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<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>October 21, 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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**Present** Mayor Martin Davis  
Councillor Sarah Fowler  
Councillor Brenda Lenahan  
Councillor Ryan Moore **by video**

**Absent** Councillor Cheryl Northcott **by video**

**Staff** Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer **by video**  
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance **by video**  
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager **by video**

**Public** 10 members of the public. **3 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/Lenahan: VOT 0381/2025**

**THAT** the Agenda for the October 21, 2025 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**E. Public Input # 1**

A member of the public had questions regarding public hearing/ meeting notice procedures to which staff responded.

Access to detailed information on the Flood Wall Project was requested. Staff directed the resident to the Community Consultation page on the Village of Tahsis' website.

Several members of the public commented on the lack of hot water in the women's showers at the recreation centre.

A member of the public commented a recent Community Consultation event. Information on Village's contribution percentage for the SPARC grant was requested. Council noted the SPARC grant is 100% funded.

## **F. Adoption of the Minutes**

### **1 October 3, 2025 Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting Minutes**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0382/2025**

**THAT** the Standing Committee of Business Liaison Meeting minutes of October 3, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **2 October 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0383/2025**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 7, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **G. Rise and Report**

### **1** On October 21, 2025, the Village of Tahsis council authorized the following information to be released to the public:

1. On February 13, 2025, at an in camera meeting Council approved terminating the licence agreement of the Tahsis Marine Centre ("hangar building") at 1250 Wharf Street garage space tenant to facilitate the tenancy of Tahsis Lodge and Marina, ULC ("TLM") at the same monthly rental rate; and
2. On May 6, 2025, at an in camera meeting Council approved not completing the sale of Lot 2, Subdivision Plan EPP139570; and
3. On October 10, 2025, the Village entered into 5 year lease agreements with a 5 year right of renewal with TLM for the shop and retail spaces in the hangar building in accordance with the Village's Property Management Policy.

### **2** At the October 7, 2025 Closed Council meeting Council approved extending the CAO's employment contract.

## **H. Business Arising**

### **1** Councillor Lenahan's Proposal Re: Tahsis Recreation Centre Accessibility Improvements.

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0384/2025**

**THAT** this proposal be received.

**CARRIED**

Accessibility barriers such as heavy double doors, inadequate air and shower temperatures, narrow washroom stalls, low toilets, lack of grab bars, lack of adult change tables, lack of privacy spaces and the need for an pool access ramp were identified.

Council discussed applying for the SPARC Accessibility grant to fund a pool access ramp, adult-sized change table and privacy curtains. Council debated the use of rec centre reserve funds for accessibility barriers not covered by the SPARC grant.

The CAO highlighted the need to review the operation and financial implications of the proposed upgrades, including installation, maintenance, and storage of new equipment prior to purchase and clarified the procurement policy requirements for competitive quotes on purchases over \$5000.

**Lenahan/Moore: VOT 0385/2025**

THAT option #2 be approved (approve the SPARC grant for a pool access ramp, and adult size change table and two privacy curtains. Decide on other barrier removals at a later date).

**CARRIED**  
**1 Registered**  
**No vote**  
**Councillor**  
**Fowler**

**K. Bylaws**

None.

**J. Council Reports**

**Mayor Davis**

No report.

**Councillor Northcott**

No report.

**Councillor Lenahan**

I also attended the evening Tsunami Information Session.

**Councillor Moore**

No report.

**Councillor Fowler**

In addition to the West Coast Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan (Attachment #1 WCVI FLP) public engagement announcement that I have already sent to reception yesterday, indicating the opening of Phase 2 from October 15th to the December 15th, I wanted to highlight the date of our local open house on October 28th at our Recreation/Community Center from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Today I received the attached Community Leaders Program letter from COFI, Council of Forest Industries (Attachment #2) and an invitation to the "Forestry is a Solution" conference April 8–10, 2026, at the JW Marriott Parq Vancouver.

This opportunity to participate in meaningful discussions shaping the future of BC's forest sector includes complimentary registrations, all sessions, meals, and receptions plus a complimentary hotel night and can be claimed until January 31, 2026, and additional colleagues may register at the government rate. It is available to Mayors, Regional District Chairs, and Executive Directors/Presidents of UBCM, AVICC, AKBLG, LMLGA, NCLGA and SILGA.

As I have added the WCVI FLP to my calendar for next week and understand the history and future of our Village to be inextricably linked with a working forest; I submit the following :

**Notice of Motion**

(For Council's consideration at the November 4th meeting.)

**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 in for cost reduction by the enrollment of Councillor Fowler as delegate at the Council of Forest Industries Conference on April 8-10, 2026 in Vancouver B.C. before the January deadline.

Respectfully,  
Councillor Fowler

**Attachment #1.** West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan - Public engagement announcement

**Attachment #2.** Council of Forest Industries- Community Leaders Program.

**Attachment #3.** Tahsis Tsunami Evacuation Guide

I also went to SRD's tsunami talk and collected the following guides for which I have provided the link below.

