



AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Village of Tahsis Council
to be held on January 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive and by electronic means**

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A. Call to Order **Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order.**

Land Acknowledgement **Mayor Davis will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.**

B. Introduction of Late Items

C. Approval of the Agenda

D. Petitions and Delegations None.

E. Public Input #1

F. Adoption of the Minutes 1 **Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

2 **Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting**

3 **Minutes of the January 8, 2025 Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting.**

G. Rise and Report 1 **Moore/Fowler: VOT 0021/2025**

THAT Council Rise and Report at the January 7, 2025 Regular Council meeting that Council approved issuing a Notice of Disposition for Lot 608 subject to subdividing the property to create a park dedication for the area to the east of the road to the foreshore and subdividing the road as a titled parcel.

CARRIED

Fowler/More: VOT 0024/2025

2 **THAT** Council Rise and Report at the January 7, 2025 Regular Council meeting that Council approved the following 2025 Strategic Priorities:

CARRIED

Implement the action items from the Strategic Economic Development Strategy including promoting tourism. (Tourism promotion includes partnering with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation whenever possible and focussing on outdoor recreational activities.)

Councillor Lenahan - registered "Opposed"

Replace the Recreation Centre heating and ventilation systems (including controls). – amended carry over from 2024.

Develop a plan to re-purpose Captain Meares School east wing for municipal and community purposes, including space for the Tahsis library.

Complete tasks listed in the Asset Management Plan Improvement Recommendations, specifically, on-going condition assessments and repairs of the wastewater system and condition assessment of local roads

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.

3 Fowler/Moore: VOT 0027/2025

THAT Council Rise and Report at the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Council that Council decided to commission a risk assessment study for the steep slope area to the north of Lot 1, Plan VIP24450, DL16, Nootka Land District & DL595.

CARRIED

H. Business Arising

- 1 Tsunami Wave Public Art Sculpture - Update**
- 2 Regional Grant Opportunity – Emergency Support Services**

J. Council Reports

- 1 Mayor Davis**
- 2 Councillor Fowler**
- 3 Councillor Northcott**
- 4 Councillor Lenahan**
- 5 Councillor Moore**

K. Bylaws

None.

January 3, 2025 email from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal

L. Correspondence

- 1 Communities (AVICC) to Mayor and Council RE: AVICC REFERRED RESOLUTION: OF1: Addressing the Risk to Wild Salmon**

- 2 January 7, 2025 email from Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) to Mayor and Council RE: Protecting Taxpayers from Overspending on Local Government Construction**

M. New Business

- 1 Farmers' Market event, Summer 2025 - For Information**
- 2 Free Bike Share Program**

Public Input # 2

All Regular Council Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings and Special Council Meetings are recorded unless otherwise specified.

Village of Tahsis
Regular Council Meeting Agenda
January 7, 2025

Rise and Report

O. Adjournment



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Committee of the Whole
Date	07-Jan-25
Time	1:00 p.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Ryan Moore Councillor Brenda Lenahan	by video
Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator John Manson, P. Eng., Municipal Engineer	by video
Guests	Mark DeGagne, P.Eng, McElhanney	
Public	1 member of the public.	2 by video

Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

Fowler: COW 0001/2025

THAT the Agenda for the January 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented

CARRIED

H. Business Arising	1	<p>Wellhead Protection Plan Update- 2024 Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Report and Lab Results.</p> <p>Fowler: COW 0002/2025</p>
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THAT this information be received.

CARRIED

Mark DeGagne spoke to the presentation, specifically, the scope and objective of the wellhead protection plan, and drinking water sample results in 2024 and previous years. He also made recommendations to Council regarding test wells, sampling schedule and testing parameters.

Fowler: COW 0003/2025

THAT Council approve from the recommendations in the Report, namely, to Remove Test Well #2 from the sampling protocol.

Reduce testing frequency to once per year

(September 2025, April 2026, July 2027, February 2028 to continue to test during different seasons.) **CARRIED**

Cease testing for herbicides and pesticides but continue testing for PAH and PCB.

2 Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Project – status update (verbal report).

Fowler: COW 0004/2025

THAT this verbal Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Mark DeGagne provided Council with a status report on the project and explained the scope change to retain the tank at the north treatment plant as an equalization tank to handle high volume flows.

Adjournment

Fowler: COW 0005/2025

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
January 21, 2025

Corporate Officer



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting	
<u>Date</u>	January 7 2025	
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM	
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means	
<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Brenda Lenahan Councillor Ryan Moore	by video
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator	by video by video
<u>Guests</u>	Sgt. Greg Young, Nootka Sound RCMP	
<u>Public</u>	5 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	Fowler/ Moore: VOT 0001/2025 THAT the Agenda for the January 7, 2025 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.	CARRIED
E. Public Input # 1	None.	
F. Adoption of the Minutes	1 Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting (10:00 a.m.)	

Moore/Lenahan: VOT 0002/2025

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 3, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting (1 p.m.)

Moore/Lenahan: VOT 0003/2025

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 3, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Moore/Lenahan: VOT 0004/2025

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 3, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4 Minutes of the December 11, 2024 Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting.

Moore/Lenahan: VOT 0005/2025

THAT the Standing Committee of Business Liaison meeting minutes of December 11, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED**G. Rise and Report**

None

H. Business Arising

**1 Nootka Sound RCMP -Village of Tahsis quarterly report
Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment**

Moore/Lenahan: VOT 0006/2025

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Sgt. Greg Young from the Nootka Sound RCMP detachment presented the quarterly report to the council, highlighting the number of files investigated, the types of incidents handled, and the presence of officers in the community. He also mentioned the new detachment building and the focus on mental health and training for officers.

J. Council Reports**Mayor Davis**

I would like to wish our citizens a Happy New Year and all the best for 2025.

Today, we reviewed our wellhead protection plan. This plan looks at the operation of the waterworks and our water quality testing. To date, water quality is good and there are no issues. We will also be considering our capacity to respond quickly to failures in equipment.

At our last Comox Strathcona Regional hospital Board meeting, we increased unconditional grants to clinics in small communities from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This money is used to purchase minor supplies and equipment as decided by individual clinics such as ours.

The new fire hall project is well underway with projected completion around April. A new home for our fire trucks and equipment will be most welcome.

The sewer upgrade project is nearing completion. The final part of this project involves decommissioning the north plant while retaining the holding tank as a failsafe, should there be a disruption in the pumps or piping between there and the upgraded south plant. We are considering renovating part of the brick building of the north plant to become a public washroom as it is adjacent to the shore park as well as the new Sani dump station that will soon be operational.

The renovation of the museum and tourist info centre has commenced and includes strengthening the building and its foundations, building a new wheelchair ramp, stairs and a covered porch. A modern fully accessible washroom will be installed. The new building will be reopened by summer. We have established a community consultation page on the Tahsis website. Comments and input from the public is welcomed, with the deadline for input being January 31st.

As you probably know, a 7,500+ litre diesel spill occurred on December 14 at the Grieg Fish Farm near Esperanza. Fuel was overflowing for about 12 hours due to human error. The diesel fuel was spread by tides and rough weather in three directions: toward Zeballos, the open ocean and toward Tahsis. This will have detrimental effects for shellfish and sea life in general. Some of the volatile elements of the spill could evaporate, with the rest washing ashore or sinking over time. Efforts to have Tahsis included as a party to the monitoring process has been rebuffed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, although local first nations have been included. This issue again underscores the harm that open net fish farms bring to our environment and wild fisheries. I will continue to advocate moving to land-based fish farms, so that our salmon fishery can be allowed to recover and rebuild stocks. Tahsis depends on our sport fishery and we shouldn't be forced to take these economic hits.

Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management has recently signed a deal with Fortis to purchase methane gas produced by the regional landfill in Cumberland through decomposition. This will eliminate methane emissions at the site and help to mitigate operational costs through sale of the gas. This will provide enough energy to heat between 600 and 1100 homes.

