED**

Certified Correct this  
21st Day of November, 2023

**Chief Administrative Officer**



**GREENWAYS**  
**LAND TRUST**



**STRATHCONA**  
Good Food Box

# Tahsis Buyers Club

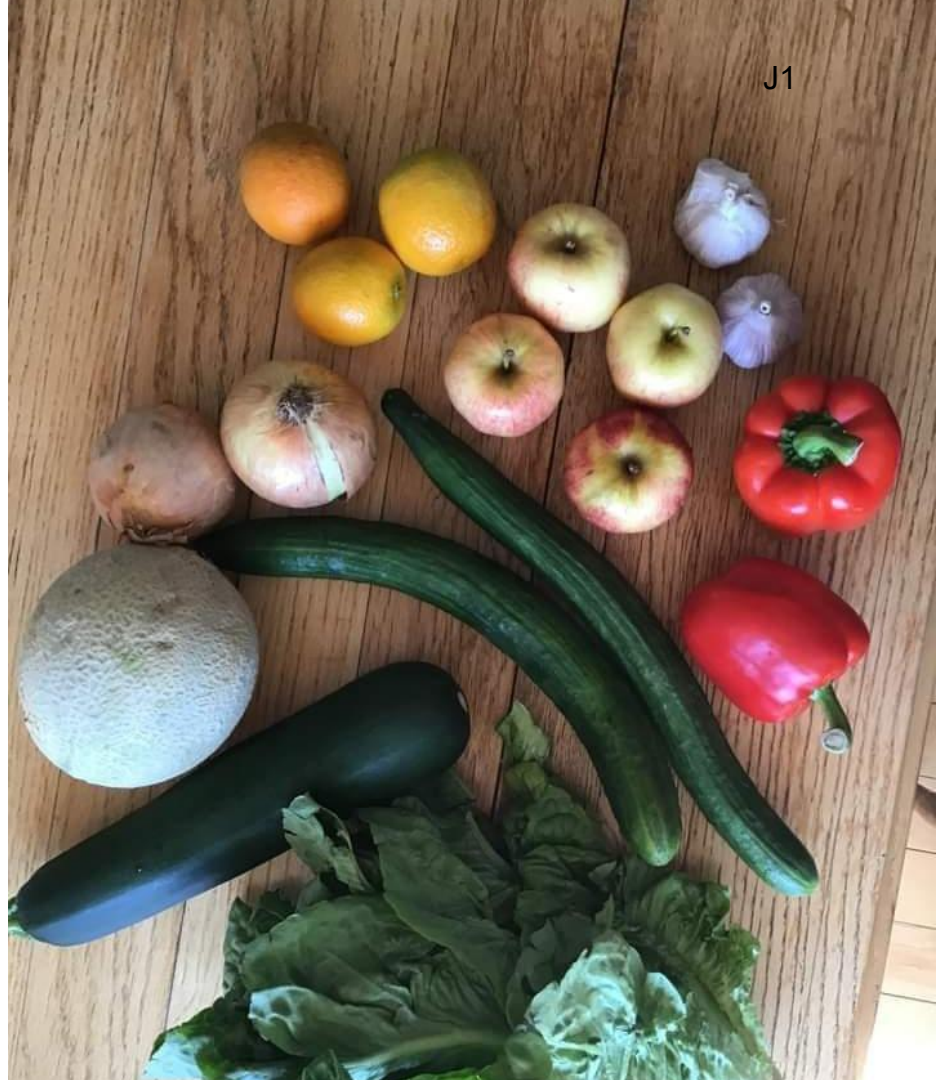
Climate Caucus  
Thursday, September 28, 2023

*Presented by Sarah Fowler*

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# Good Food Box

Pictures from  
facebook group







# River Strathcona Good Food Box Program Order Form

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## Thanks!

Thank you for your order!

[Submit another response](#)

[Create my own form](#)

Powered by Microsoft Forms |

The owner of this form has not provided a privacy statement as to how they will use your response data. Do not provide personal or sensitive information.

| [Terms of use](#)

# Partnerships

- Strathcona Good Food Box & Greenways Land Trust in Campbell River
- Village Veggies in Gold River
- Village of Tahsis
- volunteer drivers
- coordinator/admin
  - United Way (subsidy)
  - Sponsors and Farmers





# Goals

Since I got involved in this program we have had had 15 biweekly orders. A minimum threshold of 5 has been established to respect the contributions of the volunteers who administer it.

