



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	August 5, 2025
<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 Brenda Lenahan
Councillor Ryan Moore
Councillor Cheryl Northcott by video

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer by video
Amanda Knibbs, IT Coordinator by video
Paige Sawyer, Economic Development Coordinator by video
Reginald Stratton, Project Manager

Public 3 members of the public. 1 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

H2 Perry Brothers Bridge repair quote from Tahsis Supply Co.

H4 Report to Council RE: Standing Committee of the Business Liaison budget

L4 Road Improvement Consideration Letter from Cardiac Climb Residents

C. Approval of the Agenda

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0285/2025

THAT the Agenda for the August 5, 2025 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public asked where financial information about capital projects is publicly available. Staff directed the individual to the page of on the Village website where the information is posted.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 July 8, 2025 Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting Minutes

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0286/2025

THAT the Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting minutes of July 8, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 July 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0287/2025

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 8, 2025 be adopted as amended.

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**

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0288/2025

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment presented his report and highlighted; overall file count decrease, increase in Tahsis calls, officer presence, traffic enforcement, and staffing updates

Council asked if the RCMP had insights on setting speed limits, to which Sgt. Young responded.

2 Report to Council Re: Perry Brothers Bridge Repair Project - Budget, Procurement and Schedule.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0289/2025

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0290/2025

THAT option # 1 be approved.

CARRIED

3 Tahsis Flood Protection Project - Phase 3 Report on Public Engagement Meeting

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0291/2025

THAT this report be received for information.

CARRIED

4 Report to Council Re: Standing Committee of the Business Liaison Budget

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0292/2025

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0293/2025

THAT Council approve \$300.00 for the Standing Committee Open House event.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

On July 9th, sewage from the north area began to be routed to the south treatment plant. No transmission issues have been reported or identified. It will take a few weeks for the biomass at the south plant to increase to effectively digest the increased volume.

The north treatment plant tank has now been drained.

Construction of the overflow/equalization system for the north tank installation has begun following sludge removal. Lift stations 3 and 6 have been serviced for optimal performance. The Village, using our own forces, will undertake minor works after completion of the project.

This past weekend I attended the annual Yuquot Summerfest along with Councillor Lenahan, at Friendly Cove. It is a great opportunity to connect with the members of the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation and I have been going for several years. This one was particularly auspicious as it marks the return of the Whaler's Shrine, a sacred site that was removed by the American Museum of Natural History in 1904. Currently it is being stored until a plan is developed to return it to the island it came from and house it within a clear structure to protect it. I also spent time in conversation with Chief Maquinna discussing many issues of mutual interest. We also visited Sanford Williams, their master carver, who will be carving a tsunami sculpture for Tahsis next year, funded by Strathcona Regional District. I also discussed with him creating a welcome carving for Tahsis, much like the one at Friendly Cove, which consists of a tall human figure with outstretched hands, palms up in a gesture of welcome.

Tahsis Days was recently held and I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their efforts in making this a success. Of note was our 'soft' opening of the long-awaited fire hall. It was also our first visit as an elected official of Aaron Gunn, who represents our federal riding now. I spent an hour with him bringing him up to speed on Tahsis issues and our vision for the future.

In June and July, the first eight kilometres of the Grease Trail was reopened between Tahsis and Woss Lake, with a further five kilometres to be completed, mostly over the 550 metre high pass. When complete, it will not only become a major tourist draw, but is also another step in the renewal of Mowachaht Muchalaht culture, as it was a trade route between here and the east coast of the Island, near Port McNeill. In the work reopening this trail, a huge red cedar was found with an estimated width at the base of five metres. We have been told that the trail has songs associated with it and they will likely be unveiled during an opening ceremony by the MMFN in the future. Thanks to all the workers that have contributed to the trail's reopening so far.

Councillor Northcott

The only thing I have to report is that I attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library executive meeting and the Finance Committee meeting. The only point of interest to Tahsis residents is that VIRL is still moving forward with our new library, so we're just waiting on the next step.