Early this year, provincial legislation will mandate that short-term rental hosts will be required to register and to post their registration number, with penalties for non-compliance. Hotels, motels, strata hotels, timeshares, fishing lodges, and specific geographic areas (e.g., First Nations treaty lands) are excluded unless opted in. For more information, phone Service BC at 1-800-663-7867 or google Government of British Columbia's STR Regulations Overview.

Property values in the Village of Tahsis have increased 23.31% in 2024 - the highest on Vancouver Island.

Councillor Fowler

No report.

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Lenahan

No report.

Councillor Moore

No report.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0007/2025

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- 1 **December 9, 2024 email to Mayor and Council from Peter Sinclair, Executive Director, Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank Society Re: Construction of their Food Recovery and Distribution Centre to Nanaimo to serve communities across Vancouver Island.**
- 2 **December 6, 2024 email from Cathy Peters, BC anti human trafficking educator, speaker and advocate beamazingcampaign.org to Mayor David and Council Re: Tariffs coming, UNDRIP impact, drugs/sex trafficking.**
- 3 **December 4, 2024 email from Theresa Dennison , Executive Director, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) to Mayor and Council Re: Follow up on AVICC's first virtual webinar " Finishing Strong: Confidence and Courage in Turbulent Times" held on November 28, 2024.**
- 4 **December 6, 2024 email from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) to Mayor and Council Re: 2024 AVICC AGM & Convention- 2nd call for resolutions and convention information.**
- 5 **Email from Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC), First Nations Health Authority- Health Through Wellness, Island Health an Metis Nation British Columbia Re: Health Impacts of the Winter Season- Information for Community Health Partners and Local Governments.**
- 6 **December 12, 2024 email Theresa Dennison, Executive Director, Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) Re: Supplementary document prepared by DFO to support Consultation relating to Themes 3 and 4 of the Draft Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan for BC.**
- 7 **December 16, 2024 email from Councillor Trish Mandewo, UBCM President to Mayor Martin Davis and Council Re: Canada Community-Building Fund: Second Community Works Fund Payment for 2024/2025.**

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0008/2025

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0009/2025

THAT correspondence items # 1 and 4 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- 1 December 9, 2024 email to Mayor and Council from Peter Sinclair, Executive Director, Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank Society Re: Construction of their Food Recovery and Distribution Centre to Nanaimo to serve communities across Vancouver Island.**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0010/2025

THAT a letter of support be sent to the Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank Society.

CARRIED

- 4 December 6, 2024 email from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) to Mayor and Council Re: 2024 AVICC AGM & Convention- 2nd call for resolutions and convention information.**

Discussion followed.

M. New Business

- 1 At the December 11, 2024 Standing Committee of Business Liaison the committee made the following recommendations to Council:**

Lenahan: COW 0097/2024

THAT the Standing Committee of Business Liaison make the following recommendations to Council with regards to short term actions around tourism infrastructure and community beautification:

THAT a public, portable washroom with a wooden enclosure be installed at the waterfront this summer; and

THAT the Village work collaboratively with the garden volunteers to beautify the boulevard in front of Tahsis Supermarket and work on a hanging basket project to beautify Village properties; and

THAT a theme for the Village is explored, possibly in conjunction with the Museum and Information Centre Project; and

THAT at "Pete's Farm" parking and accessibility be improved; and

THAT some basic signage is installed.

CARRIED

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0011/2025

THAT these recommendations be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0012/2025

	THAT Council endorse these recommendations from the Standing Committee of Business Liaison December 11, 2024 meeting	CARRIED
N. Public Input #2	A member of the public spoke to the potential of Pete's Farm being a historical site	
	A member of the public commented that a parks and recreation budget should be separated from the public works budget to allow council to better allocate funds for things like beatification.	
Public Exclusion	Fowler/Moore: VOT 0013/2025	
	THAT this meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1) (k) of the Community Charter- negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public, and 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.	CARRIED
Recess	Fowler/Moore: VOT 0013/2025	
	THAT the Regular Council Meeting recess at 8:01 p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.	CARRIED
Reconvene	Fowler/Moore: VOT 0029/2025	
	THAT the Regular Council Meeting reconvene at 9:47 p.m..	CARRIED
Rise and Report	Moore/Fowler: VOT 0021/2025	
	THAT Council Rise and Report at the January 7, 2025 Regular Council meeting that Council approved issuing a Notice of Disposition for Lot 608 subject to subdividing the property to create a park dedication for the area to the east of the road to the foreshore and subdividing the road as a titled parcel.	CARRIED
	Fowler/More: VOT 0024/2025	
	THAT Council Rise and Report at the January 7, 2025 Regular Council meeting that Council approved the following 2025 Strategic Priorities:	CARRIED
	1 Implement the action items from the Strategic Economic Development Strategy including promoting tourism. (Tourism promotion includes partnering with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation whenever possible and focussing on outdoor recreational activities.) – carry over from 2024.	Councillor Lenahan - registered "Opposed"

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Fowler/Moore: VOT 0027/2025

THAT Council Rise and Report at the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Council that Council decided to commission a risk assessment study for the steep slope area to the north of Lot 1, Plan VIP24450, DL16, Nootka Land District & DL595.

CARRIED

O. Adjournment

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0030/2025

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED

**Certified Correct this
7th day of January 2025**

Chief Administrative Officer



Village of
Tahsis

Minutes

Meeting	Standing Committee of Business Liaison
Date	January 08 ,2025
Time	10:00 a.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

**Committee
Members**

Councillor Ryan Moore, Committee- Chair

Councillor Brenda Lenahan, Committee - Vice Chair

Dan Dahling, Local Business Community Representative

Linda Jordan, Local Business Community Representative

Sheryl Roger, Local Business Community Representative

Amit Sharma, Local Business Community Representative

by video

Mark Tatchell, CAO (Ex Officio)

Paige Sawyer, Economic Development Coordinator (Ex Officio)

by video

Public

1 member of the public

Call to Order

Councillor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Moore acknowledged and respected that this Standing Committee of Business Liaison is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory.

Introduction of Late Items

None.

Approval of the Agenda**Dahling: COW 0100/2025****THAT** the agenda for the January 08,2025, Standing Committee of Business Liaison be adopted as presented.**CARRIED****M. New
Business****1****Temporary structures and kiosks to facilitate market type or long term businesses.****Dahling: COW 0101/2025****THAT** the Standing Committee of Business Liaison engage in a discussion regarding temporary structures and kiosks to facilitate market type or long term businesses.**CARRIED**

The committee discussed the potential use of sea can structures for business purposes, comparing them to similar initiatives in other cities and municipalities. The CAO provided an overview of the relevant bylaws and zoning requirements, explaining how these regulations apply to the proposed use of sea can structures. Examples were given for each zoning category, highlighting potential cost implications related to servicing, rezoning, and development permits.

The discussion also covered potential locations for sea can structures, both on Village-owned and private properties. The pros and cons of each location were evaluated, focusing on zoning compliance, parking availability, and accessibility for tourists.

The CAO addressed the Community Charter's rules regarding avoiding unfair advantages to businesses and emphasized the importance of fair competition. Local interest in a business hub was also noted, with ideas for a bike repair shop, artisan market, and food trucks being mentioned.

Additional ideas to enhance the tourist experience were discussed, including the installation of large steel picture frames at popular photo opportunities and marine-themed picnic tables crafted from repurposed boats. The possibility of involving CMESS students to gather insights on what tourists might enjoy was also raised, as well as the potential for a school-run community garden.

The changing demographics of tourists and the need for year-round businesses were highlighted, stressing the importance of adapting to evolving demands.

The Vice Chair sought the CAO's advice on making impactful recommendations to Council. The CAO suggested that the committee review the Strategic Economic Development Plan and the Action Plan as well as the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Tourism Infrastructure Business Plan, as an example, of a tourism infrastructure business plan.