The other programs available are the St Vincent Du Paul and Knights of Columbus Christmas hampers.

## FOOD COSTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT STORIES FROM REMOTE COMMUNITIES IN BC

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A SPECIAL ADDENDUM REPORT TO THE FOOD COSTING  
IN BC 2023 REPORT



# Data

Good record keeping and transparency is useful in the building of trust.

Communicating the ups and downs in the program takes up a lot of time and energy. There are two jobs to make this work.

1. The first is submitting orders and can be done remotely.
2. The second is driver/ lifter and requires a working vehicle.



**Tahsis**



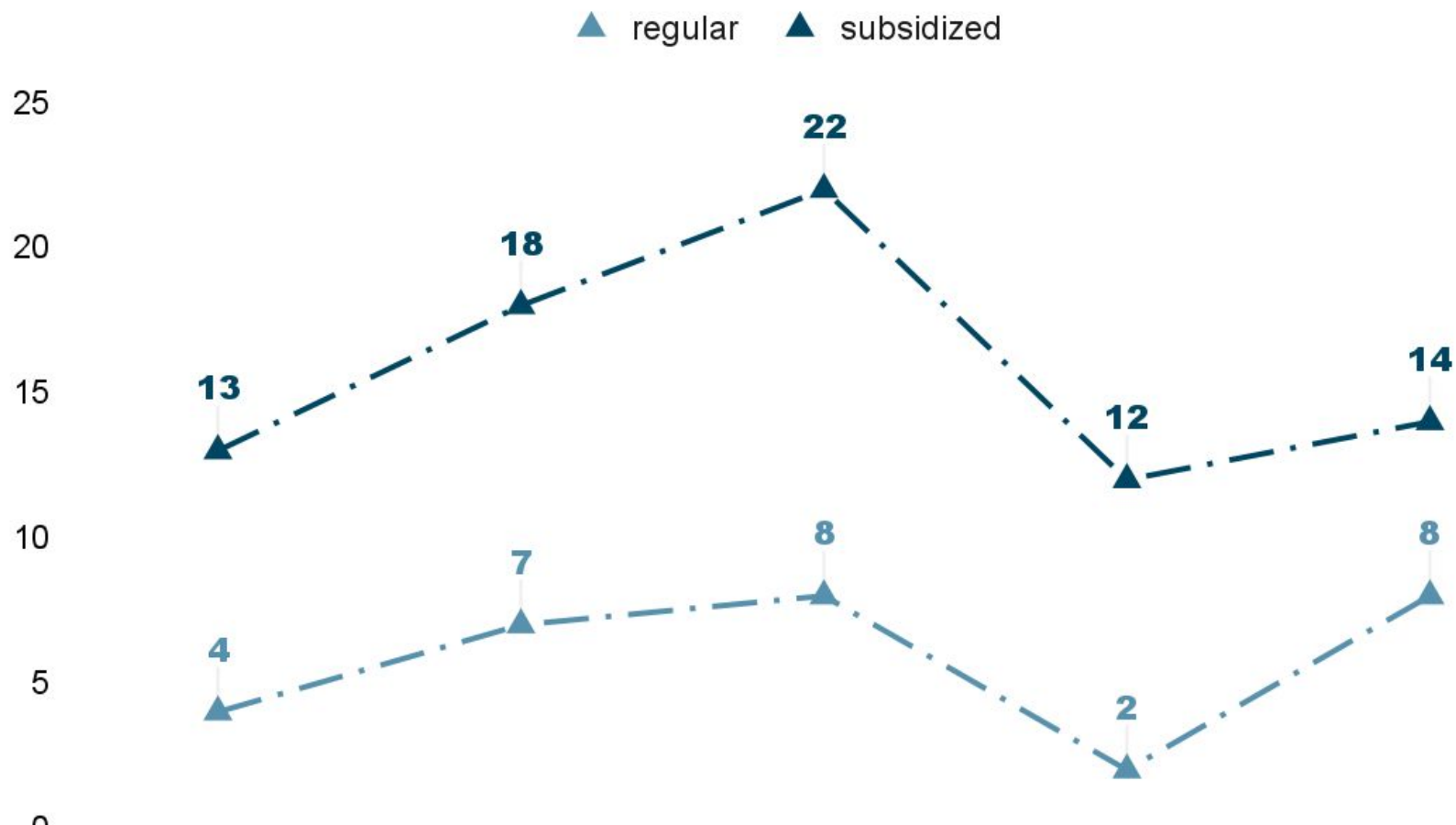
Map of Canadian Province and Territories (Source

