



# Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>January 16, 2024</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b>

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**Present** Mayor Martin Davis  
Councillor Sarah Fowler  
Councillor Cheryl Northcott

**Absent** Councillor Doug Elliott  
Councillor Meggan Joseph

**Staff** Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer  
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance **by video**  
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager **by video**  
Wanda Waksdale, Administration Assistant **by video**  
Paige Sawyer, Rural Business Advisor

**Guests** Lesley Fettes, District Manager, Campbell River District Office, Ministry of Forests  
Ben Morton, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Ministry of Forests  
Azar Kamran, Administrator, CEO, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation

**Public** 1 member of the public.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**Land Acknowledgement**

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

**Introduction of Late Items**

None

**Approval of the Agenda**

Northcott: COW 0001/2024

THAT the Agenda for the January 16, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

H. Business  
Arising

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**Follow up from 2023 UBCM meeting with Ministry of Forest staff Re: Forest Landscape Planning and the Community Forest opportunities.**

**Northcott: COW 0002/2024**

THAT the Village of Tahsis Council engage in discussions with Ministry of Forest Staff regarding Forest Landscape Planning and the Community Forest process.

CARRIED

Ministry staff spoke about the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act and the resulting legislation. Also discussed the steps and preconditions involved in the Forest Landscape Plan for TFL 19. In addition Ministry Staff explained the objectives, timeline and legislation of the Forest Landscape Plans and the Salmon Parks initiative.

A follow up meeting with Council is tentatively planned for spring 2024 once the Common Vision Intentions paper is issued.

Ministry staff described the process for developing a community forest which begins with an invitation from the Minister to establish a community forest.

Also discussed were the implications for the tenure holder in developing a community forest, specifically the compensation requirements for withdrawing area from the TFL to establish a community forest.

Ministry staff recommended the Village engage a professional forester to assist with planning and come to to a formal agreement with the MMFN to partner in a community forest

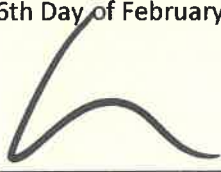
Adjournment

**Northcott: COW 003/2024**

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this  
6th Day of February, 2024



Corporate Officer