Lenahan COW 0098/2024

THAT the Standing Committee of Business Liaison review the Strategic Economic Development Plan to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Dahling: COW 0100/2024

THAT the Standing Committee of Business Liaison adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

21st day of January 2025

Chief Administrative Officer

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: M. Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Koopman, Manager of Emergency Services

Date: January 10, 2025

Re: **Tsunami Wave Public Art Sculpture**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider the submissions received for the tsunami wave public art sculpture project.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

1. *Provide a resolution as drafted*
2. *Decline to provide a resolution*

Staff recommends **Option 1**.

BACKGROUND:

At the November 5th, 2024 meeting of Council the following motion was passed:

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0455/2024

THAT option 1B (Council authorize the Request for Submission deadline to be extended until December 15th, 2024) be approved.

On July 20th, 2024 on behalf of the Village of Tahsis, the Strathcona Regional District released a Request for Submissions (Attachment A) from artists for a sculpture that signifies the wave of a tsunami. The purpose of this sculpture is to better draw people towards the Tsunami Evacuation Map Sign located by the waterfront on Head Bay Road where it will be installed. The Request for Submissions was disseminated via:

- Gold River, Tahsis and Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation social media channels; and

- Mailouts to Gold River, Tsa'xana and Tahsis.

The Request for Submissions stated that preference would be given to artists from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation or residents of the Village of Tahsis.

The deadline for vendors to provide a submission was extended until December 15th, 2024 and three submissions were received:

Option 1 - Submission from Ryan Moore (Tahsis) for a stainless steel sculpture costing \$6,000 (Attachment B).

Option 2 - Submission from Alex Witcombe (Quadra Island) for a driftwood sculpture costing \$7,000 (Attachment C).

Option 3 – Submission from Sanford Williams (Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation) for a cedar sculpture costing \$7,000. The submission does not include cost to transport the sculpture from Yuquot to Tahsis or the cost to undertake a ceremonial blessing as is custom upon the erection of such a sculpture. It is estimated that the transportation cost would be an additional \$500 and the ceremonial blessing would cost an additional \$750. The cost to use machinery to offload the sculpture from the waterfront and transport it to the erection site is unknown. The sculpture delivery as well as the coordination and promotion of any unveiling ceremony would require additional staff time.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The grant application budgeted \$7,000 for the sculpture itself, plus an additional \$4,000 for the cost of labor and materials to erect the sculpture upon a foundation (concrete pad). The concrete pad design and construction would be undertaken by the Village's own forces or private contractor. The procurement and installation of this public art sculpture will be 100% funded by a regional Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Adaptation. The Village would be responsible for costs in excess of \$11,000 for this project. The Village of Tahsis will retain ownership of the sculpture and be responsible for maintaining it.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT Council recommend that Option ___ be awarded the contract to supply a tsunami wave public art sculpture.
3. THAT Council approve the budget for the project as described in the Financial Implications.

Respectfully submitted:



Mark Tatchell
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: **A – Request for Submissions Poster**
 B - Submission from Ryan Moore
 C – Submission from Alex Witcombe
 D – Submission from Sanford Williams

Attachment A – Request for Submissions Poster



Local Artists Request for Submission: Wave Public Art Sculpture

On behalf of the Village of Tahsis, the Strathcona Regional District is accepting submissions from artists for a sculpture that signifies the wave of a tsunami. The purpose of this sculpture is to better draw in people towards the Tsunami Evacuation Map located by the waterfront on Head Bay Road.

Wave sculpture criteria:

- No higher than 8-feet tall.
- No glass.
- No sharp edges.
- Constructed of low maintenance materials.
- Includes comprehensive instructions for installation.
- Possess high wind resistance (strong foundation).
- Maximum cost of \$7,000.

Preference will be given to artists from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation or residents of the Village of Tahsis

Submissions may be:

- Emailed to preparedness@srd.ca;
- Dropped off at Village of Tahsis Municipal Office located at South Maquinna Drive; or
- Mailed to the Village of Tahsis Municipal Office PO Box 219 Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0.

A submission should include rendering of the sculpture and a description of how it meets the required criteria. The deadline to provide your submission is 4:00pm on October 4th, 2024. Eligible submissions will be voted on at the November 5th, 2024 meeting of the Tahsis Council. The sculpture must be received by the Village of Tahsis by October 3rd, 2025.

Questions may be directed to Shaun Koopman, Manager of Emergency Services, by calling 250-830-6702 or emailing skoopman@srd.ca.

This project is fully funded through a Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Adaptation grant from the Union of BC Municipalities.

Attachment B – Submission from Ryan Moore

To whom it may concern

I would like to respectfully submit my proposal for a Wave Public Art Sculpture

What I propose is a sculpture with the dimension of approximately 7' tall, with a rounded 5'x 5' base.

Attached is a loose rendering as what I would like to do as for lack of a better description is a very fluid process, and I feel that this process fits the spirit of what is requested. This sculpture would be constructed of 20g stainless steel, and hand worked with an english wheel and body hammers to produce a stylistic wave, stainless steel is corrosion resistant and very low maintenance. I wanted to keep in mind the public that would be interacting with this, and lean towards a slightly more stylisitic approach, ensuring soft edges, and flowing curves that wont catch the wind, or harm anyone, and a lightly polished or brushed surface will draw attention to it from anywhere within line of sight.

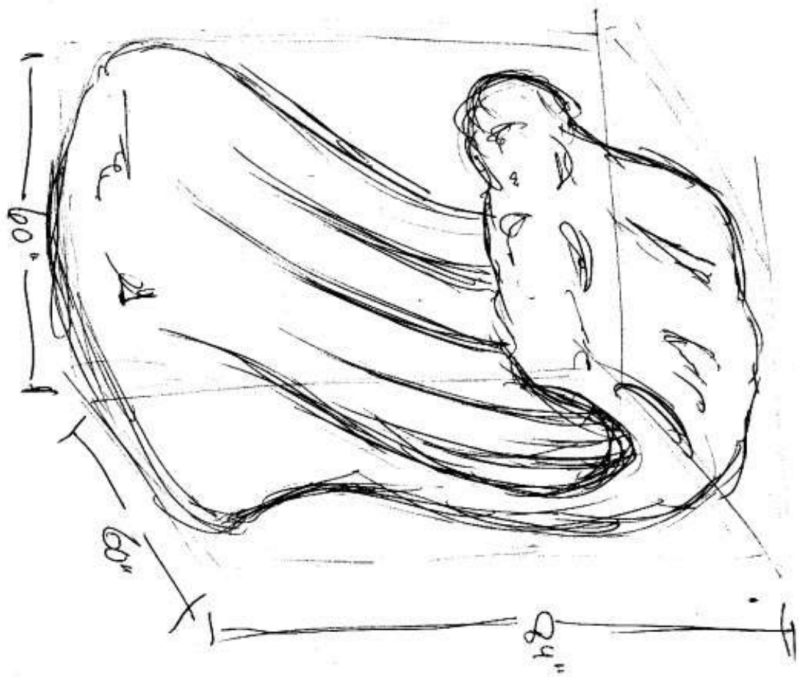
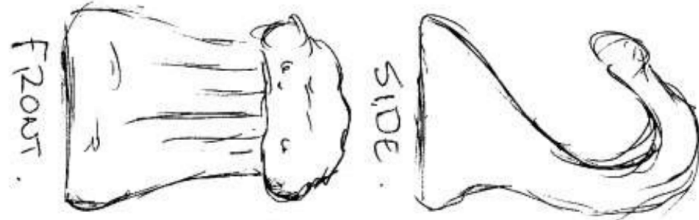
An english wheel is a very large tool that uses roller wheels to put pressure on metal and form it into complex curves, traditionally used in the automotive, aviation and aerospace industries, but is 100% controlled by hand manually, the actual force involved is when I push and pull metal through while adjusting tension on the wheels. It is labour intensive and this particular piece would involve many hours. This is one of our favorite tools to work with as it allows a lot of feeling and emotion to go into the piece produced, and it is truly one of a kind.

