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<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>	
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>July 8, 2025</b>	
<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	
<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b>	

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<b><u>Present</u></b>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Brenda Lenahan Councillor Ryan Moore	by video
<b><u>Absent</u></b>	Councillor Cheryl Northcott	
<b><u>Staff</u></b>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager	by video by video
<b><u>Public</u></b>	6 members of the public.	3 by video
<b>A. Call to Order</b>	Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  <b>Land Acknowledgement</b> Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory.	
<b>B. Introduction of Late Items</b>	Nootka Sound RCMP quarterly report under Business Arising as "H1" to be deleted from the agenda.	
<b>C. Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>Moore/Fowler: VOT 0269/2025</b> <b>THAT</b> the Agenda for the July 8, 2025 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>E. Public Input # 1</b>	A member of the public spoke in favour of resolution 0265/2025 which identified the Rec Centre as the capital infrastructure project for submission to the Canada Community Building Fund, Strategic Priorities Fund Program.	

A total cost figure and sources of funding for the Fire Hall Relocation Project was requested. Staff to provide a final update once the projected has been finalized.

A member of the public inquired into the process for proposing a community project to which Council responded.

**F. Adoption of the Minutes**

**1 June 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0270/2025**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 3, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 June 10, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0271/2025**

**THAT** the Special Council Meeting minutes of June 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 June 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0272/2025**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of June 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4 June 11, 2025 Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting Minutes**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0273/2025**

**THAT** the Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting minutes of June 11, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5 June 25 ,2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0274/2025**

**THAT** the Special Council Meeting minutes of June 25, 2025 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**

This item was deleted from the agenda.

**2 Reconsideration of Resolution 0265/2025 on the Mayor's authority under the Community Charter, s. 131 – report to Council**

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0275/2025**

THAT the Report to Council be received and considered.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Davis advised Staff that he wished to have resolution 0265/2025 from the June 25, 2025 Special Council meeting reconsidered. The CAO provided procedural guidance to Council regarding this request and reviewed response options/alternatives for council's consideration.

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0276/2025**

to rescind Resolution 0265/2025.

**CARRIED**

Council debated the likelihood of securing funding for the rec centre given that the past three grant applications were unsuccessful.

Council members discussed the following options for the capital infrastructure project grant: road improvements, water main replacement: sewer upgrades and upgrades to the Capital Meares School's east wing to accommodate the new Tahsis Library branch and the Community Complex. Council considered their priorities and the potential impact of each option. Council discussed the opportunity of combining road projects with water and/or sewer improvements.

**Fowler/Davis:**

THAT Option #3 be approved as a capital infrastructure project and Option #1 as a capacity building project for submission to the Canada Community Building Fund, Strategic Priorities Fund Program.

**MOTION  
FAILED**

Council discussed their grant submission strategy. Submitting under both the infrastructure and capacity building streams may increase the chances of receiving funding but it may also increase the risk of only receiving the capacity building grant as a consolation.

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0277/2025**

THAT Option #3 be approved as a capital infrastructure project to the Canada Community Building Fund, Strategic Priorities Fund Program.

**CARRIED**

A draft grant application to be prepared for Council's consideration at the August 5, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

**3 Reconsideration of Resolution 0022/2023, approved on January 3, 2023:**

**Councillor Fowler Re: Good Food Box Travel Costs and Consideration of Sponsoring 1 box/per delivery.**

**WHEREAS** food security is one of Council's strategic priorities for 2023; and

**WHEREAS** there are many healthy food insecure households within the Village of Tahsis;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved to partner with Greenway Trust, Strathcona Food Hub and Gold River's Village Veggies to pay the biweekly freight cost in transporting Good Food Boxes to Tahsis (based on the current cost of a return trip at the Village of Tahsis Travel rate of \$88.80) and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to support greater health by sponsoring one or more boxes for resident(s) who are financially compromised (current cost \$20 per box).

