



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	November 4, 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 Brenda Lenahan by video Councillor Ryan Moore Councillor Cheryl Northcott by video
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<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer by video Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance by video Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager Wanda Waksdale, Administrative Assistant
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<u>Guests</u>	Corey Cooper, Planner, McElhanney by video (left at 8:29 p.m.) Vivian Schau, Senior Manager, Solid Waste Services, Comox Strathcona Waste Management by video (left at 8:08 p.m.)
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<u>Public</u>	23 members of the public. 8 by video
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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

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0395/2025

THAT the Agenda for the November 4, 2025 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public raised safety concerns about the hazardous trees along S. Maquinna Drive, particularly near the medical clinic. There was an inquiry regarding the construction timelines for the Boat Launch Project to which the CAO responded.

There was a discussion regarding Council's rationale behind their grant application decision to apply for road/ water/sewer repairs instead of Recreation Centre repairs.

Several residents voiced their concerns in regards to the Flood Protection Project citing the following issues: lack of public awareness; transparency; environmental impacts; accessibility; safety; aesthetics and access to the engineering plans and drawings. Council and the CAO responded noting that some of the information was on the Village website. The Mayor acknowledged the need for information and better communication.

A member of the public cited lack of detail in the meeting minutes in regards to public input.

There was a request for a village employee's contract details to which Mayor Davis responded.

There were comments and questions regarding a private resident's access to utility services to which the Mayor responded.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 October 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0396/2025

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of October 21, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 October 21, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0397/2025

THAT the Public Hearing minutes of October 21, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 October 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0398/2025

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 21, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 Comox Strathcona Waste Management Services- Presentation to Council Re: Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal Update.

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0399/2025

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

Vivian Schau, Senior Manager, Solid Waste Services, CSWM presented an update on the regional solid waste management plan renewal, outlining strategies for waste diversion, community engagement and upcoming changes.

A discussion regarding the local waste management challenges, such as recycling contamination, waste audits and future transfer station plans followed.

The CAO acknowledged all the hard work that Vivian, Sarah and the staff at CSWM have done in the solid waste plan renewal process, noting how organized, effective, engaging and inclusive they have been.

2 Report to Council Re: Capital Project Status Report

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0400/2025

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

The CAO provided Council with an update on the Village's major capital projects, including the Flood Protection Project, Boat Launch Project, Wastewater Treatment Upgrades, Fire hall Relocation and the Tourist Centre/Museum Upgrade Project.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

In this agenda, there is a copy of the tsunami report for Tahsis that has many helpful tips for how to respond during and after a major seismic event. This is an important and potentially lifesaving read and it will be posted to the Village website. It is important to address one assumption that I have heard many times; that the earthquake epicentre will be offshore and that Nootka Island will protect us. This could be true, but it also assumes that there will not be rockslides into Tahsis Inlet, or that a slump of the delta at Tsowwin Narrows would not occur, in which case there will only be minutes to evacuate. Also, it is not generally known that two fault lines intersect in the inlet right at town. One fault created Tahsis and Muchalaht Inlets. Another can be traced down Weymer Creek and up Extravagant Creek. These are not faults that reflect megathrust earthquakes, but they are lines of slippage. Our flood wall project will provide some protection from tsunamis, but ideally the Head Bay Road in town should be raised. This would be a major undertaking and is not currently funded.

There's some interesting news that is alluded to in this agenda. Our long-stalled boat launch and dock contract has finally been awarded. Our previous tender was cancelled due to the bids coming in much higher than the funds available. This was due to supply chain issues post-Covid and the backlog of large construction projects on this coast that drove up bid prices. Our newest bidding process closed and the contract to replace the boat launch and build a launch float and public washroom adjacent has been awarded for about \$800,000. This leaves a further \$1.3 million in grant money which can now be used for further upgrades such as rebuilding the airline dock and float. Other amenities such as a gazebo for whale watching or creating some slips is now possible and negotiations are beginning to explore these possibilities. It will also provide breathing room for potential cost overruns.

I should also mention the recent structure fire, the ninth in two years. This is a disturbing trend and it needs to be emphasized that citizens need to make sure that their smoke alarms and fire extinguishers are in place and up to date. Faulty wiring problems can also be catastrophic and if you have breakers tripping during higher loads or have burned a socket, these are warning signs that safety improvements are necessary.

Councillor Northcott

On October 17th, I attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library Audit and Finance meeting as well as the Executive meeting. On November 1st, I attended the VIRL Board meeting.

Councillor Lenahan

I am joining you tonight from downtown Ottawa.

I have been attending the national Caregiving Summit where I was honoured to receive the Caregiver Advocacy Award.

Over the last few days I have met various organization leads and parliamentarians about my advocacy work but have also made every effort to share about where I live and the needs in our community related to aging. I was happy to see increased funding for affordable housing in the federal budget today and hope that we might consider aligning with federal priorities by working to support affordable, accessible housing that meets the needs of various demographics in our community including our elders.