There will be an internal support structure of steel tube capable of withstanding far more force than this would ever see and will also serve a mounting location to anchor it to a concrete pad which would be my preference to see it attached to. I have complete confidence that if the village actually saw a large scale tsunami that when the water receded this would still be standing.

This year i have shown a small portion of my skills to the village with metal, hosting classes for a large number of residents, but it is truly a very small sampling of what I am capable of producing and this would give me, as well as my daughter who helped teach these classe a very unique opportunity to do something on a large scale and exhibit something in a community that I am proud to live in and very invested in.

My budget for this project would be \$6000, not including the concrete pad it would need to be mounted to. Material prices fluctuate regularly, and stainless is an expensive material to work with, both material cost as well as welding consumables, and while this cost is above my cost, it is purely to have a cost overrun allowance, I am estimating 400-600 combined hours on this between cutting, forming, welding, finishing and polishing. To be clear, this is by no way a profitable proposal, and I would stress both for my own submission as well as any and all others you recieve, that a commissioned piece fiting this criteria is truly going to be a labor of love from the artist, rather than a business transaction. I am fully equipped to build this within the time constraints, and am intending to bring in some friends and family to contribute their time, my only request would be that I am able to mount a small plaque to the bottom with the names of everyone who participated in the construction, but that is not required, purely requested as I can assure you that everyone involved would take pride in this, and I would like to recognize them when finished.

Thank you
Ryan Moore



Attachment C – Submission from Alex Witcombe

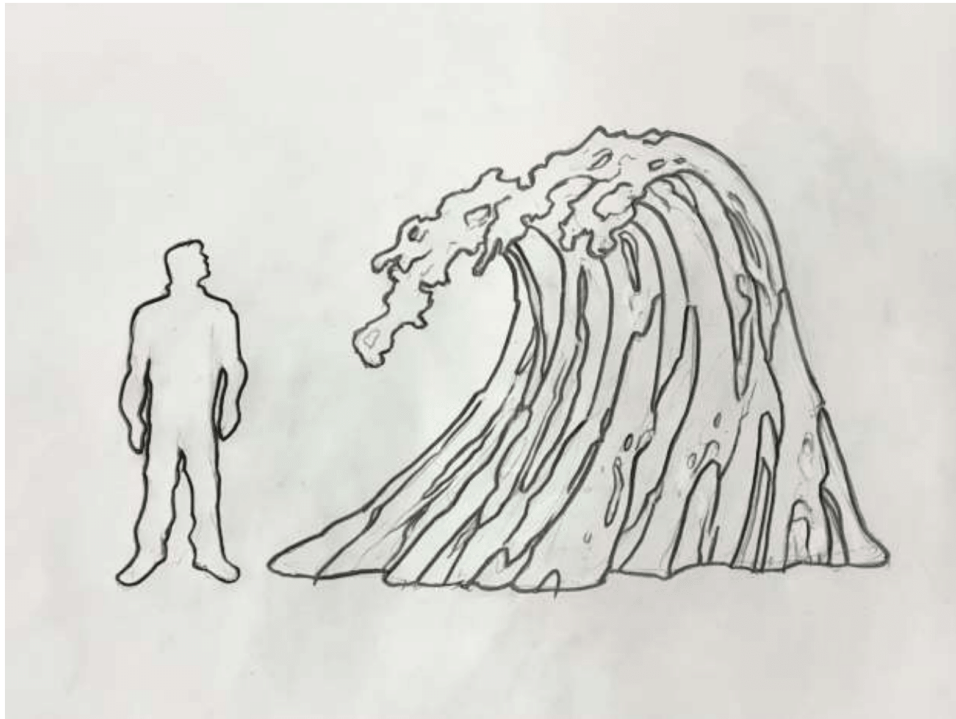
To whom it may concern,

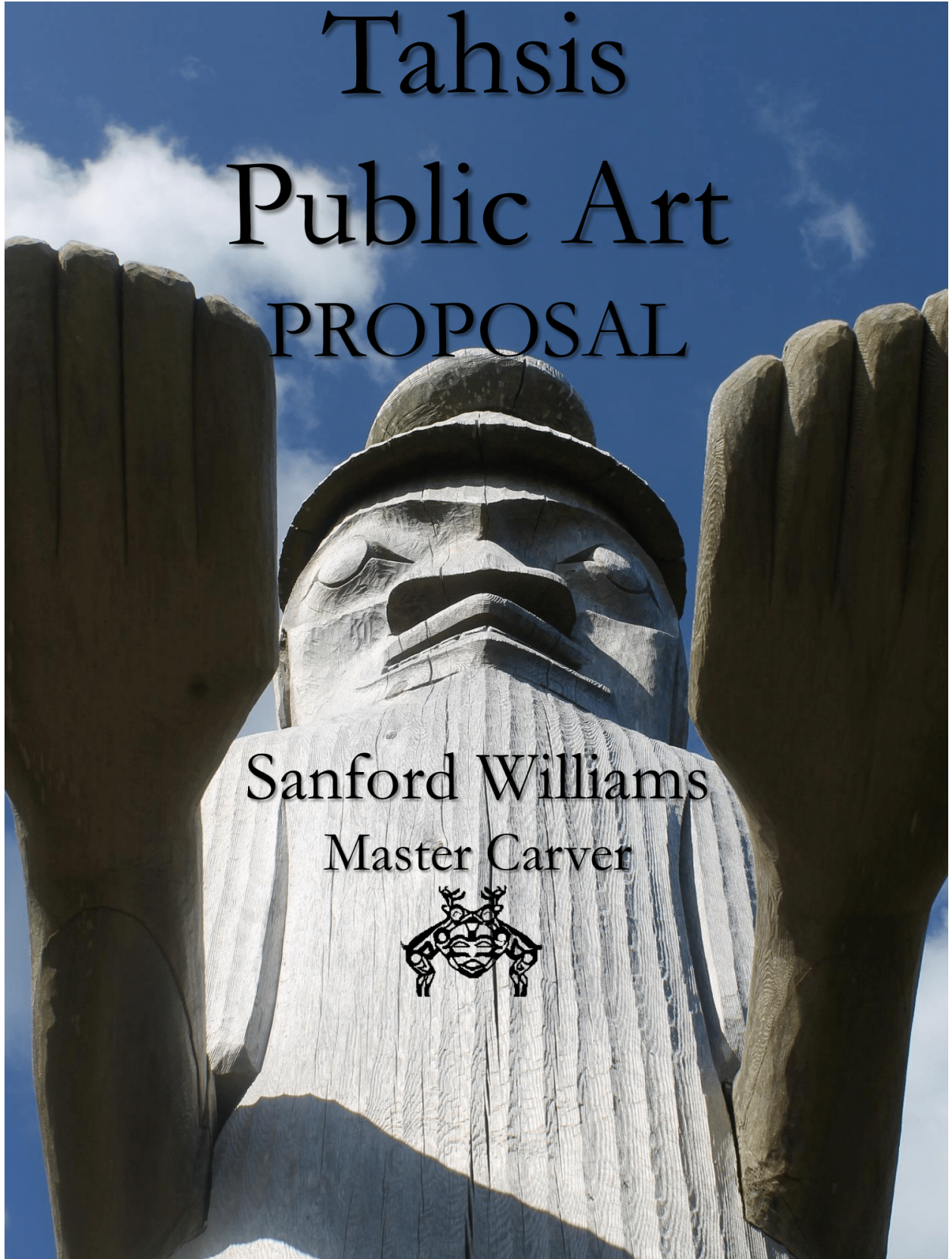
My name is Alex Witcombe of Drifted Creations, located on Quadra Island. I am submitting a proposal for the Wave Public Art Sculpture request.

Please see attached sketch rendering. Wave sculpture would be approximately 7.5' high with an approximate 7'x 7' footprint. The Wave would be constructed entirely of locally harvested driftwood which would provide aesthetic pleasure, longevity and structural stability.