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0021/2023**

**THAT** this resolution be considered.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed the cost implications of the cost implication of both the delivery cost and sponsoring an additional per delivery.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0022/2023**

**THAT** this resolution be approved as amended below.

**CARRIED**

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**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0278/2025**

**THAT** Resolution #0022/2023 be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Fowler spoke to the successes and challenges of the food security program. Mayor and Council thanked Councillor Fowler for her efforts.

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0279/2025**

**THAT** Resolution #0022/2023 be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

I am happy to report that work on reopening the Grease Trail, the old First Nation trade route that extends from Tahsis (which means The Path) to 'nalaxtala' (Port McNeill) is underway. So far about five kilometres has been cut, with another five to go. The last two kilometres from the pass down to Woss Lake has been previously opened by the 'Namgis in their territory but will also be cleaned up a bit. While much of this work is a paid contract, the first kilometre or so from the McKelvie bridge has been opened by volunteers. Thanks to all in this effort!

**Councillor Fowler** (verbal report)

I went to the Nootka Marine Adventures Fishing Derby. I don't have a boat, but I sat there and answered questions about some of the projects that we have and talked about micro trolling and beach seining.

Written report with respect to H3.

Please accept this PowerPoint presentation that I delivered to the UBC Learning Circle on May 22, 2025 (Attachment #1). The recording is available at the link below.

It gives me great pride to have been able to offer this pilot program to the Tahsis buyers.

Since November 2022 and with 490 local volunteer hours we have cumulatively 20501.09 kg of CO2 reduced in that time. I want to thank you for supporting food security-related investment for folks in remote villages like ours, especially, the 8 volunteer drivers we had over the term of the program and Georgie McKenzie in Gold River who has had volunteers there pack every one of the 355 bags of food we have distributed over the course of this program.

**Attachment # 1** Tahsis UBC Learning Circle Food Stories

Link to recording- Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health - UBC learning Circle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZkyY2sEsOM>

**Councillor Northcott**

Absent.

**Councillor Lenahan** (verbal report)

A week and a half ago I had the opportunity to be a part of a rather interesting meeting at the federal level, with the federal Minister for Jobs and Families, Patty Hadju, with a group of disability rights advocates, but also with Bob Ray, who is the Canadian ambassador to the UN at this point.

**Councillor Moore**

No Report.

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0280/2025**

**THAT the Council Reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

None.

**L. Correspondence**

- 1 **June 2, 2025 email from Lori Bennett to Mayor and Council Re: Signage for hidden driveways/intersection near the top of S. Maquinna Drive.**
- 2 **June 2, 2025 email from Shaeli to Village of Tahsis Council Re: Fires at the Black Bear Lodge.**
- 3 **June 18, 2025 letter from M. McCrae to Mayor and Council Re: 2025 Property Tax Rate.**
- 4 **November 7, 2024 letter from Ombudsperson British Columbia to Mayor Davis Re: Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: July 1 - September 20, 2024.**
- 5 **May 29 2025 email from Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs Re: Implementation of SSMUH (Small-scale Multi-Unit Housing) requirements.**
- 6 **May 30, 2025 Email from Dany Rubbo, Manager, Communications and Events, Life Saving Society- BC & Yukon Branch- re: Proclamation Request- National Drowning Prevention Week.**
- 7 **June 17, 2025 letter from the District of Cold Stream to Mayor and Council Re: Modernization of Wastewater Regulations- UBCM Resolution.**
- 8 **June 5, 2025 letter from Kermit Dahl to Mayor and Council Re: Collective initiative in Support of Resource-Dependent Communities.**

**CARRIED**

9 **June 20, 2025 letter from Angela Marie MacDougal, Executive Director, Battered Women's Support Services to Mayor and Council Re: province-wide Initiative "#Designedwithsurvivors" that reframes gender-based violence as a public safety crisis.**

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0281/2025**

**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0282/2025**

**THAT** correspondence item L2, L3 and L8 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

L2 **June 2, 2025 email from Shaeli to Village of Tahsis Council Re: Fires at the Black Bear Lodge.**

Councillor Moore spoke to this correspondence item.