Figure 2. Map of Canadian Provinces and Territories

## PHASE 2

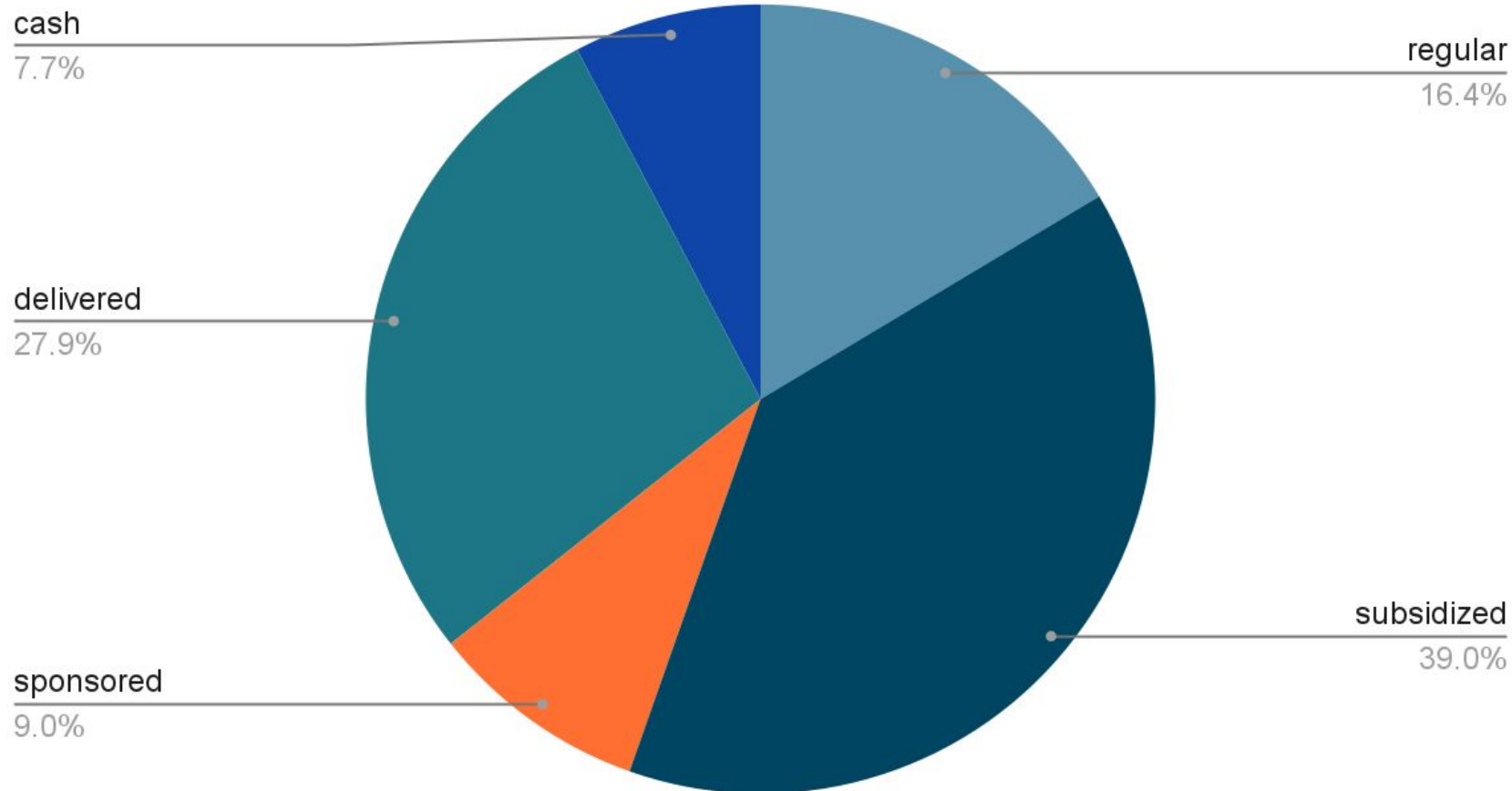
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## the first 5 orders