Cost is \$7000.00 inclusive (GST/delivery).

Thank you,
Alex





Tahsis Public Art Project

CONCEPT

One sculpture to be designed and carved by local artist Sanford Williams for public space:

- Log size: 7' long for maximum length

The design will significantly represent the land, people, and history of the local First Nation territory of Mowachaht/Muchalaht, created by Williams, a Mowachaht member.

The sculpture will be on display outdoors, on the Tahsis public property, on site.

INFORMATION:

Artist: Sanford Williams, Master Carver

Medium: Carved Wood, West Coast Art Style

Product: Yellow Cedar

Suggested Designs: See Design Page

Title: Upon Request / TBD

Client: City of Tahsis

Tahsis Public Art Project DETAILS

Title Suggestion:

“Guidance & Protection”

Item:

One yellow cedar sculpture

Artist / Creative Director:

Sanford Williams, Master Carver

Design:

One tsunami sculpture made from a single log with some figures inside showing wildlife in native-art form. Blue-green paint mixed with water to give a wash effect, to show that it is water.

Worksite:

Yuquot BC (spring/summer only)

Client:

Village of Tahsis, The Strathcona Regional District

Work Dates:

Commencing Spring, 2025

Projection, Deadline:

Possibly completed by September 2025 (jobs pending)

Permanent Location:

Public Grounds, Tahsis BC

Tahsis Public Art Project

OBJECTIVE

- To create a sculpture that reflects and acknowledges Mowachaht/Muchalaht Culture & Territory in a design as per the request of the client to indicate the tsunami evacuation map location.
- Using traditional designs within the main tsunami profile (Salmon, Killer Whale, possibly Humans) to represent the sea life in the area and the people of the community who are affected most by a tsunami.
- Using a cedar log from our ancestral lands, suitable for outdoor display, creating a true, home-grown work of art.
- Respecting the truth and reconciliation component of our relationships, commissioning a local master carver to be commissioned on a project of Indigenous design to acknowledge the territory of the original inhabitants of the region.

Tahsis Public Art Project

WORK SITE: YUQUOT

Yuquot is Sanford Williams' summer home, where he lives, and works on projects at his new shop and gallery, which was built in 2021.

Benefits of Sculpture Creation at Yuquot:

- Sculpture can be tugged from Yuquot upon completion.
- The piece is protected from the public at Sanford Williams' secure shop, from vandalism and premature weather exposure.
- Minimal handling from one location to another
- No commuting necessary for the artist, increasing the time spent on the project.
- Sanford Williams' machinery and many tools already located at the Yuquot shop, secured.
- No distraction of TV, Internet, or establishments at Yuquot - to keep focused on the task at hand, and to allow daily, steady work on the piece for quicker completion, and transportation to Tahsis easily shipped by boat within an hour.
- Yuquot Summerfest (or "Campout") and tourism season will find many viewing and taking interest in the project.

Tahsis Public Art Project DESIGNS

The many animals that inhabit the area can represent the presence and guidance they offer. When grouped together, they can emit a harmonious spirit.

Whale: Compassion, Community Values, Kindness

Salmon: Determination, Abundance

Seal: Resourcefulness

Wolf: Teamwork, Success, Loyalty, Balance

Bear: Protection, Strength

Human: Persistence, Ambitious

Eagle: Guidance, Chieftainship

Any of these figures designed together can be applied to be included as living beings affected by any tsunami in the area.

Sanford suggests the idea of animals coming from the sea, or relying on the sea to be the focal point.

Pictured is his sketch (right) shows a salmon, whale, seal on one side. The other side of the sculpture may show similar animals. Possible room for human faces to represent the community.



Tahsis Public Art Project TIMELINE

Due to an overlap of projects at Yuquot and Hope for totems and other projects between 2025-2026, this project is best to be created at Yuquot, during Sanford's tourism season during 2025. Size of the sculpture and amount of detailing will determine its completion projection.

May/June, 2025

Log farmed, then set up at the Yuquot site for beginning stages of roughing, sanding, and adzing.

June – July, 2024

Wood is housed at Sanford Williams' shop at Yuquot, where painting and carving takes place.

September, 2024

Completion is possible if no unforeseen problems arise*.

In the event that more time is required due to unforeseen problems (*ie. wood rot, wood imperfections, physical injury, etc.) or prior obligations needing more time for similar reasons, the project will be completed in Spring, 2026.

Tahsis Public Art Project BUDGET & PAYMENT

Prices are in accordance with Sanford Williams' current catalogue (in Canadian funds, no tax).

Considering the budget from the Village of Tahsis, Strathcona Regional District of \$7000, Sanford Williams has incorporated the size and detailing to be within his means of that budget.

Deposit & Payment:

Deposits are necessary to obtain materials to begin and commit to the project. 50% of the total amount is non-refundable (a 50% deposit or arranged amount before May 2025.)

Due by May 31, 2025: \$3500 non-refundable deposit.

Remaining amount must be paid prior to the release of the item from Sanford's shop. Client must arrange for pickup.

Payment increments may be negotiated.

Suggested: May 2025 minimum nonrefundable 50%

Completion, remaining amount due before item is released.

Tahsis Public Art Project REQUIREMENTS

To ensure that the sculpture meets the specifications in accordance to the site's locations, the following information needs to be established:

1. If the item will be under any roof or any covering, exact height from the ground (or platform) is required. If there are any protrusions toward the piece, please allow for designing specifications to be made. (Ie. If the pole is under any post, eavestrough, or angled awning.)
2. The sculpture will require bolting (hardware is not supplied by Sanford Williams). The sculpture will allow for room for bolts.
3. Sanford Williams is not trained nor has equipment or supplies for erecting items, and securing them into cement or any other means. The client will need to provide securing materials and raise the item independently. (Sanford is not able to provide prayers or blessings in the event of a ceremony.)

Tahsis Public Art Project

CONCLUSION

Sanford Williams is a skilled carver who can create large carved items quickly and beautifully to suit the expectations of any client. He is known for his perfectionism and his professionalism. Sanford has previously worked on projects for clients such as the Canadian Coast Guard's Tahsis station (totem pole), Parks Canada (totem plaque holders), MMFN Wyndham Baymont (totem poles), the Vancouver Canucks (masks), and carvings for various resorts, galleries, Indigenous art events, and many others. They have all been a success, and each commission was completed by or before the agreed-to deadlines. Your project will be treated with the same quality and commitment.

For practical reasons, the private Yuquot shop is the ideal location to obtain the item, keep the housed until its release, and to work on it without distractions, as Sanford does not live in town, but rather – at Yuquot at his familial home next door to his shop during the tourism season. The client may view the carving process throughout the spring and summer while Sanford is at Yuquot.

Logs farmed are often knot-free, and contain no rot, pests, deformities, or any other impurities that will compromise the look and the carving process, and not put Sanford's shop or the eventual displayed location at risk from any harmful agents. However, there is a chance an imperfection may delay this process, but will be rectified immediately.

Once we've established an agreement, the first deposit (or portion thereof) may be made by the end of May, 2025. If banking information is required for wiring, we can provide this upon agreement of the commission.

If a member of the Village of Tahsis or Strathcona Regional District wishes to assess the progression, arrangements to meet with Sanford can be done any time while he is at Yuquot at the house phone number:
250-830-2277.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It will be Sanford's honour and pleasure to create a part of history for the new public art piece in Tahsis!