- 1) Home Emergency Plan
- 2) Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness Guide
- 3) Flood Preparedness Guide
- 4) In it Together Neighbourhood Guide
- 5) Severe Winter Weather and Storm Preparedness Guide

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/guides-and-resources/>

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0386/2025**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**L. Correspondence**    **1**    **October 2, 2025 letter from Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to Mayor Davis and Council Re: Meeting at UBCM.**

**2**    **October 9, 2025 letter from Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to Mayor Davis Re: Implementation of SSMUH (Small-scale multi-unit Housing) Legislation.**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0387/2025**

**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0388/2025**

**THAT** correspondence items 1 and 2 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

**L1**    **October 2, 2025 letter from Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to Mayor Davis and Council Re: Meeting at UBCM.**

Councillor Lenahan spoke to this correspondence item noting that there is a lot that can be done without grants.

**L2**    **October 9, 2025 letter from Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to Mayor Davis Re: Implementation of SSMUH (Small-scale multi-unit Housing) Legislation.**

Councillor Fowler spoke to this correspondence item noting it was a discussion topic at the Public Hearing today for the Village of Tahsis' Official Community Plan Bylaw.

**M. New Business**    **1**    **Report to Council Re: Grant Opportunity- Volunteer and Composite Fire Department.**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0389/2025**

**THAT** this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to this 100% funded grant opportunity which provides up to \$30,000 for the purchase of replacement or new equipment for the volunteer fire department.

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0390/2025**

**THAT** as part of the Village of Tahsis' commitment to community fire safety that an application to the 2025 UBCM Volunteer and Composite Fire Department grant funding be approved for submission; and **THAT** the Village of Tahsis commit to overall grant management if the application is successful.

**CARRIED**

**2 Report to Council Re: End of Season Report for the Tahsis Visitor**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0391/2025**

**THAT** this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

Council thanked staff for preparing the report, noting it was interesting to see where the tourist were from.

Council noted that tourists frequently request information about local trails and navigation, and suggested making maps available on-line and at the Tahsis Visitor Centre, as well as improving physical signage along the trails.

**3 2026 UBCM Convention September 14-18, 2026- Vancouver BC**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0392/2025**

**THAT** Council discuss the number of delegates from the Village of Tahsis to send to the 2026 UBCM Convention in Vancouver BC.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed the number of delegates to send to the 2026 UBCM. All member of Council that were present at the meeting were interested in attending.

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0393/2025**

**THAT** Council send 3 delegates (plus the CAO) to the 2026 UBCM Convention in Vancouver BC.

**CARRIED**

**N. Public Input #2**

There was a discussion around the use of the Recreation Centre Reserve Fund.

A member of the public suggested charging user fees for Tourists using the Rec Centre.

**O. Adjournment**

**Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0394/2025**


**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct this  
4th day of November 2025



Chief Administrative Officer

 Outlook

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**FW: West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan - Public engagement announcement**

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**From** Reception Account <Reception@villageoftahsis.com>  
**Date** Mon 10/20/2025 12:58 PM  
**To** Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

**From:** Sarah Fowler <sarahfowlertahsis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2025 12:07 PM  
**To:** Reception Account <Reception@villageoftahsis.com>  
**Subject:** West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan - Public engagement announcement

Please consider the below email my report to council for October 21st.  
Submitted respectfully,  
Councillor Fowler

<https://calendly.com/sarahfowlertahsis>  
appreciate your time & input  
take it easy, smf

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Nootka Sound Watershed Society <nswsinformation@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Oct 20, 2025, 11:46 a.m.  
**Subject:** Fwd: West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan - Public engagement announcement  
**To:** Kent O'Neill <kent@thelodgeatgoldriver.ca>, Leigh Stalker <lstalker@aatrading.com>, Craig Blackie <lakecharr@hotmail.com>, Paul Kutz <pkutz@westernforest.com>, Sarah Fowler <sarahfowlertahsis@gmail.com>

Hi Everyone,

Please see below regarding Forest Landscape Planning engagement sessions dates coming up in Zeballos, Gold River, Tahsis, and Campbell River.

I plan to attend the Gold River session and as NSWWS has been identified as a stakeholder group in the planning area, please let me know if there are any contributions or inputs you would like included in this initiative shaping long-term forest management in the region.

Thank you and have a great day!

Best,

Nikki

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**From:** Fettes, Lesley FOR:EX <Lesley.Fettes@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 3:34 PM

Subject: West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Plan - Public engagement announcement

To:

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to invite your input into the [West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Planning \(WCVI FLP\)](#) initiative.

Launched in 2023, the WCVI FLP is a collaborative project being developed through separate government-to-government tables with Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Ka:yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, and Ehattesaht Chinehkint First Nation. This planning process aims to shape a long-term vision for forest management in the region.

The project planning is now in phase 2, and from October 15 to December 15 we will be engaging with the public, local governments and stakeholders to gather feedback, answer questions and address any concerns.