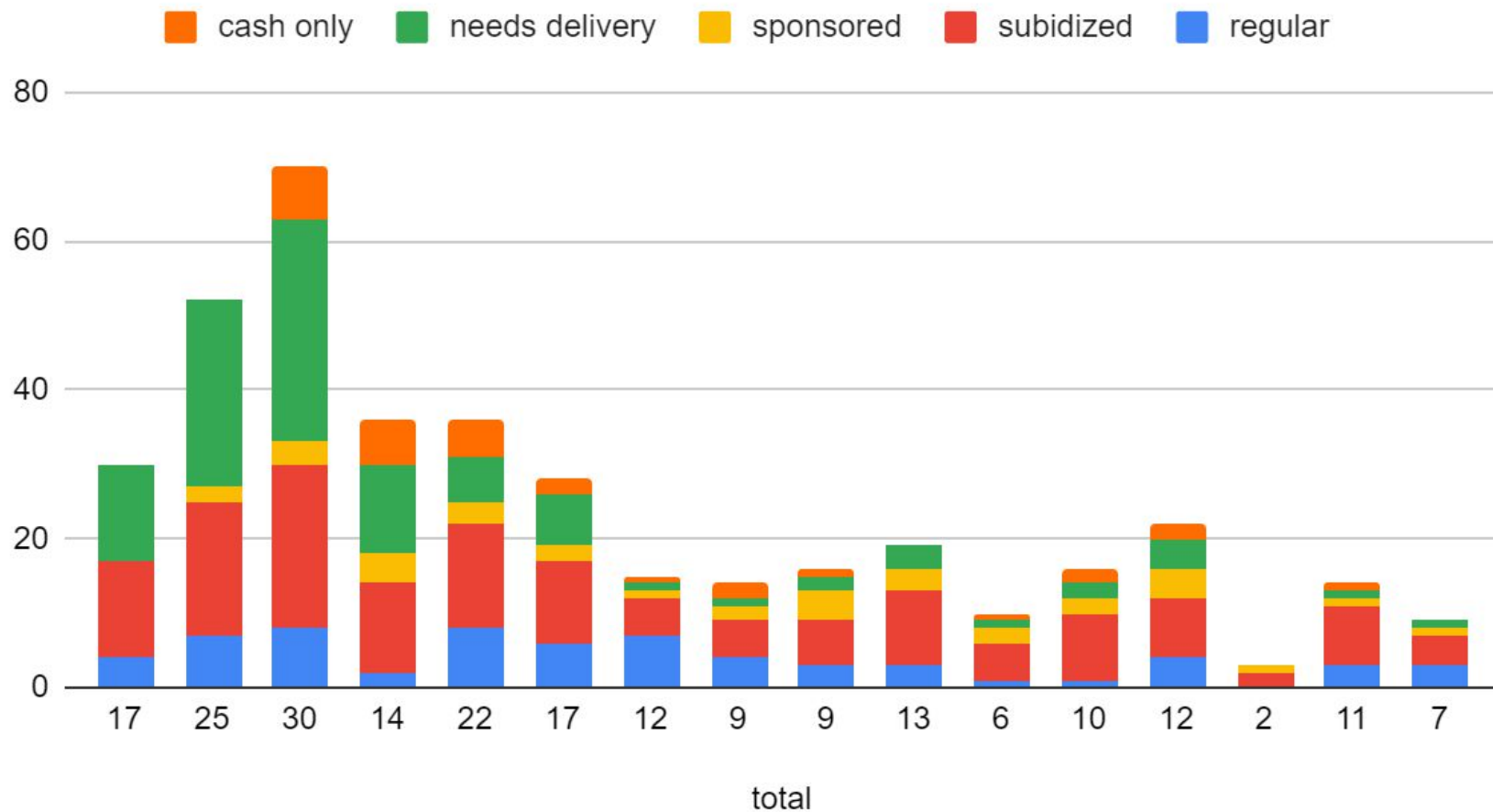


August 6, 2023 (216 / 15= 14 boxes)

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regular, subsidized, sponsored, needs delivery and cash only J1








**What's in  
the bag?**

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# History

At the end of 2022, I restarted the Tahsis Buyers Club. Previously it was administered by someone else who moved away.