Sanford Williams

Sanford Williams, Master Carver
Mobile: 604-750-0404

Williams

Marlana Williams, Communications & Marketing

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: M. Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Koopman, Manager of Emergency Services

Date: January 15, 2025

Re: **Regional Grant Opportunity – Emergency Support Services**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider a regional grant application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2025 Emergency Support Services (ESS) program from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). This application would be in partnership with the Strathcona Regional District and other municipalities and First Nations in order to enhance mass care capacity in Tahsis.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

1. *Provide a resolution as drafted*
2. *Decline to provide a resolution*

Staff recommends **Option 1** in order to pursue an external funding opportunity

BACKGROUND:

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations and communities in responding to emergencies. The intent of the ESS funding stream is to support eligible applicants to build local capacity to provide emergency support services through volunteer recruitment, retention and training, including in-house training, and the purchase of ESS equipment. Eligible applicants can submit one application per intake, or as a partnering applicant in a regional application. It is proposed that the Strathcona Regional District will be the primary applicant in a regional application with the Village of Tahsis as a partner applicant. The deadline submission for this grant is January 31, 2025. In order to be considered as a partner, the Village of Tahsis is required to submit a Council Resolution that clearly states that the Village authorizes the Strathcona Regional District to receive and manage the funds on behalf of the Village.

Village of Tahsis		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Emergency Support Services Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency First Aid • Pet Care • Level 1 Response • Handheld Radio Communication • Psychological First Aid • Reception Centre & Group Lodging Activation 	Various	\$8,300
Staff wages for carrying out grant activities	Approximately 160 hours	\$7,000 ¹
25-year shelf life freeze dried food	12 1-month tubs	\$5,500
Teton XXL cots	12	\$4,200
Cost for staff to attend Network Emergency Support Services Teams 2025 conference in Prince George	1	\$3,800
50-year shelf-life canned emergency water	35 cases	\$2,100
Printers	2	\$2,000
10,000W Generator	1	\$1,700
Shelving for Reception Centre	3	\$1,500
Volunteer appreciation gifts (jackets)	10	\$1,200
Comfort Kits	100	\$800
Pet Care Supplies	Various	\$600
Tool Bags	2	\$510
Volunteer appreciation dinner	1	\$500
Mobile handwashing station	1	\$100
	Total	\$39,810

Table 1: Proposed Budget

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Section 2(3)(f) of BC Reg.380/95 (Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation) requires that local authorities coordinate the provision of flood, clothing and shelter to victims of emergencies and disasters. The provision of these items is made possible by the efforts of Emergency Support Services Team Members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The grant is 100% fully funded. The Strathcona Regional District would provide overall supervision and management of the grant, including procurement and delivery of all items.

¹ This is a placeholder until the all-in wage and benefit costs/hour can be calculated. This will also determine the number of hours funded.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT as part of the Village of Tahsis ongoing work in relation to emergency planning that an application for financial assistance under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2025 Emergency Support Services grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM, in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District; and

THAT the Village of Tahsis agrees to the Strathcona Regional District submitting an application on their behalf, and that if funded, agrees to the Strathcona Regional District managing the grant and being the recipient of all funding.

Respectfully submitted:



Mark Tatchell
Chief Administrative Officer



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January 8, 2025

To Our Community Partners & Participants,

We are writing to inform you of an important transition regarding the Strathcona Good Food Box program, which has served communities across Campbell River, Sayward, Zeballos, Gold River, and Tahsis. Since its inception during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, this initiative has been a vital resource in bolstering local food security, and it has been our privilege to support it. However, as we refocus our food security programming, we have made the decision to wrap up our direct involvement in this program.

First, we want to express our deep gratitude to the volunteer coordinators, volunteers, and partner organizations who have made the Good Food Box program a success. Your dedication and collaboration have enabled us to provide fresh, affordable produce to underserved communities and build meaningful connections across the region. It is because of your contributions that the program has had such a significant impact. While the Good Food Box program has achieved remarkable outcomes, it has not perfectly aligned with our core mandate as an organization. Our decision to take on the program stemmed from a pressing need during the pandemic to ensure equitable access to healthy food. Now, as we look ahead, we are realigning our efforts to focus on programming that more closely aligns with Greenways Land Trust's long-term vision and mission.

That said, we are committed to supporting the continuity of this program. We believe in the importance of maintaining this service for the communities it benefits and would like to explore opportunities for one or more partner organizations to take over the program, either in part or in whole. To support a smooth transition, we are happy to offer mentorship, guidance, and resources to any organization or group interested in assuming this role. Additionally, we have a refrigerated trailer available that could be loaned out to assist with the distribution of food boxes.

We invite you to share your thoughts on this transition and let us know if your organization might be interested in taking on any aspect of the program. We are eager to discuss how we can work together to ensure the ongoing success of this initiative. Please feel free to reach out to me at jeff@greenwaystrust.ca by [deadline for response]. We would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss this further and answer any questions you may have.

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Thank you once again for your unwavering support and partnership. We look forward to working together to find the best path forward for the Good Food Box program and to continuing our shared commitment to building resilient, food-secure communities.

Warm regards,

Jeff Groat
Outreach & Food Security Coordinator
Greenways Land Trust

Taking care of the land and waters that sustain us.



January 3, 2025

Mayor Martin Davis and Council
 Village of Tahsis
 977 South Maquinna Drive
 Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Sent via email: mayor@villageoftahsis.com

RE: AVICC REFERRED RESOLUTION: OF1: Addressing the Risk to Wild Salmon

Dear Mayor Davis and Council,

Thank you for your Off-the-Floor resolution submission at the 2024 AVICC AGM & Convention entitled *Addressing the Risk to Wild Salmon* (attached). This resolution was admitted for consideration, and after some debate, both in favour and against the resolution, it was referred to the AVICC Executive for decision. At the October 11, 2024 meeting of the AVICC Executive, the Resolution OF1 was considered for decision, and the AVICC Executive voted to endorse the resolution, as amended.

Historically, AVICC members have supported several resolutions on the issue of the protection of wild salmon, as recently as 2018 with R2018-B118: [Protection of Native Coast Salmon](#) and 2018-A2: [Protecting Local Waterways Wild Fish Species](#). The AVICC Executive recognizes this past policy, and the evolving science of sustainable aquaculture practices. We also acknowledge the economic impact that the transition away from open-net pen aquaculture will have on our members. The Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Industry recently released the [Draft Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan for British Columbia](#). Questions about the next steps for Consultation and Engagement on this draft Plan should be directed to ised@ised-isde.gc.ca.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Coordinator, at 236-237-1202 or by email at info@avicc.ca. On behalf of the AVICC Executive, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the communities in our region, and throughout the Province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ben Beselbach'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

AVICC President
 Councillor, City of Nanaimo

cc: Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Coordinator, tdennison@avicc.ca
 Mark Tatchell, CAO, Village of Tahsis, mtatchell@villageoftahsis.com

Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan for British Columbia – Themes 3 and 4

On June 19, 2024, the Government of Canada issued a [Policy Statement](#) announcing a ban on open net-pen salmon aquaculture in British Columbia coastal waters by June 30, 2029, and a transition to closed containment systems and other forms of aquaculture to better protect wild Pacific salmon and to promote more sustainable aquaculture practices. While existing licences have been renewed until June 30, 2029, with stricter conditions of licence to better protect wild Pacific salmon and the marine environment, only marine or land-based closed containment systems will be considered for salmon aquaculture licences after July 1, 2024. Work is underway to ensure that a robust regulatory regime to enact a ban on open net-pen aquaculture in BC waters takes effect on July 1, 2029.

Regulatory Amendment to the Pacific Aquaculture Regulations to end the use of open net-pens

A proposed regulatory amendment to the *Pacific Aquaculture Regulations* would:

- Apply to aquaculture in the marine environment only;
- Apply to salmon;
- Not apply to native salmon cultivated for purposes of enhancement; and,
- Come into force on July 1, 2029.

Defining Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture

Closed containment involves an impermeable barrier and technology to facilitate the removal of waste and filtration or treatment of discharged water. Water intake and outflow for land-based aquaculture facilities is an area of shared federal/provincial jurisdiction.

Particular areas for discussion include containment integrity and potential of escapes, potential impacts of infrastructure on the marine environment, and interactions between fish in the facility and the marine environment (including waste collection and water filtration or treatment).