The public are invited to:

- Attend [open houses](#) scheduled for October and November
  - October 16 – Zeballos
  - October 27 – Gold River
  - October 28 – Tahsis
  - November 4 – Campbell River
- Share their perspectives through an [online public survey](#).
- Learn more about the project at: [West Central Vancouver Island Forest Landscape Planning Project](#)

As a valued stakeholder/stakeholder group representative in the planning area we look forward to your participation and appreciate your contribution to shaping the future of forest landscapes in West Central Vancouver Island. Your participation and input will play a vital role in shaping the forest landscape plan.

Best regards,

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Lesley Fettes, RPF | A/ Executive Director

Coast Area, Strategic Projects

Ministry of Forests

[370 S Dogwood, Campbell River, V9W 6Y7](#)

Office: 250-850-1904

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*I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-chah-nulth and Coast Salish Peoples*

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NOOTKA SOUND WATERSHED SOCIETY

PO BOX 293 | GOLD RIVER, BC | V0P 1G0

Dear Community Leader,

It is my pleasure to invite you to send one representative from your community to join us at the **2026 COFI Convention**, taking place **April 8–10**, at the **JW Marriot Parq in Vancouver**.

Under the theme **“Forestry is a Solution,”** the 2026 COFI Convention will bring together leaders from industry, government, First Nations, and communities to rebuild competitiveness and chart a stronger future for BC’s forest sector.

Forestry is at a crossroads — facing real challenges, yet also leading the way on solutions that matter most to local communities across the province: **housing, wildfire resilience, reconciliation, and economic growth.**

The COFI Convention is the largest gathering of forest sector leaders in Western Canada and a vital platform for collaboration and dialogue on the path forward.

#### **Community Leaders Program - What’s included**

- **One complimentary full registration** (all sessions, meals, and receptions)
- **One complimentary hotel night** at the **JW Marriott Parq Vancouver**.  
(Additional nights at your own expense)

#### **How to Register & Book**

- **Claim your complimentary registration** by **January 31, 2026**, by contacting us to receive a registration code.
- **Need extra seats?** Colleagues from local government may register at the Government Rate (\$800) at the [\*\*Convention Website Here\*\*](#)
- **Hotel booking:** [\*\*Book here\*\*](#) and your complimentary night will be applied after.

If you can’t attend, a designated **CAO, councillor or director** may use the complimentary registration on your behalf.

We look forward to welcoming you in Vancouver, and to your continued partnership in supporting BC’s communities and forest sector.

Warm regards,



Kim Haakstad  
President and CEO  
BC Council of Forest Industries

**Strathcona**  
REGIONAL DISTRICT



*Tahsis*


# Tsunami Evacuation Guide

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To Learn More:

 [srd.ca/tsunami](http://srd.ca/tsunami)

 250-830-6702

 [preparedness@srd.ca](mailto:preparedness@srd.ca)



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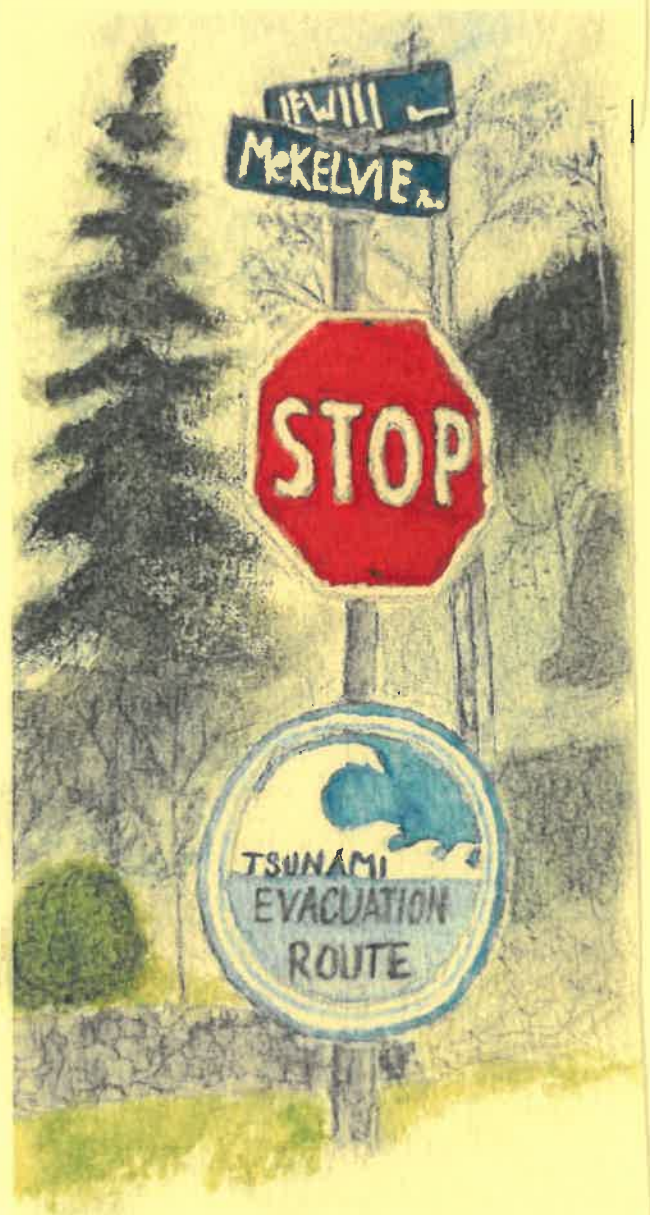
## About this Guide

Tsunamis are series of long, surge-like waves usually resulting from a large, sudden displacement of the ocean floor during an earthquake. They contain considerable energy and can travel further inland than ordinary waves.