I was a customer at that point, but have been involved in food security since 2013. Other initiatives include a CSA box program and a Sunday market, both of which have concluded.



*biweekly fruits*

*tahsis buyers*

# Good food box

*tuesday before 3pm*

**village veggies**

**\$20 subsidized box / \$30 regular**

**[farmeveryfoot@gmail.com](mailto:farmeveryfoot@gmail.com) 250-202-8416 Sarah**

*at recreation center on the following Wednesday 4-6pm*

**nootka together**

5/30/2023	6/7/2023
6/13/2023	6/21/2023
6/27/2023	7/5/2023
7/11/2023	7/19/2023
7/25/2023	8/2/2023
8/8/2023	8/16/2023
8/22/2023	8/30/2023
9/5/2023	9/13/2023
9/19/2023	9/27/2023
10/3/2023	10/11/2023
10/17/2023	10/25/2023
10/31/2023	11/8/2023
11/14/2023	11/22/2023
11/28/2023	12/6/2023

# Future

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The dates to order and pick up at the rec centre to the end of the year are based on when the Sysco truck comes to Gold River.

In the event of vehicle breakdown we have employed the Speedy Boys delivery service to bring in the food, albeit a day later.

The distance we bring the food to the end of the gravel road is 63km (x2) making the round trip 126km on mountainous logging terrain.





# Support

In order to continue growing the network we are always recruiting potential members. I find that looking at what other communities are doing useful in setting milestones.

J1

**The good food box is wonderful, going to have a cauliflower frenzy. Raw with dip, baked smothered in cheddar, and then a big pot of creamy soup! Thankyou Sarah.**



**Pick Up Day!**



# Questions & Comments

Please share stories from your community with us today.

*You are welcome to reach out to me by email.*

*[sfowler@villageoftahsis.com](mailto:sfowler@villageoftahsis.com)*



**Appreciate  
your  
interest  
thanks!**







## **Community Questionnaire Head Bay Forest Service Road**

### **Background**

Two provincial governments ministries – Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and Ministry of Forests (MoF) have responsibility for the Head Bay Forest Service Road (“HBFSR”). Under the Memorandum of Understanding between the two ministries, responsibilities are:

MoTI – road and bridge maintenance, including surface, ditch and culvert maintenance

MoF - road rehabilitation, upgrading and drainage structures (larger than 3 metres)

The Village of Tahsis has no authority or responsibility for maintenance of the HBFSR as it is outside of the municipal boundary.

In 2018, Mainroad North Island Contracting LP (“Mainroad”) was awarded the road maintenance contract for the North Island area (Cook Creek Road to Cape Scott). The maintenance contract is posted on the MoTI website: [mot\\_maintenance\\_agmt\\_revised\\_2020-02-01.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transport/infrastructure/maintenance/mot_maintenance_agmt_revised_2020-02-01.pdf) .

A 2019 survey of Tahsis residents found that the HBFSR was ranked as the most disliked aspect of living in Tahsis and was the top priority for what needs to be improved.

In the 4 years since that survey, complaints about the road conditions continue, even though more sections of the road have been chip sealed.

This questionnaire seeks residents’ and other road users’ views on the HBFSR maintenance and overall condition. It also asks for input on actions to make improvements to the HBFSR. Since many Tahsis property owners do not live in the community year-round, this questionnaire is being used to gather information from as many property owners as possible to help Council with advocating for a better road.

## Instructions

Please respond to the questions. You are not required to answer each question.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the Village Office by mail or in person. Questionnaire drop off boxes are located at the Village Office and the Tahsis Recreation Centre.