Councillor Lenahan

This past weekend I had the pleasure of returning to one of my favorite places on the planet which happens to be in our region and the home of the Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Nation. This place is known as Yuquot which means the 'winds blow from all directions'. The nation was having their annual community campout which I had never been present for. The welcome from our hosts was genuine and inclusive. It really warmed my heart to see so many kids and youth in attendance who so obviously love their time there and call it home.

On Saturday we attended the annual Summerfest celebration which included a shared meal, powerful words from Chief Maquinna with a vision of a strong future and a celebration of the homecoming for the Whaling Shrine. Of specific local interest, Jeremy Payne, former Tahsis teacher, was present with his family to receive gratitude from the Nation for a project that he spearheaded while teaching here which supported the advocacy for returning the shrine home. I had not heard about this previously but was really interested to hear that the project was in persuasive writing and the focus was the Whaling Shrine. That is really beautiful allyship and I hope to have an opportunity to read those letters.

Councillor Moore (not received)

Councillor Fowler (Verbal Report)

I attended the SRD board meeting last week. The regional travel proposal was approved. What this actually means is yet to be seen. I also have an agenda item for the UBCM's small talk forum. If there are any questions about that I hope to be able to answer them.

Submitted respectfully,
Councillor Fowler

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0294/2025
THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

- July 16, 2025 email from Kevin Charlton, Director West Coast and Yukon Division, Canadian Border Services Agency to local elected representatives**
- 1 Re: Request for a letter in support of request submitted to the CBSA to change YQQ (Comox Valley Airport) from an AOE 160 to an AOE 220 for winter charter operations.**
- July 24, 2025 email from Lynsay Pacey, Program Officer, UBCM to Mayor and Council Re: Asset Management Planning- 2025 Program grant approval.**
- 2**
- July 3, 2025 email from the Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests Re: North Island Timber Supply Area Apportionment Decision.**
- 3**
- July 31, 2025 letter from Cardiac Climb Residents to Mayor and Council Re: Road Improvement Consideration**
- 4**

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0295/2025
THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0296/2025
THAT correspondence item L1,L2,L3 and L4 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- July 16, 2025 email from Kevin Charlton, Director West Coast and Yukon Division, Canadian Border Services Agency to local elected representatives**
- L1 Re: Request for a letter in support of request submitted to the CBSA to change YQQ (Comox Valley Airport) from an AOE 160 to an AOE 220 for winter charter operations be sent.**

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0297/2025
THAT a letter of support seeking a change in AOE160 to AOE220 for winter operations

CARRIED

L2 July 24, 2025 email from Lynsay Pacey, Program Officer, UBCM to Mayor and Council Re: Asset Management Planning- 2025 Program grant approval.

A discussion about the GIS and asset management program followed.

L3 July 3, 2025 email from the Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests Re: North Island Timber Supply Area Apportionment Decision.

A discussion followed.

L4 July 31, 2025 letter from Cardiac Climb Residents to Mayor and Council Re: Road Improvement Consideration

Councillor Lenahan spoke to her letter as a private resident.

M. New Business

1 Councillor Moore's request for the Village of Tahsis Council's endorsement to serve as a non-board committee member on Committees of FCM's Board of Directors

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0298/2025

THAT this information be received for discussion.

CARRIED

2 Street and Traffic Regulation Bylaw # 29, 1971 & Street and Traffic Regulation Amendment Bylaw #125,1977 - for discussion.

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0299/2025

THAT Traffic Regulation Bylaw #29, 1971 & Street and Traffic Regulation Amendment Bylaw #125, 1977 be received for discussion.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on the contents of the current traffic enforcement bylaw.

Public Exclusion

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0300/2025

THAT this meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1) (e) of the Community Charter- 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 0301/2025

THAT the Regular Council Meeting recess at 9:06 p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0309/2025

THAT the Regular Council Meeting reconvene at 9:32 p.m. .

CARRIED

Rise and Report

None.