Tsunamis can also be caused by landslides, meteor strikes, and explosions. This guide focusses on tsunamis caused by earthquakes, which are the most common cause of tsunamis in this area.

Tsunamis that affect this coastline can originate from both local and distant earthquakes, and both types pose a high risk to the Village of Tahsis.

The purpose of this guide is to share the recommended protective actions to take during both distant and local tsunamis.



# Local (Cascadia) Tsunamis

Earthquakes on the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ), which runs north-south off the west coast of Vancouver Island, pose the most significant tsunami threat to Tahsis. All of the buildings in Tahsis are susceptible to damage from a CSZ earthquake, and over 200 buildings may be directly impacted by the resulting tsunami waves. Following a CSZ earthquake, you will likely need to evacuate to high ground by foot or bicycle/dirt bike, as roads and bridges may be severely damaged.

## **How high could the tsunamis be?**

Up to 10.9 meters (35.8 feet) tall

## **When will the tsunamis arrive?**

54 minutes after the CSZ earthquake



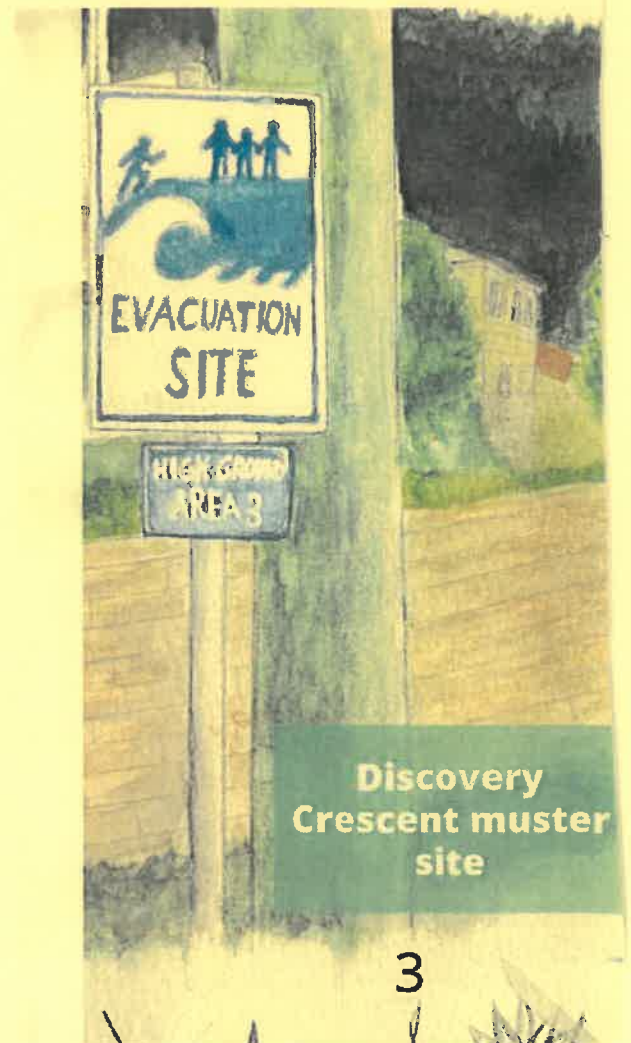
# Evacuating From a Local Tsunami


- 1 Drop, cover and hold on during the earthquake.
- 2 If you feel strong shaking, notice a sudden change in sea level, hear loud roaring from the ocean, or are knocked off your feet, **SEEK HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY**, as this means tsunamis are coming. "If it knocks you down, get to high ground."
- 3 Save yourself, not your possessions. Help neighbours and those needing special assistance. Bring all your emergency supplies that you can realistically carry (ideally already packed in your evacuation bag).

4 While evacuating, stay away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and overhead lines. Crouch down and cover your head while you are moving.

- 5 The 3 Tsunami Muster Sites are on  
1) Discovery Crescent,  
2) School Hill Road, and  
3) McKelvie Road

If possible, evacuate to Discovery Crescent, because that is where emergency provisions are stored. If the bridge is damaged during the earthquake and it's impossible to reach Discovery Crescent before waves arrive, go to another muster site or get high uphill wherever you can.