Village of Tahsis  
PO Box 219  
Tahsis, BC  
V0P 1X0

Or by email to: [reception@villageoftahsis.com](mailto:reception@villageoftahsis.com)

Please direct your questions to the Village Office at (250)934-6344.

## Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions:

1. When travelling on the HBFSR, are you typically a (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger
2. How often do you travel the HBFSR (out and back trip = 2 times) on average per month each year.	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 8
3. Have you ever contacted Mainroad, MoTI, MLA's office, Minister's Office, the B.C. Ombudsperson or any other agency about the condition of the HBFSR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. If yes, how many times in 2023 did you contact any of the above agencies (or other agencies) or an elected official?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more

<p>5. If no, what was the main reason? (Check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Would not make a difference</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complained previously and no one contacted me</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Too busy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Did not know who to contact</p>	
<p>6. Which agency or person did you contact? (Check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mainroad</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MoTI/Minister's Office</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MLA's office</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B.C. Ombudsperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p>	
<p>7. Did you receive a response to your complaint?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>8. If yes, were you satisfied with the response</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Partially</p>
<p>9. Do you believe lobbying by Tahsis Mayor and Council has been effective in improving the maintenance and overall condition of the HBFSR?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Partially   <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>
<p>10. Do you believe that complaints by Tahsis residents and other road users has been effective in improving the maintenance and condition of the HBFSR?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Partially   <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>
<p>11. Which of the following actions do you support as means to improve the maintenance and overall condition of the HBFSR?</p>	

<input type="checkbox"/> Letter writing campaigns <input type="checkbox"/> Petitions <input type="checkbox"/> Media campaigns (billboards, social media, media events, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting with senior government officials	
12. As part of the Village's lobbying efforts to improve the HBFSR, do you support your property tax dollars being spent on:	
Letter writing campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Media campaigns (e.g., social media)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Meeting with government officials	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
13. MoTI staff regularly drive the HBFSR to assess it for compliance with the maintenance contract. Most times, the road is found to meet the contract specifications for its road classification.  Would you like to receive information from MoTI staff about the road maintenance contract and whether Mainroad is meeting the contract specifications?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
14. As many residents are often dissatisfied with the overall condition of the HBFSR and Mainroad's	



<p>performance, would you support the Village of Tahsis taking on some maintenance, e.g., additional grading, of the HBFSR to improve the road conditions above the service level delivered by Mainroad, even if this action by the Village was opposed by MoTI.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
<p>13. If yes to #13, would you be willing to pay higher property taxes to cover the Village's costs to augment Mainroad's road maintenance work?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
<p>14. A portion of property taxes collected by the Village is sent to the provincial government to fund schools and police. Do you support withholding these funds from the provincial government to protest the condition of the HBFSR?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
<p>15. What other actions should the community, and its elected officials, use to improve the maintenance and condition of the HBFSR?</p>	

Name and contact information (optional)

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## SEASONS GREETINGS



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Dear Business Owner, Neighbours and friends of the Captain Meares Parent's Advisory.

We write to you on behalf of the Parents Advisory Council (PAC) for Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School in Tahsis. Tahsis is a small Village directly west of Campbell river, as our closest city, our residents do the bulk of their shopping there. However our community has a number of international visitors, especially during the summer months when school is out and we welcome everyone to experience our wild coast lifestyle year round and support our students. *We ask that you consider donating a present, gift certificate, good or service or simply make a financial contribution to this worthwhile initiative.* All offers are graciously accepted and shared with winners who then often share the bounty throughout the community.

I hope you will consider our worthy cause in your seasonal giving.

Captain Meares (CMESS) is a small school with a big heart. Due to our very remote location our students do not have easy access to all the same educational opportunities as those in larger centers. Our school budget is small and there are limited funds left to support extracurricular/ education supplies and learning materials. As you are aware, we are fast approaching the holiday season. *This time of year we have our biggest fundraising effort,* which involves collection donations from the business community in our area and beyond. Last year we compiled the generous gifts into a stocking that was raffled off, alongside Christmas dinners kits. The winner was awarded at our Annual School concert, which is well attended by families and open to the community.