Councillor Moore

It has been nice to be home for a while. It has given me the opportunity to talk to a lot of people and through discussions hearing concerns about council, concerns about legal stuff, so you can't believe how thrilled I am to see the room full after berating everyone I have spoken to show up to council meetings. It is absolutely thrilling so thank you everyone for that.

I have also spoken to a lot of people about legal concerns and council does not deal with legal and that's quite obvious. I have told them all to phone the RCMP and I can say that I contacted the RCMP Sunday afternoon about an issue, I received a response Sunday around midnight, and I got a follow up email today that it was dealt with by noon.

So for everyone who is saying that the RCMP is not doing their job and does not follow up I beg to differ. I would encourage everyone who is watching this or listening to it later that if they have concerns to reach out to the RCMP or to show up to Council meetings and voice them, politely and appropriately because this is beautiful.

I will also say that this morning we had another meeting of our Business Liaison Committee and we have been working on proposals towards our strategic planning that will be coming up for councils approval or not approval during our planning very soon. We are thrilled that even after our successful Open House we have a lot going on, and a lot we will be bringing back to council.

Councillor Fowler

My intention is to attend tonight's council meeting virtually since I am feeling under the weather, which unfortunately also caused me to miss out on the fireworks display last night. Thanks to the many involved including volunteers from TVFD and the Lions Club of Tahsis.

I have attached photos of the brochure I received when I attended the forest landscape planning event at the Recreation Center last Tuesday. To learn more and complete the survey use the QR code or search <http://tinyurl.com/WCVI-forest-landscape-plan>.

Submitted respectfully,
Councillor Fowler

Attachment #1 The West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0401/2025

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

- 1 Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No 675, 2025
Third Reading**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0402/2025

THAT the Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No 675, 2025 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0403/2025

THAT the Village of Tahsis Official Community Plan Bylaw No 675, 2025 receive a third reading this 4th day of November, 2025.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

- 1 October 15, 2025 letter from Mervyn Brown to Mayor and Council Re:
Tahsis Flood Protection Phase 3.**
- 2 October 28, 2025 email from Raj and Santosh Sharma to Mayor Davis - Re:
The Raj and Santosh Sharma Award (\$500 per student per year).**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0404/2025

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0405/2025

THAT correspondence item L2 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- L2 October 28, 2025 email from Raj and Santosh Sharma to Mayor Davis - Re:
The Raj and Santosh Sharma Award (\$500 per student per year).**

Councillor Moore spoke to this student award. A discussion followed.

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0406/2025

M. New Business

THAT a thank you letter be sent to Raj and Santosh Sharma.

CARRIED

1 2026 Regular Meeting Dates

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0407/2025

THAT the 2026 Regular Council meeting dates be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0408/2025

THAT the 2026 Regular Council meeting dates be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2 2026 Appointment of Directors for:

a) Strathcona Regional District

b) Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board

c) Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0409/2025

THAT Mayor Martin Davis be appointed as Director for the Strathcona Regional District, Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board and the Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board.

CARRIED

2026 Appointment of Alternate Directors for:

a) Strathcona Regional District

b) Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board

c) Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0410/2025

THAT Councillor Sarah Fowler be appointed as Alternate Director for the Strathcona Regional District, Comox Strathcona Regional District Hospital Board and the Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Board.

CARRIED

3 Municipal Insurance Association of BC - Appointment of Director

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0411/2025

THAT Mayor Martin Davis be appointed as Director for the Municipal Insurance Association of B.C.

CARRIED

Municipal Insurance Association of BC - Appointment of Alternate Director

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0412/2025

THAT Councillor Sarah Fowler be appointed as Alternate Director for the Municipal Insurance Association of B.C.

CARRIED

4 Vancouver Island Regional Library Board- Appointment of Director

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0413/2025

THAT Councillor Cheryl Northcott be appointed as Director for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

Vancouver Island Regional Library Board- Appointment of Alternate Director

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0414/2025

THAT Councillor Ryan Moore be appointed as Alternate Director for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

5 Nootka Sound Watershed Society - Appointment of Director and Alternate Director

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0415/2025

THAT Councillor Sarah Fowler be appointed as Director for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society; and

THAT Councillor Brenda Lenahan be appointed as Alternate Director for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society.

CARRIED

6 Standing Committee of Business Liaison- 2026 Meeting Dates

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0416/2025

THAT Council discuss the Standing Committee of Business Liaison 2026 meeting dates (frequency, length, dates).

CARRIED

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0417/2025

THAT the Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meetings be held monthly, on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

CARRIED

7 Councillor Fowler's Notice of Motion Re: Invitation to the 2026 BC COFI (Council of Forest Industries) Convention - Forestry is a Solution.

WHEREAS forestry planning in TFL 19 has future impacts on the Village of Tahsis and surrounding areas of Nootka Sound,

THEREFORE, be it resolved to claim this chance for cost reduction by registering Councillor Fowler as a delegate at the Council of Forest Industries Conference on April 8-10, 2026 in Vancouver B.C. before the January deadline.