L3 **June 18, 2025 letter from M. McCrae to Mayor and Council Re: 2025 Property Tax Rate.**

Councillor Moore acknowledged M. McCrae's concerns about her property taxes. Part of the tax increase may have been the result of an increase in the property's assessment value. The CAO has spoken with the resident regarding some options which included appealing the property assessment value next year and the tax deferral program.

L8 **June 5, 2025 letter from Kermit Dahl to Mayor and Council Re: Collective initiative in Support of Resource-Dependent Communities.**

Councillor Fowler spoke to this correspondence item and noted that this is a topic that will be debated at UBCM in September.

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0283/2025**

**THAT** the resolution above be amended to include pulling L1 for discussion.

**CARRIED**

L1 **June 2, 2025 email from Lori Bennett to Mayor and Council Re: Signage for hidden driveways/intersection near the top of S. Maquinna Drive.**

Council discussed this email and the request for signage. Speeding, speed limits, electronic speed signs from ICBC and the condition of existing signs were discussed.

Mayor Davis to respond directly to Lori Bennett's email.

**M. New Business**

None.

**N. Public Input #2**

A member of the public recommended the use of electronic speed signs.  
A resident inquired into the need for picking up food from Gold River to which Councillor Fowler responded.  
A lessee inquired into the notification process for the inspection of his apartment.

**O. Adjournment**

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0284/2025**  
**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this**  
**5th day of August, 2025**

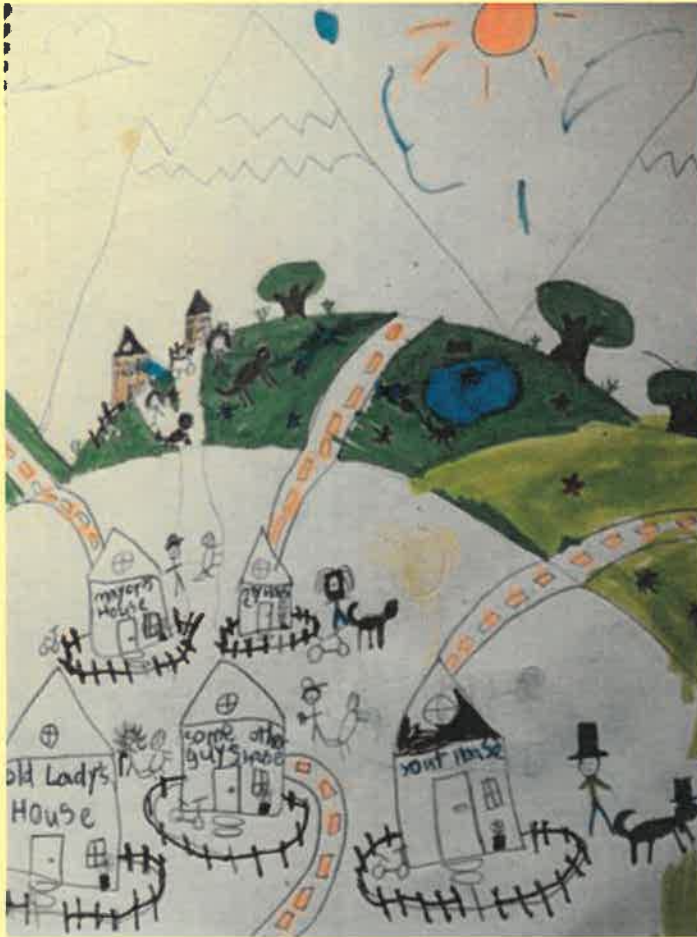
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**Chief Administrative Officer**

# Our community



# Food access: involves freight cost & t



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# What's changed