Our end of the road location makes it difficult to offer activities like school trips. Each year CMESS PAC focuses on creative ways of fundraising. The funds raised by PAC are crucial to provide our students with a chance to experience new adventures and opportunities. For example, last year we provided every student with a custom school hoodie. We also host special events like pumpkin carving workshops and breakfast with Santa. We purchased a new freezer for our food lab/kitchen and now have a hot lunch offering more regularly. *None of this would be possible without the generosity and support of people like you.* I recall a time when the PAC, in partnership with the school administration, featured a school play. With your help, we can again provide that level of immersive, learning by doing, in community.

On behalf of the CMESS students, families and staff, thank you for any help you can offer.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fowler

CMESS PAC president [cmesspac@viw.sd84.bc.ca](mailto:cmesspac@viw.sd84.bc.ca)

Please contact one of the following members to arrange for the pick up of your generous donation or make inquiries to our school administrator Harmony Neilsen 250-934-6305 or contact me directly 250-202-8416. Alternately my work email is [sfowler@villageoftahsis.com](mailto:sfowler@villageoftahsis.com)



# Backgrounder

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation (MMFN) is excited to announce the declaration of a network of *Salmon Parks* as Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) in our hahuuʔii (territories) under MMFN inherent law and authority. By establishing these *Salmon Parks*, we are carrying out our responsibilities as ʔawiih, as hereditary leaders, as our ancestors have always done.

*Salmon Parks* cover more than 66,000 hectares of critical salmon habitat around Nootka Sound, including some of the last remaining old-growth forest ecosystems on Vancouver Island. These areas are fundamentally connected to the core of Mowachaht/Muchalaht identity and way of life. Cultural sites of significance abound throughout these *Salmon Parks* including spiritual sites, old villages, culturally modified trees, fishing locations, gathering sites, and many others. *Salmon Parks* contain critical habitat for all five species of Pacific salmon as well as steelhead and myriad other at-risk species, including marbled murrelet. The network was chosen to maximize protection of old-growth forests and associated salmon habitat, with an eye to creating connectivity across the landscape. These lands and waters have sustained our people for millenia through to present day.

## OUR PEOPLE

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation is a nuučanʔ (Nuu-chah-nulth) speaking nation located in Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island. Our main community of Tsaxana is located a 5 minute drive north of Gold River. Kʷaaʔuuc (creator) gifted us with the responsibility to govern our hahuuʔii and to take care of each other and all life. In doing so, we are guided by our nuučanʔ laws grounded in the foundational principles of hišukʔiš ɕawaak, meaning 'everything is one', ʔiisaak, meaning 'respect with caring', and ʔuuʔaaʔuk, meaning 'taking care of'. We have always lived in and governed our hahuuʔii practicing the laws passed down by our ancestors and considering the well-being of future generations.

## OUR VISION

In 2019, our haʔwiih identified *Salmon Parks* as key areas in need of immediate protection to prevent extinction and reverse biodiversity loss, address the climate crisis, and strengthen relationships to the land. This Declaration of *Salmon Parks* starts with terrestrial areas where key salmon spawning habitat needs protecting and will include the protection of ocean habitat moving forward. We continue to govern our entire hahuuʔii and intend to establish marine IPCAs. We take guidance from the lifecycle of cedar trees and know that if we stop harmful logging practices in *Salmon Parks*, hundreds of years from now these areas will be old-growth forests for future generations of humans and other beings to thrive in. *Salmon Parks* will foster an economy that shifts away from harmful extractive industries towards an economy that supports the health of all beings in our hahuuʔii. Our people will thrive practicing our culture, language and laws, learning from and living off the land and working as guardians, educators, technicians and managers within these Parks. We are exercising our inherent and Aboriginal rights and title to govern our hahuuʔii.

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS-LED CONSERVATION

Both Canada and British Columbia have committed to international targets to protect 25% of lands and waters by 2025 and 30% by 2030. They have also both committed to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and hold obligations under section 35 of the *Constitution* to recognize our Aboriginal rights and title. In November 2023, Canada, British Columbia and the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) signed a Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation to strengthen Indigenous-led conservation efforts province-wide. We are encouraged by these actions and see *Salmon Parks* as an opportunity to help Canada and British Columbia meet their protected area targets and further reconciliation with our Nation.

