



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	October 17, 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
Councillor Meggan Joseph

Absent Councillor Douglas Elliott

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer (by video)
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager (by video)
Graham Bosecker, Acting Fire Chief (by video)
Lauren Roth, Finance and Administrative Assistant (by video)
Paige Sawyer, Rural Business Advisor (by video)

Public 8 Members of the public. (5 by video)

A. Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

B. Introduction of Late Items

None.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0334/2023

THAT the Agenda for the October 17, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public spoke about finding solutions to problems instead of focusing on the negative.

Several members of the public expressed concerns about the Flood Protection Improvement Project to which the Mayor and Staff responded. A memo from McElhanney is forthcoming coming which is expected to address the concerns.

A member of the public inquired about the several recent cave rescues to which Mayor Davis responded.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 3, 2023.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0335/2023

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 3, 2023.

Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0336/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

Last Tuesday, I flew to Kyuquot to meet with Strathcona Regional District directors for a board meeting. This was hosted by Ka:'you:'k't'h'/Che: k'tles7et'h' First Nation, who as a treaty nation, joined the SRD board last year as a full voting member. This is part of the Community to Community or C2C forum, with the trip being funded by the Union of BC Municipalities. The C2C event facilitated dialogue, created collaboration opportunities, while promoting resolving issues of joint responsibility, interest, or concern while advancing outcomes that enhance reconciliation and mutual understanding. During our time there, we toured projects that were funded by the treaty settlement, such as updated electrical infrastructure, installation of a new diesel generator and large solar arrays, as well as new building construction and renovations.

People may have noticed that the Head Bay road has finally seen great improvement in the last week or so. Maintenance of the road is always welcome but it was disappointing that this did not occur during the summer tourist season when it is most needed. I am working with our MLA to book a direct meeting with the Minister of Transportation so that I can make the case directly for further chipsealing of the road as it is the only viable long-term solution, given the unreliability of the road maintenance contract and its negative impact on the economy of Tahsis, not to mention our vehicles.

After much delay, the dike construction along the Tahsis River is moving rapidly toward completion of Phase 2. The wall is being raised to protect from catastrophic flooding that used to inundate half of the lower town. There have been a few glitches along the way but these are being corrected. Phase 3, should our funding application be approved will involve building a raised fill dike extending from the river, past the old sewage treatment plant to the Head Bay Road. Incorporated into this will be a new Sani dump station and other amenities.

I had the pleasure of going to a talk on the history of Strathcona Park, hosted by the Tahsis Literacy Society. Catherine Marie Gilbert gave an excellent presentation and I bought a copy of her book on the same subject.

Councillor Joseph

No report.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

I got a call from a resident who was made to feel uncomfortable at the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Security Initiative that takes place once a month, by someone asking them to sign the road petition.

I also put in the 19th order of the Good Food Box Pilot Program Tahsis Buyers Club.

Today, it's our 240th box of \$121.00 was transferred to be picked up next Wednesday, and at this point we've had 118 delivered, 45 sponsored and \$4300 each transferred to the Gold River Program for food security in this community.

Thank you.

Councillor Northcott (verbal report)

No report.

Councillor Elliott

Absent.

Joseph/Northcott: VOT 0337/2023
THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

None.

M. New Business

**1 Report to Council Re: UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund-
Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Training & Equipment**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0338/2023

THAT the Report to Council and information be received.

CARRIED

The CAO spoke to this Report to Council and responded to questions from Council.

Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0339/2023

**THAT Council approve an application by the Village of Tahsis to the Community
Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) 2023 Volunteer & Composite Fire
Departments Training & Equipment and support the proposed activities and
willingness to provide overall grant management.**

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on the opportunity for funding under the
UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for gear and training for the
Village of Tahsis Volunteer Firefighters.

A member of the public had questions and concerns with respect to public
consultation on Flood Protection Improvement Project. Staff noted there was a
public presentation and Flood Risk Assessment Report on the Village's website.

Adjournment

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0339/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 7th Day of November, 2023.



Chief Administrative Officer