O. Adjournment

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0310/2025

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

CARRIED

**Certified Correct this
2nd day of September, 2025**



Chief Administrative Officer

Late item - Add to "H2"

TAHSIS BRIDGE REPAIR PROPOSAL

Tahsis Supply Co.
P (206) 200-2628



QUOTE #: 250729
DATE: 29-Jul-2025
CUSTOMER: Village of Tahsis

QUOTE IS VALID FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS

QUANTITY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
124	DFGRN1RGH041216	4X12 16' #1 & BTR GDF RGH .60 ACZA	5463.000 MBF	\$43,350.40
28	DFGRN1RGH101016	10X10 16' #1 & BTR GDF RGH .60 ACZA	5739.000 MBF	\$21,423.74
78	DFGRN1RGH081016	8X10 16' #1 & BTR GDF RGH .60 ACZA	4990.000 MBF	\$41,516.80
38	DFGRN1RGH081020	8X10 20' #1 & BTR GDF RGH .60 ACZA	4990.000 MBF	\$25,282.66
60	DFGRN1RGH040616	4X6 16' #1 & BTR GDF RGH .60 ACZA	4750.000 MBF	\$9,120.00
16	DFGRN1RGH040610	4X6 10' #1 & BTR GDF RGH .60 ACZA	4750.000 MBF	\$1,520.00
40	PTSW020616	2X6 16' ULTRA DECK / SUNWOOD	3790.000 MBF	\$2,425.60

TOTAL \$144,639.20

THIS PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE CONDITIONS NOTED:

- 1) Delivered to site on Maxi B-Train Style Trucks
- 2) Estimated two (2) loads
- 3) Forklift required on site (not included on this quote)
- 4) Allow 45-60 days from time of order for all items to be delivered


*All prices are quoted in Canadian dollars based on
CDN/USD exchange rate as of July 27, 2025.*

Payment Terms:
1% 10th, Net 11th

QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE TAXES AND/OR TARRIFS

QUOTE IS VALID FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS

SIGN BELOW TO ACCEPT QUOTE:

 Outlook

Fw: Late item for Aug 5 Council Meeting

From Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

Date Mon 8/25/2025 5:05 PM

To Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

From: Ryan Moore <RMoore@villageoftahsis.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 3:06 PM

To: Mayor Davis <Mayor@villageoftahsis.com>; Mark Tatchell

<MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>; Brenda Lenahan <BLenahan@villageoftahsis.com>

Subject: Late item for Aug 5 Council Meeting

Good afternoon Martin,

During this mornings meeting of the Standing Committee of Business Liason we received information from staff that there was a potential source of funds for our open house in September, but as it is Councils money it would be best to seek approval prior to committing the funds.

It is \$300 from the Sub Ledger, which I hope I have correctly noted, and I am just contacting to request we have this as a late item tonight to see approval for its use.

Ryan

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July 31, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

We, the residents of Cardiac Climb, recently learned that the Village of Tahsis will be applying for a road improvements grant and would like to ensure that our area is considered for much-needed upgrades. We are writing to share our concerns regarding this unique and challenging section of road in our community.

In recent years, it has become increasingly evident that the road is subsiding at an accelerated rate. The surface condition continues to deteriorate, and without proper storm drainage, pooling water is occurring in some areas while other sections appear to be undermined—potentially affecting both the roadbed and adjacent properties. We are concerned that the ongoing subsidence may be a sign of deeper structural issues requiring attention.

In addition, the usable width of the road is narrowing, and undulations and potholes are creating safety concerns for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Over the past seven years, some residents have raised their observations and concerns with the Village. This includes two instances where hollows opened up in the road—suggesting possible instability below the surface. We appreciate that Public Works responded with temporary repairs by filling the hollows, but we believe these recurring issues warrant a more comprehensive assessment and long-term solution.

Given that Cardiac Climb has not been thoroughly assessed or upgraded in many years, we believe it is a strong candidate for infrastructure investment. Addressing these issues now could prevent more serious or costly problems in the future. We respectfully ask that this road be prioritized in the upcoming grant application process.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Village Council to maintain and improve public infrastructure in Tahsis, and we trust that our concerns will be given thoughtful consideration during your planning.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely

Jack and June Taylor

Murray and Teresa Gagne

Jody and Lauren Goodwin

Don and Lynn Beamin

Brenda Lenahan