## NEXT STEPS

Our *Salmon Parks* vision includes you. We are deeply committed to working with others to ensure that *Salmon Parks* benefit all those who live within and visit the hahuuʔii of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht ḥawiiḥ. For this to take place, we call upon all governments and their citizens to recognize *Salmon Parks* and to respect the authority and decisions of Mowachaht/Muchalaht decision-makers. We invite the Crown governments to work with us to implement our vision, to achieve our collective goals, and to advance reconciliation and the implementation of the UNDRIP in a meaningful way. We appreciate our neighbours, governments, ENGOs and others who are supporting Indigenous governance and Indigenous-led conservation and we welcome collaborations moving forward.

For more about the *Salmon Parks* story, please see the documentary by filmmaker Carter Kirilenko here: <https://vimeo.com/710571157>

For questions, contact Eric Angel, Project Manager, *Salmon Parks*, at [eric@bigcanoe.ca](mailto:eric@bigcanoe.ca).





**SALMON  
PARKS**

## Declaration by the ʔawīiḥ of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation

We, the ʔawīiḥ of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, as the hereditary leaders of our Nation, have rights and responsibilities given to us by Kʷaaʔuuc (creator) to protect, steward and govern our hahuuʔii (territories) that we have upheld since time immemorial and never ceded or surrendered.

We govern our hahuuʔii with our nuučaṇuʔ legal order, which is grounded in the foundational laws of hišukʔiš čawaak, meaning 'everything is one', ʔiisaak, meaning 'respect with caring', ʔuuʔaatuk, meaning 'taking care of', and stalḥ, or 'togetherness'.

For millennia, our relatives, the ʔaak and hinkuuʔas (ocean and river chum), suuḥa and sačup (ocean and freshwater Chinook), cuwīt (coho), miʔaat and hissit (ocean and freshwater sockeye), and čaapī (pink) salmon, have swum in our waters. They are now declining, threatened, and in grave danger due to unsustainable extractive activities, decades of mismanagement of our hahuuʔii without our consent, and the exacerbating effects of climate change. We have a responsibility to care for our salmon relatives as we rely on them for sustenance and cultural continuity and we know that the health of our salmon relatives is intricately tied to the health of our entire hahuuʔii.

**The ʔawīiḥ of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation declare that all the lands, waters, skies and what is below the ground within the following watersheds: Burman River, Muchalat River including the Oktwanch River, Liener/Perry and Tahsis Rivers, Kendrick Creek and Marvins Creek, Upper Gold River and Upper Conuma River, as shown on the attached map titled *Map of MMFN Salmon Parks*, are held up, protected and revered as *Salmon Parks* under Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation inherent law and authority.**

This Declaration is grounded in our inherent authority and jurisdiction to protect key watersheds within our hahuuʔii. *Salmon Parks* are protected to restore the abundance of our salmon relatives within our hahuuʔii, maintain our connection with and presence on our ancestral lands and waters, protect key heritage sites, and practice our culture, language, and laws, all of which are crucial for the thriving of the Mowachaht and Muchalaht people.

*Salmon Parks* are fundamentally connected to the core of Mowachaht/Muchalaht identity and way of life, including sites of our creation stories. *Salmon Parks* contain critical salmon habitat, including intact old growth forest ecosystems, and collectively represent the most resilient landscapes within our territories in the face of climate change.

We are establishing *Salmon Parks* under nuučaṇuʔ law as we continue to uphold our responsibilities and exercise our inherent and Aboriginal rights and title today. We envision *Salmon Parks* brought back to full health for all beings and generations to come under the stewardship and guidance of the ʔawīiḥ of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.

We call upon all governments and their citizens to recognize *Salmon Parks* and to respect the authority and decisions of Mowachaht/Muchalaht decision-makers immediately and forever.

Passed, signed and enacted on this 13 day of November in Tsaxana, BC.

tayii hawit Mike Maquinna

tayii hawit Nathan George

hawit Dan Savey Sr.

hawit Patrick James

hawit Jerome Jack

## Map of MMFN Salmon Parks