- P** Primary Muster Site
- S** Secondary Muster Site
- Community Locations
-  Tsunami Inundation Area (Cascadia Scenario - Local)



**49° 56' 04" N  
126° 38' 50" W**

**S**

Public Works Yard

Recreation Centre

**49° 55' 33" N  
126° 39' 30" W**

**S**

bridge

Head Bay Forest Service Road

Village Office



Health Center

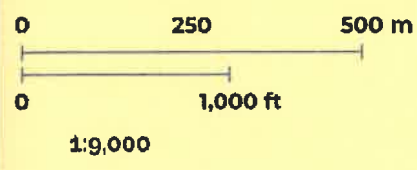
Discovery Cres Park

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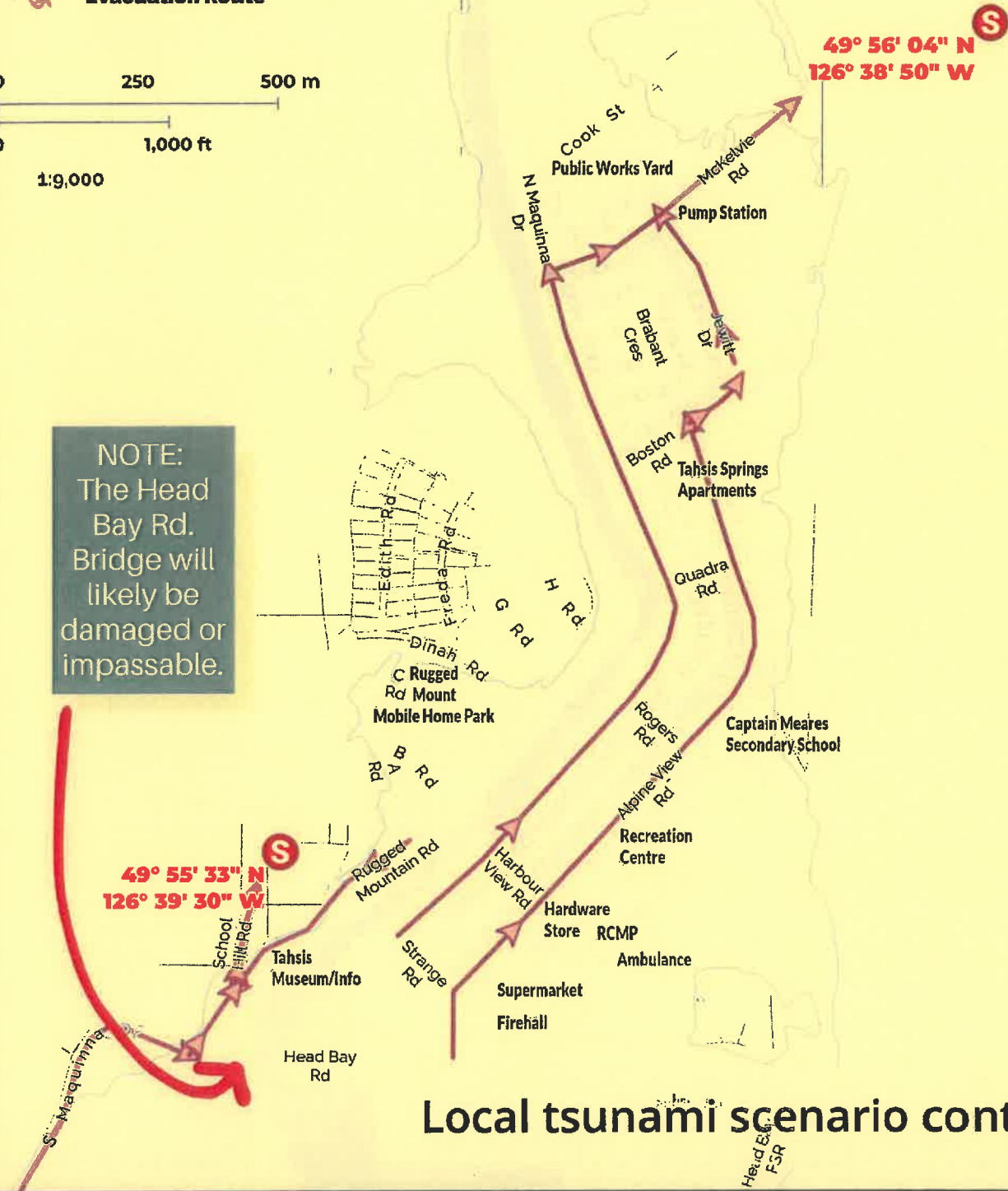
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**Local tsunami scenario**



- P** Primary Muster Site
- S** Secondary Muster Site
-  Tsunami Inundation Area (Cascadia Scenario - Local)
-  Evacuation Route



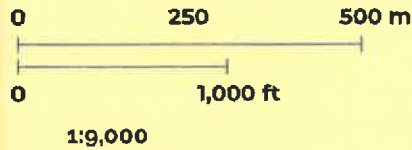
**NOTE:**  
The Head Bay Rd. Bridge will likely be damaged or impassable.



