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Village of Tahsis

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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole - Budget Meeting #3</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>January 17, 2025</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 Brenda Lenahan by video  
Councillor Sarah Fowler  
Councillor Cheryl Northcott  
Councillor Ryan Moore

**Staff**

Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer by video  
Adia Mariko's, CPA,CA, Director of Finance by video  
John Manson, P,Eng, Municipal Engineer by video  
Alisa Vanderberg, Director of Public Works by video  
Amanda Knibbs, Information Technology Coordinator by video  
Lauren Roth, Finance and Administrative Assistant by video  
Wanda Waksdale, Administrative Assistant

**Public** 1 member of the public.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:01 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**

**Moore: COW 0010/2025**

**THAT** the Agenda for the January 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**M. New  
Business**

**2025-2029 Financial Plan/ Budget Meeting #3**

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**Moore: COW 0011/2025**

**THAT** this presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Finance spoke to the 12 month unaudited Operating results as of December 31, 2024 and reviewed the proposed 2025 Operating budget. The 2025 Operating budget is considered status quo as there are no new programs or services or additional FTEs. Increases in Operating expenditures were covered. Tax rates for 2025 will be discussed at the February 4th, 2025 budget meeting. Increases in COLA and wages since last budget meeting were explained and questions from Council were addressed. The 1st draft of the 5 year capital plan and 2025 Strategic Priorities were reviewed and funding sources identified. Council agreed to defer the following Strategic Priorities to 2026:

*Update the Village website to improve communication and accessibility, including implementing a newsletter to residents.*

*Develop and implement a local trail maintenance and minor repair plan to rehabilitate and restore local trails, including bridges, to improve safety and walkability.*

An overview of current BC Assessment Roll and potential impacts on property taxes was discussed. Proposed increases to Water, Sewer & Solid Waste User rates were covered including proposed increases in sewer utility rates to cover the costs of a study needed to identify sources of inflow and infiltration in the sanitary sewer system. The CAO and John Manson discussed the limitations of the water distribution system for fire fighting purposes.

**Northcott: COW 0012/2025**

**THAT** Staff seek out a qualified professional to prepare scope and budget to analyze the Village of Tahsis's water supply for firefighting purposes and to develop tangible and viable options to enhance fireflow.

**Tahsis Fire and Rescue Department Call Out Rates**

Councillors Fowler and Northcott declared conflicts of interest and recused themselves from the meeting at 3:15pm

A comparison with other Volunteer Fire Departments call out rates were presented and options for remuneration were discussed.

**Moore: COW 0013/2025**

**THAT** the new call out rates to the Tahsis volunteer firefighters be approved.

**Moore: COW 0014/2025**

**THAT** Public input be permitted.

**CARRIED**

Member of public discussed ideas for increasing the supply of water. The need for a free bike share program was questioned. The increase in BC Assessment to residential homeowners was discussed. Firehall funding was questioned. Council responded.


**Adjournment**

**Moore: COW 0015/2024**

**THAT** the meeting adjourn at 3:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified correct this  
4 Day of February 2024

  
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**Corporate Officer**

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