The Task Force welcomes your perspectives related to the potential definition of closed containment salmon aquaculture and potential conditions of licence.

Engagement Questions: Defining Closed Containment Aquaculture

- What are the most important performance elements the Government of Canada should consider as it develops policies and licence conditions related to closed containment (which could include: cage integrity, fish welfare, feasibility, and environmental performance, others)?
- In addition to assuring the physical separation of wild and farmed fish, what objectives should be used to assess the success of closed containment salmon aquaculture (removal of waste, water filtration or treatment)?

Enhanced Monitoring and Public Reporting

The draft [Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan British Columbia](#) invites feedback on the monitoring of salmon aquaculture activities and public reporting.

Engagement Questions: Enhanced Monitoring and Public Reporting

- What are some key elements of enhanced monitoring?
- What public reporting would be most relevant during the transition? (e.g. sea lice, escapes, feed)

Engagement Questions – Assessing and Mitigating the Impacts of the Removal of Open-Nets from Coastal Waters:

- Do you anticipate that the removal of open-net pens will have an impact on Aboriginal or Treaty rights? In your view, what steps can be taken to address these impacts?
- What challenges and opportunities do you see for First Nations communities during the period leading up to and after the removal of open net pens?
- What do you anticipate as potential environmental impacts ? (e.g. positive benefits? negative consequences? no change)?
- What socio-economic impacts do you foresee from the removal of open-net pen aquaculture?

Plan de transition de la salmoniculture en Colombie-Britannique – Thèmes n^{os} 3 et 4

Le 19 juin 2024, le gouvernement du Canada a publié un [énoncé de politique](#) annonçant l'interdiction de pratiquer la salmoniculture en parcs en filet ouverts dans les eaux côtières de la Colombie-Britannique d'ici le 30 juin 2029, ainsi que la transition vers des parcs clos et d'autres formes d'aquaculture, dans le but de mieux protéger le saumon sauvage du Pacifique et de promouvoir des pratiques d'aquaculture plus durables. Les permis existants ont été renouvelés jusqu'au 30 juin 2029, et sont assortis de conditions plus strictes pour mieux protéger le saumon sauvage du Pacifique et l'environnement marin. À compter du 1^{er} juillet 2024, seuls les systèmes d'aquaculture en parcs clos, qu'ils soient marins ou terrestres, seront considérés aux fins de la délivrance de permis de salmoniculture. Des travaux sont en cours pour assurer l'entrée en vigueur d'un régime réglementaire rigoureux interdisant l'aquaculture en parcs en filet ouverts dans les eaux de la Colombie-Britannique le 1^{er} juillet 2029.

Modification du *Règlement du Pacifique sur l'aquaculture* pour mettre fin à l'utilisation de parcs en filet ouverts

Les modifications proposées au *Règlement du Pacifique sur l'aquaculture* :

- s'appliqueront uniquement à l'aquaculture en milieu marin;
- s'appliqueront au saumon uniquement;
- ne s'appliqueront pas au saumon indigène élevé à des fins de mise en valeur;
- entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} juillet 2029.

Définition de la salmoniculture en parc clos

La salmoniculture en parc clos nécessite une barrière imperméable et des technologies permettant d'éliminer les déchets et de filtrer ou traiter l'eau rejetée. La compétence relative à la prise d'eau et à l'écoulement pour les installations aquacoles terrestres est partagée entre les autorités fédérales et provinciales.

Les sujets de discussion incluent notamment l'intégrité des systèmes de confinement et le risque d'évasions, les répercussions potentielles des infrastructures sur l'environnement marin et les interactions entre les poissons confinés dans les installations et l'environnement marin (y compris la collecte des déchets et la filtration ou le traitement de l'eau).

Le Groupe de travail souhaite connaître votre avis sur la définition potentielle de la salmoniculture en parc clos et les conditions pour la délivrance des permis.

Questions aux fins de la mobilisation : Définition de l'aquaculture en parc clos

- Quels sont les facteurs de rendement les plus importants que le gouvernement du Canada devrait prendre en compte lors de l'élaboration des politiques et des conditions de permis liées à l'aquaculture en parc clos (parmi ces facteurs pourraient notamment figurer l'intégrité des cages, le bien-être des poissons, la faisabilité, le rendement environnemental, etc.)?
- Outre la séparation physique entre les poissons sauvages et les poissons d'élevage, sur quels objectifs devrait-on se fonder pour évaluer la réussite de la salmoniculture en parc clos (l'élimination des déchets et la filtration ou le traitement de l'eau)?

Surveillance renforcée et rapports publics

Dans le cadre de l'ébauche du [Plan de transition de la salmoniculture en Colombie-Britannique](#), des commentaires sont sollicités au sujet de la surveillance des activités de salmoniculture et de la publication de rapports publics.

Questions aux fins de la mobilisation : Surveillance renforcée et rapports publics

- Quels sont les éléments clés d'une surveillance renforcée?
- Quels rapports publics seraient les plus pertinents durant la transition (par exemple, en ce qui touche le pou du poisson, les évasions ou l'alimentation)?

Questions aux fins de la mobilisation – Évaluation et atténuation des conséquences du retrait des parcs en filet ouverts dans les eaux côtières

- Selon vous, le retrait des parcs en filet ouverts aura-t-il des répercussions négatives sur les droits ancestraux ou issus de traités? À votre avis, quelles mesures pourraient être prises pour atténuer ces répercussions?
- Quels défis et quelles possibilités entrevoyez-vous pour les communautés des Premières Nations avant et après le retrait des parcs en filet ouverts?
- Quelles répercussions potentielles entrevoyez-vous sur l'environnement (avantages, conséquences négatives ou aucun changement)?
- D'après vous, quelles seront les répercussions socioéconomiques de l'interdiction de pratiquer l'aquaculture en parcs en filet ouverts?

OF1) Addressing the Risk to Wild Salmon**Village of Tahsis**

Whereas the AVICC, first nations and our regional sport fishing resorts depend on fishing tourism as a mainstay of our economy;

And whereas fish farms continue to occupy sites along main migration routes in nootka sound and other areas, which are recharged by natural salmon spawning in our rivers and supplemented by both federally-supported and volunteer-run fish hatcheries;

And whereas monitoring has shown that local fish farms are often non-compliant in regard to sea-lice infestations;

And whereas research has shown that wild and hatchery smolts are attracted to the feed in net pens, which leads to infestation by sea lice and high mortality:

Therefore be it resolved, that UBCM ask the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to do what is in the best interest of local salmon health and the economy of the region; that open-net fish farms either be decommissioned or moved towards closed-containment methods that completely eliminate outbreaks of sea lice and other fish pathogens within the natural environment.

***ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO THE AVICC EXECUTIVE
ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

January 7, 2025

RE: Protecting Taxpayers from Overspending on Local Government Construction

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) is Canada's largest construction association and a leading industry organization in British Columbia, with more than 4,500 member and client companies. ICBA's B.C. corporate members account for approximately 85% of the province's construction sector – representing more than 190,000 jobs. Construction itself is one of the biggest B.C. industries, directly generating almost 8% of GDP. ICBA also owns and manages a rapidly growing employee health and dental benefits business which currently supports more than 300,000 Canadians.

Apart from advocating for the interests of construction companies and contractors, ICBA is a principled voice for free enterprise and the benefits of a competitive, market-based economy. Unlike many other business associations, ICBA receives no funding from governments at any level. We believe that competition and choice for consumers and taxpayers is by far the best way to deliver value-for-money and create the conditions for a thriving economy.

ICBA is writing to you and other B.C. local government bodies to share our views on the topic of public sector procurement. At a time when large numbers of British Columbians are facing affordability challenges, many small and mid-sized businesses are struggling to survive, and the B.C. government is running record budget deficits, we believe it is **important for municipal leaders to commit to open, fair and transparent procurement practices** across all domains of local and regional government activity. This includes the regular purchase of goods and services to operate local government as well as procurement that is tied to capital spending and the development and maintenance of infrastructure assets.