**Local tsunami scenario cont.**

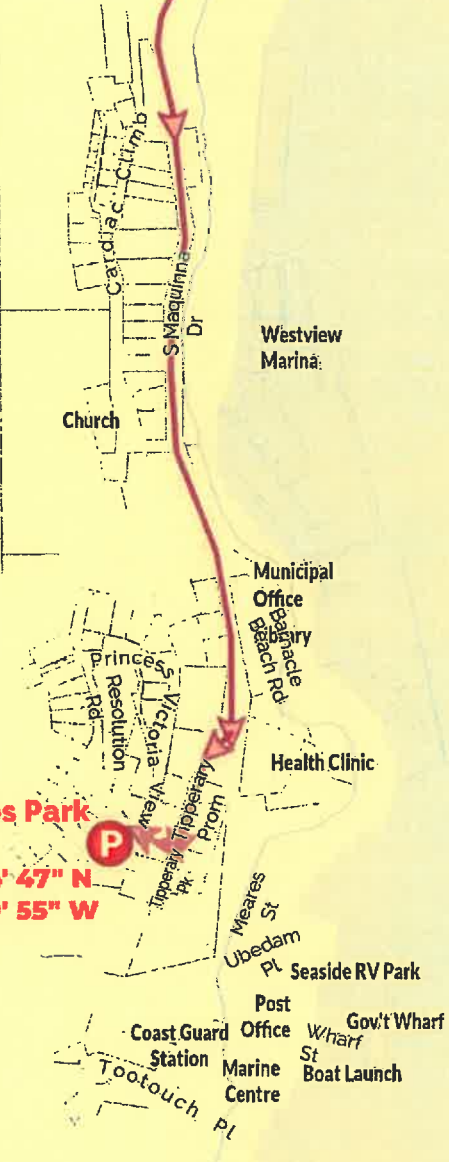
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Muster Site @  
School Hill Rd



**Discovery Cres Park**

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**Local tsunami scenario cont.**

# Distant (Alaskan) Tsunamis

Earthquakes on the Alaska-Aleutian Subduction Zone (AASZ) pose the second-highest tsunami risk to Tahsis and may damage over 150 buildings. In the event of a distant tsunami, emergency personnel will make every effort to notify you via:

- ◆ Marine Radio Channel 16
- ◆ Door-to-Door Notifications
- ◆ Tsunami Warning Sirens (located at the Fire Hall and Health Centre)
- ◆ Environment Canada Weather Radio
- ◆ Alertable regional
- ◆ Alert Ready (broadcast on TV, radio, and compatible cell phones via push notifications)



**How high could the tsunamis be?**

Up to 5 meters (16.4 feet) tall

**When will the tsunamis arrive?**

3 hours and 30 minutes after an earthquake on the AASZ


# Evacuating From a Distant Tsunami

- 1 Receive the tsunami warning.
- 2 Grab your evacuation kit for each member of your family, including pets. The kits should be adapted to your needs, but kept light and manageable.
- 3 Check on your neighbours and those who may need special assistance.
- 4 If using a vehicle to evacuate, stay calm and follow the evacuation route signs to Discovery Crescent.
- 5 When you arrive at Discovery Crescent, remain calm and follow instructions.

## Why can't I just drive to Gold River?

Approximately 20 km of the Head Bay Forest Service Road (FSR) runs close to the shoreline, which will likely be affected by AASZ-generated tsunamis. FSRs are not built to accommodate large volumes of traffic. In 2020, McElhanney Ltd. modelled a full vehicle evacuation taking ~3 hrs 15 mins to complete. Since not all of Tahsis will be able to safely reach Gold River before an AASZ tsunami arrives, it is not recommended that you attempt to drive to Gold River.



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- Community Locations
-  Tsunami Inundation Area (Alaska Scenario - Distant)