8 Report to Council Re: Ministry and other Agency Staff meetings held during the 2025 UBCM.

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0418/2025

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Council discussed the forest landscape planning process, the consideration of Tahsis' previous submission regarding the Old Growth Review, the status of the McKelvie watershed deferral, and the importance of submitting community input and mapping to ensure that specific areas are protected.

9 Report to Council Re: Request for Proposals (RFP) - External Audit Services.

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0419/2025

THAT this Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A resident expressed flood wall accessibility and safety concerns noting incidents where tourists were stranded due to the wall's design.

A resident reiterated Council Moore's comment that people need to report crimes to the RCMP.

Lauren Roth, Rec Centre Coordinator, thanked the Tahsis Volunteer Fire Department and the Lion's Club volunteers for making Monday night's belated Halloween celebration a success.

There was a question and discussion regarding the potential uses for the extra boat launch funding to which the CAO responded.

It was suggested that the Rec Centre name be changed to the Community Centre to increase grant opportunities.

O. Adjournment

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0420/2025

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

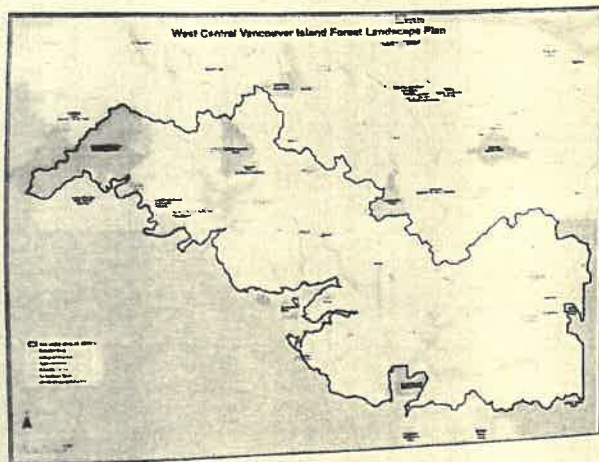
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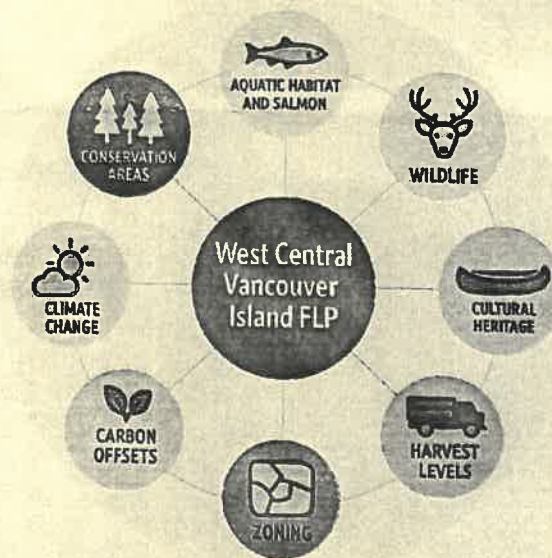
Introduction

The West Central Vancouver Island (WCVI) Forest Landscape Plan (FLP) will be the result of separate government-to-government (G2G) processes with Mowachaht/Muchatlaht First Nation (MMFN), Ka:yu:'k't'h'/ Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations (KCFN), and Ehattesaht Chinehkint First Nation (ECFN). Once finalized, the territorial management plans will exist under the umbrella of a West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan. The Province and First Nations will manage implementation and monitoring of the FLP at the territorial landscape level through their respective governments.



Key Ecological, Economic and Cultural Themes

The government-to-government planning tables have developed a suite of key themes to inform the development of the West Central Vancouver Island FLP. The planning tables are interested in public feedback and to understand whether these themes reflect your priorities.



What is a Forest Landscape Plan?

Forest Landscape Plans establish clear outcomes for the management of forest resource values within defined areas. Forest Landscape Planning aligns with the *BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (Declaration Act) and responds to challenges that BC's forest sector has experienced in the last decade.

FLP Objectives

- Managing the values placed on forest ecosystems by Indigenous Peoples
- Managing the values placed on forest ecosystems by local communities
- Supporting the protection and conservation of the environment
- Supporting the production and supply of timber
- Preventing, mitigating, and adapting to impacts caused by significant disturbances to forests and forest health, including wildfire, insects, disease, and drought.

Where does FLP fit?

Strategic Land Use Planning

Sets legal direction under a cabinet approved land use plan



Strategic Scale

- Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous governments
- Engages local governments, stakeholders and the public in the planning process

NEW Forest Landscape Planning

Sets direction under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)
Must be consistent with an approved Strategic Land Use Plan



Tactical Scale

- Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous peoples and in collaboration with forest and range license holders under FRPA
- Enables deeper engagement & greater transparency with local governments and stakeholders

Operational/Site-level Planning

Must follow an established Forest Landscape Plan or propose variances to the plan for government approval



Operational Scale

- Promotes cooperation with forest and range license holders
- Provides the opportunity for all stakeholders and the public to comment on road and cutblock locations

Forest Landscape Planning on West Central Vancouver Island



To learn more and complete the survey, please visit:



<https://tinyurl.com/WCVI-forest-landscape-plan>



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