



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	November 21, 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

by video
(sat in gallery/ did not
vote)

Councillor Douglas Elliott

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager
Lauren Roth, Finance and Administrative Assistant
Paige Sawyer, Rural Business Advisor

by video
by video
by video
by video

Public 10 Members of the public.

2 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/Joseph: VOT 0393/2023

THAT the Agenda for the November 21, 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 concerns regarding the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Salmon Parks Declaration to which the Mayor and Staff responded.

Councillor Elliott was permitted sufficient time to read his letter to Council.

MS Teams -Transcripts from Councillor Elliott's letter

What I've done is I've typed out a letter to me and council.

Basically, I can go into a lot of details.

Virtually would be criticizing the Mayor's conduct since I've been elected, especially as comments on January 3rd when he deceived the taxpayers of Tahsis announcing that the existing fire hall was unrepairable.

And there are other aspects of the Mayor's conduct that I was very disappointed with as far as his verbal confrontation with me in a local store.

Uh fact that I had to go to the police.

To it, the fact that we are now proceeding with a first responder facilities on school property. I believe that this is not only in colossal active stupidity, but I do believe that this Council and the School Board should bear the responsibility when the first child is injured by such a decision. I can go into Councillor Fowler's conduct.

How basically the conflict of interest which she brought forth the motion to have the Village finance her food box projects.

This not only be in a conflict of interest, but also could be perceived as an act of buying votes in the community.

I was also going to mention her behavior.

Basically, when I did remove the gavel from her, which was completely unprofessional and uh, becoming. As far as Councillor Northcott, her comment comments on February 28th at a closed meeting instructing the administration to come up with ways to screw me over.

I find her not only undemocratic, but outright unethical.

As far as Councillor Joseph, she has been rather dishonest with past conversations.

She informed me that she was going to resign.

However, I see she has changed her mind on that.

I do wish her all the best in her future endeavors, but I feel that she also too should resign.

And that decisions concerning our Community be done by local representatives.

It is very apparent that I don't feel safe in any of your presence.

And therefore I've chosen not to attend any meetings with you, the Council.

Currently I am working on projects.

In the interest of the Village as councillor and one of the most disturbing aspects is I came across this document that Bylaw Number 347 states, except as otherwise provided in this bylaw, the Council and the Staff, including the fire department of the Village, should be indemnified against any claims for damages against them arising out of the performance of their duties and in addition, the Village shall pay all legal costs incurred in any court proceedings arising out of such claims.

The Council should not seek the indemnity against an officer and an employee or a member of Council and respect of any action of the officer, employee or member that results in the claim for damages against the municipality. Something that your lawyer pointed out to you.

But the Council may see claims arise that claims arise out of gross negligence and mine exposing your conduct in my mail outs is not gross negligence.

I have an officer or employee or member or where in relation to the action that gave rise to the claim against at officer or an employee, the officer or an employee willfully acted contrary to the terms of their employment.

Or an order of a superior, which means you, Mr. Mayor, are responsible for the conduct of this Council and administration.

You are the ones that is liable for these passed violations for the Community Charter.

Our local bylaw and you're outright violations of the Code of Conduct which you have violated more so than any member of this community Council.

So I'm here to inform you that any other legal action that you bring against me by the lawyer will be contacting the Village to make arrangements for funding for my expense.

The staff is not liable according to this Bylaw 347.

If they're working under your orders, they're doing their job to the Council expectations, which basically brings Councillor Northcott's comments that she made on February 28th, which I have the transcripts.

Very unethical and you may find yourself answering to a Supreme Court judge in the future.

You stated in your email to me that the Village deserves full representation and fiscal responsibility.

Yet you have not disclosed any information concerning how much money has been spent on legal expenses since Miss Aiden's sewer problem.

You have not stated what legal action cost against me.

I will assure you that my legal bills will be made public.

You stated that they deserve.

There's still responsibility.

I don't see any of that.

It's the actions of this Council.

So I'm informing you anymore legal action that you threaten against me.

My lawyer will be contacting the Village office and that I will be signing into the next scheduled meeting remotely because I will not endanger my personal safety by being in the presence of any of you.
So that Mayor, go ahead.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

2 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 7, 2023.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0394/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 7, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

H. Business Arising

1 Draft Community Questionnaire Re: Head Bay Forest Service Road

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0395/2023

THAT this draft questionnaire be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Joseph: VOT 0396/2023

THAT this Community Questionnaire Re: Head Bay Forest Service Road be approved as presented.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis (written report)

There is some good news with the ambulance service as they are getting more money for staffing, which means that we they will be moving from the station being open for 8 hours per day to 16 hours. The one catch is that while they were fully staffed, they need to hire one person to meet the new staffing requirements. If you are interested or know anybody that would be, have them get in touch with the ambulance service or the Village for information.

I am happy to see that the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation have received endorsement of their Salmon Park concept by the federal government within their traditional territory, with a grant of \$15.2 million toward making this a reality. The money will be used for research, education, restoration and protection of critical habitat.

We can finally announce that we have purchased a small parcel of land adjacent to the Tahsis River, between the north sewage treatment plant and the bridge. This will allow us access for new a new sewage conduit that will allow us to shut down the aging north plant and send all effluent to the south plant, which is funded largely by a grant. Other possibilities for the land include building up a roadway/dike from North Maquinna to the Head Bay Road, which could also become our new sanidump site. Other possibilities could include a dog park, something that many residents have been asking for.

Councillor Joseph (verbal report)

I just want to remind people budget meetings are happening and it would, it would be really nice to see more community members in attendance aside from our one and only very committed community member.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

As you may have noticed from the posters around town, there are only 5 sleeps until the annual CMESS PAC Holiday Bazaar. Many folks local to Tahsis will be showcasing their talent and I want to take a minute to thank the Village for continuing with the long standing tradition of donating the rental of the rec centre tables to the well attended community event. I also want to express a huge debt of gratitude to the parents of Captain Meares students for hosting the community fair, it really does take a team to make the dream work. Lastly, I want to commend the Tahsis Building Supply for donating the photocopying of the Knights of Columbus Christmas Hamper forms and acting as a hub, many years running. If you haven't submitted your form yet please get it in as soon as possible since this year's hampers are expected to go very quickly and on a first come first serve basis. I expect to have some at the bazaar to complete and will be trying to reach the number of 60, which we received last year. I will be submitting them to Kevin before November 30 so if you have one at home partially complete please drop it off at the hardware store or bring it to the bazaar.

submitted respectfully
councillor Fowler

P.S. I would be there in person but am in Chilliwack at Rangers training and have been asked by many people if I know Dan Dahling.

Amendment- I just received word I need to get our forms in on Monday November 27 to ensure we are able to get some.

PLEASE get your completed forms ASAP. They can be submitted at the Tahsis Building Supply and after the bazaar will be submitted without delay.

Attachment #1 Knights of Columbus 2023 Hamper Registration Form

Councillor Northcott

No Report.

Councillor Elliott

No Report.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0397/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

1 Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Salmon Parks Declaration

Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0398/2023

THAT this correspondence item be received.

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M. New Business

None.

Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on the Draft Community Questionnaire regarding Head Bay Forest Service Road.

A member of the public commented on the Village of Tahsis Indemnity Bylaw No. 347.

Adjournment

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0399/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this
5th Day of December, 2023



Chief Administrative Officer