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Recreation Centre

bridge

Head Bay Forest Service Road

Village Office



Health Center

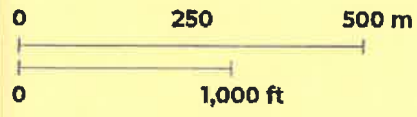
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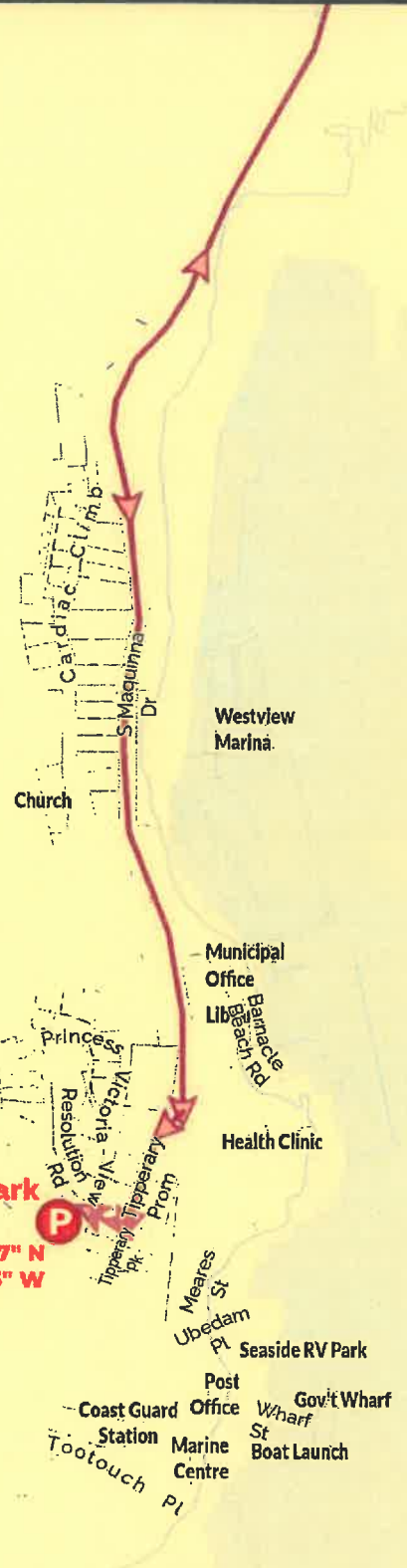
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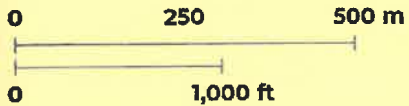
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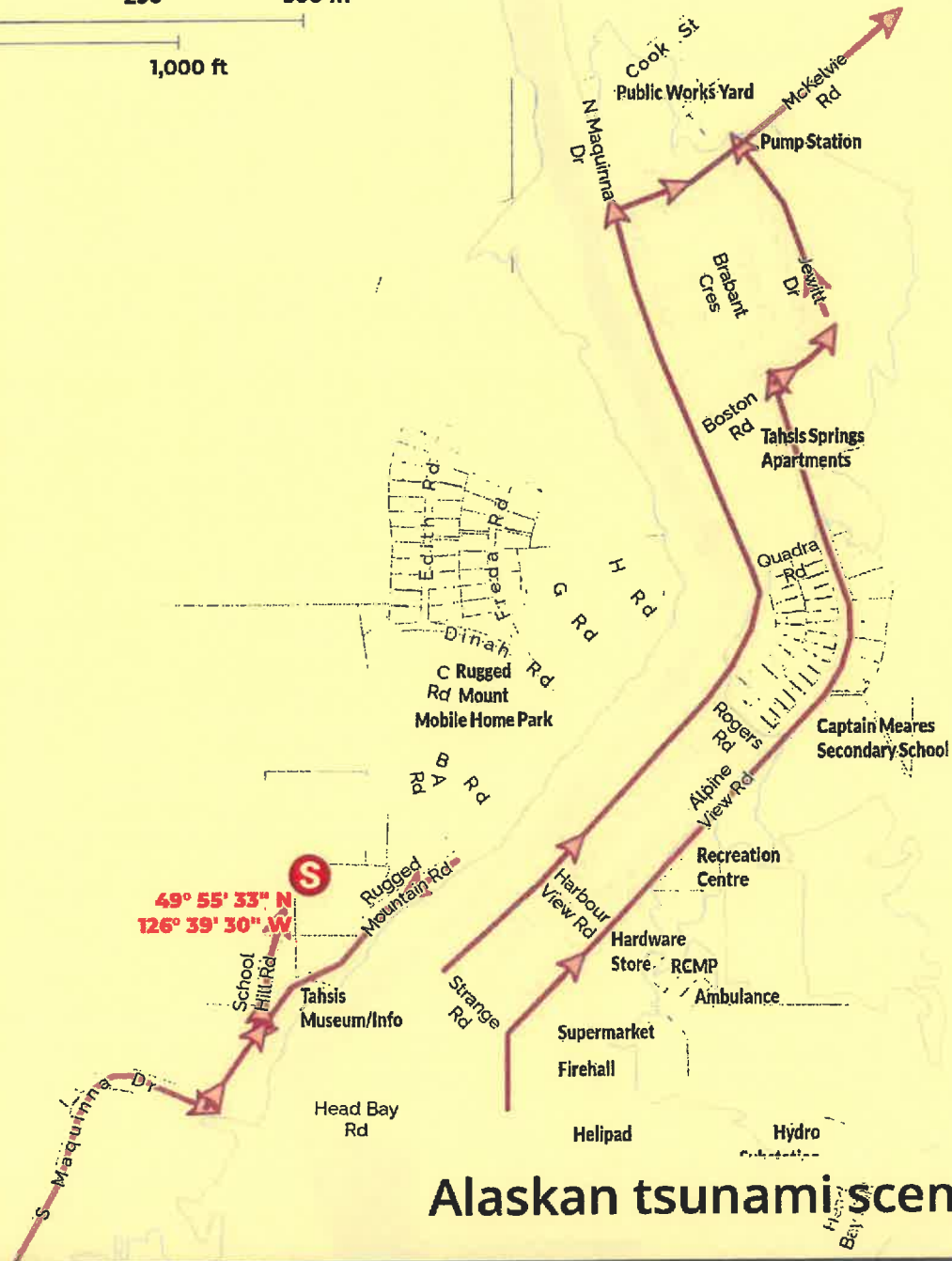


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## Alaskan tsunami scenario cont.

