



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

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