When municipalities pay for goods, services and capital projects, they do so on behalf of all taxpayers in the community. **Municipal policymakers have an obligation to adopt prudent fiscal policies and to ensure the best possible value-for-money when expending taxpayer dollars. Competitive procurement policies are a vital part of delivering on this fundamental obligation.**

Across Canada, local government expenses amounted to \$220 billion in 2022, with the main components of expenditures consisting of purchases of goods and services, employee compensation, subsidies and grants, interest payments on debt, and the depreciation of fixed capital (Statistics Canada, Table 10-10-0015-01). In the same year, total local government revenues were \$225 billion, of which the largest shares were grants/payments from other levels of government and revenues derived from taxes on property.

In the past few years, the B.C. government has undertaken a significant fraction of its capital projects under the "Community Benefits Agreement" (CBA) framework adopted in 2018. Under this policy, a provincial Crown Corporation (British Columbia Infrastructure Benefits Inc. – BCIB) contracts for the employees required to build certain public sector infrastructure and other capital projects. It does so through an agreement with a group of 19 trade unions that are part of the broader Building Trades Union (BTU) alliance. All employees working on CBA projects must be (or become) members of an affiliated BTU.

This very unusual arrangement dilutes the important relationship that exists between an employer and its employees across the rest of the B.C. private sector.

The province’s CBA policy has the effect of restricting bidding on projects covered by the scheme. This is especially problematic given that about 85% of the people working in the B.C. construction industry are not BTU members nor employed by contractors which are covered by BTU collective agreements. **Fewer bidders means less pressure to ensure competitive costs and excellence in project delivery.** Many ICBA members will not bid on public sector projects covered CBAs because of the extra bureaucracy and administrative complexity involved and also because they do not wish to give up control and management oversight of their own workforce – as is the normal practice in Canadian business.

As demonstrated by academic research, **restricted bidding translates into higher costs for taxpayers** and the users of infrastructure services established via CBA-type arrangements.¹ Cost over-runs and unexpected delays are a common theme with CBA projects.² The net result is hundreds of millions of dollars of additional costs imposed on the B.C. taxpayers and delays in project delivery.

It is sometimes argued that restrictive tendering policies like CBAs are necessary to support local hires, apprenticeships, and pensions. In a labour shortage like B.C. construction is facing, our companies do everything they can to hire and keep local workers. ICBA is the single largest sponsor of trades apprentices in British Columbia, and open shop contractors train 82% of all apprentices in the province. When it comes to financial security, ICBA contractors and their employees utilize RRSPs, bonus programs, and profit-sharing initiatives, providing flexible and effective solutions tailored to their workforce, rather than being restricted to union-controlled pension plans.

For local governments, the lesson from B.C.’s failed experiment with CBAs is clear. **Municipal and regional government projects should be developed and managed using open, competitive procurement.** Restrictive tendering should be avoided in all areas of local government activity – capital projects, but also the day-to-day procurement of goods and services. Municipalities should not discriminate against B.C. businesses and their employees based on factors such as particular union affiliations.

If you have any questions or wish to engage ICBA in a conversation on this, or any, construction issue, please feel free to contact me directly at chris@icba.ca.

Sincerely,
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND BUSINESSES ASSOCIATION



Chris Gardner
President and CEO, ICBA

¹ Brian Dijkema and Morley Gunderson, Restrictive Tendering: Protection for Whom? January 2017, CARDUS.

² Renze Nauta, “Benefits for Whom? Assessing British Columbia’s Community Benefits Agreements,” CARDUS September 2024.

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council

From: Chief Administrative Officer

Date: January 13, 2025

Re: Farmers' Markets at 1387 S. Maquinna Drive- For Information

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To inform Mayor and Council of the Farmers' Market events to be held at the above civic address during July-August, 2025.

The lessee of the Village property, at this address, (Jan Bonk dba "Coal Creek Roasters") will hold Farmers' Markets during July and August 2025. As the zoning for the property (C-1) permits this use, the lease agreement will be amended to accommodate the same. The lessee will be responsible for acquiring liability insurance for these events and naming the Village as an additional insured. Had the zoning not permitted the use, a Council policy decision would have been required regarding a zoning bylaw amendment or temporary use permit to allow these events to be held at this location.

The area referred to above is shown on the site plan in Schedule 'A'.

The applicant has a 3 year lease agreement with the Village to operate a food processing and retail business in the building. Operating Farmers' Markets is not included in the lease agreement, so the lease agreement will be amended to include this use.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. *Village of Tahsis Zoning Bylaw No. 630, 2020* - the Farmers' Markets area is located within C-1 zone. The bylaw stipulates:

3.3 Urban Agricultural Use

- 5) *A produce stand shall be considered a home-based business and therefore subject to the regulations in Section 3. 2(1) of this Bylaw*

3.2 Occupations Permitted in All Zones

- 1) *A home-based business is permitted in any zone subject to compliance with the following regulations:*
 - d) *the home-based business shall not produce, discharge or emit any smoke, dust, litter, vibrations, odours, effluent, noise, fumes or glare such as to create a nuisance to persons residing in the surrounding area;*
 - e) *the home-based business shall be conducted entirely within a building that conforms with the other regulations under this Bylaw with the exception that, subject to compliance with subsection (d), activities associated with the home- based business may be conducted on the lot exterior to the building between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. daily;*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no anticipated financial implications for the Village.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

A 2023 Strategic Priority:

“Develop a food security plan for the community”.

Respectfully submitted:



Mark Tatchell, CAO

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South Maquinna rd.

VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: January 10, 2025
Re: Free bike share program

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To describe the elements, risks and benefits of a free bike share program.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve implementation of a fully funded free bike share program as described.
2. Do not approve implementation of a fully funded free bike share program as described.
3. Any other option Council deems appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

A Comox-based organization has offered to sell 20 bicycles to the Village for \$500-\$750 so that the Village can offer a free bike share program.

Effective bike sharing programs have the following features:

- Bike racks are strategically located throughout the community for easy access and drop-off.
- Bikes are durable, weather resistant, easily identified and designed for the community where they will be used.
- Bikes have easily adjustable seats, reflectors, lights and helmets.
- Operational support is readily available to provide regular maintenance, re-distribute bikes to balance availability and offer support to users for troubleshooting.
- Have a sufficient level operational funding and enough revenue to meet the capital requirements, e.g., bike racks and shelters.

The benefits of a bike sharing program are:

- Reduces carbon emissions and air pollution by replacing short car trips with cycling.
- Promotes physical activity and healthier lifestyles for users.
- Affordable alternative to car ownership for local travel.
- Provides an easy way for visitors and residents to explore the community.

The risks of a bike sharing program are:

- Theft and vandalism: bikes can be damaged or stolen, especially without adequate security measures. Abandoned and discarded bikes pollute public green areas and private property.
- Operating costs and financial sustainability: high maintenance costs, insufficient staffing, insurance, administrative costs, storage and repair spaces, as well as redistributing challenges can strain budgets without additional source of revenue.
- Safety concerns: risks of accidents due to lack of bike lanes, poor lighting, impaired driving, helmets not worn and road variability.
- Weather dependency: lower uptake during poor and extreme weather conditions.

Volunteers could potentially assist in operating the program, subject to satisfying the insurance requirements and criminal record checks. However, when volunteers are unavailable, Village forces would be required to deliver the program.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. *Motor Vehicle Act, RSBC 1996, chapter 318*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications have not been calculated as the program scope is not confirmed. The 2025 budget has a deficit which must be addressed before introducing the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw. The Local Government Climate Action Program grant is a potential source of funding for the program, although there are other potential uses for this funding, e.g., new heating and cooling system for the Recreation Centre. Alternatively, property tax revenue would need to be increased or budget reductions made in order to fund this program. There is no staff capacity to operate the program without additional funding.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mark Tatchell', written in a cursive style.

Mark Tatchell, CAO