# How to Receive Emergency Notifications

Residents and visitors in Tahsis can receive local emergency notifications from Strathcona Regional District via Alertable. Sign up FREE at [www.srd.ca/alerts](http://www.srd.ca/alerts).



**You can also download the free App to receive geographically relevant emergency alerts from other sources such as the provincial Alert Ready system, Environment Canada weather warnings, and Drive BC.**


**You can manage what type of alerts you'd like to receive in the App settings.**



# Interpreting Tsunami Alert Levels


**!** In the event of a distant tsunami, you will likely receive an official alert. Most of the information in this guide is for a Distant Tsunami *Warning* scenario: instructions for what to do *when* a tsunami is coming.

If a distant tsunami *is possible* but not confirmed, you may receive a Tsunami Advisory, Watch, or Information Statement notification via Alertable. Read the information below to learn what to expect and how to stay safe in each scenario.



## TSUNAMI ALERT LEVELS EXPLAINED

LEVEL	THREAT	ACTION
<b>WARNING</b>	Dangerous coastal flooding & powerful currents are imminent. West coast communities will be flooded.	Go to high ground immediately. If possible, evacuate to muster site.
<b>ADVISORY</b>	An advisory is issued due to the threat of a tsunami with potential to produce strong, dangerous currents.	Stay out of water & above high tide line. Secure boats.
<b>WATCH</b>	A distant earthquake has occurred, and a tsunami is possible. Danger level is not yet known.	Stay alert for more information. Know your evacuation route.
<b>INFORMATION STATEMENT</b>	An earthquake has occurred, but there is no threat of a destructive tsunami. Minor waves at most.	No action required at this time.
<b>CANCELLATION</b>	Cancels any previously-issued tsunami messages. Evidence of tsunami waves no longer observed at tide stations.	Resume normal activities.



**Want to receive tsunami notifications?**  
 Sign up to receive free emergency alerts at [www.srd.ca/alerts](http://www.srd.ca/alerts) and download the free Alertable app.

# TSUNAMI BOATER SAFETY

**Prior to arrival of the March 11, 2011 tsunami along the California coast, many boat owners took their boats offshore without adequate supplies or knowledge of how long they would need to stay offshore. As a result, boaters tried to re-enter harbors too early, while dangerous tsunami conditions still existed. They put themselves and harbor personnel at risk of injury and death. If you do not have a long-term supplies of essential disaster preparedness items in your boat, DO NOT attempt to take your boat offshore. Secure your boat to the dock and leave the dock area before the tsunami arrives.**

## WHAT IS A TSUNAMI?

A tsunami is a series of water surges usually caused by an earthquake beneath the sea floor. These can cause strong, dangerous currents inside harbors and bays.

### TSUNAMIS CAN TRICK YOU!

- The first surge may not be the largest.
- It is not unusual for tsunami surges to continue for days afterwards and in some cases much longer.
- Just when you think it is all over, another very large surge may come.

## 2 ways to know if a tsunami is coming:

### \*Natural Warnings\*

On shore: GROUND SHAKING, a LOUD OCEAN ROAR, or the WATER RECEDING UNUSUALLY FAR exposing the sea floor.

On the water: You may still feel the earthquake through the hull of your boat. You could see a rapid and extreme shift to an outgoing tide.

### \*Official Warnings\*

On shore: You may hear an outdoor siren.

On the water: You may receive a Tsunami Advisory or Warning on your marine VHF radio's CHANNEL 16 or weather frequency (as long as your radio has the Alert feature).

## There are a number of TSUNAMI HAZARDS that could affect boats/boaters:

- Sudden water-level fluctuations Boats that hit bottom as water level drops
- Strong and unpredictable currents Tsunami bores and amplified waves
- Eddies/whirlpools
- Drag on large keeled boat
- Collision with boats, docks, and debris

## What to do if you receive a warning?

### IF ON LAND

or tied up at the dock  
Leave your boat and go to high ground on foot as soon as possible. You don't have time to save your boat in this situation and could die if you try to do so if you are on the water but very near shore

### IF IN SHALLOW WATER

If you can beach or dock your boat and get to high ground on foot, then this is your best chance. If that is not possible, head to deep water as quickly as possible.

### IF IN DEEP WATER

or very close, take your vessel further offshore beyond a depth of at least 100 meters (328 feet).

**After a major earthquake**  
For a locally-generated tsunami from a major earthquake, there will be no time to motor a boat into deep water because waves can come ashore within minutes. Leave your boat at the pier and physically move to higher ground.

## Should you take your boat OFFSHORE?

The answer to this question depends on:

1. The SIZE of the tsunami.
2. How much TIME you have.
3. The PREPAREDNESS of the boat/
4. The WEATHER at sea could be as dangerous as the tsunami itself.

### Note for trailer boat owners:

Expect congested boat ramps and remember that you have to get your boat to the trailer, out of the water, and out of the tsunami zone before the tsunami arrives.

For more information on the Tsunami risk in this area please visit [www.srd.ca/tsunami-mapping](http://www.srd.ca/tsunami-mapping)



# Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!

**IF  
POSSIBLE**



**USING  
CANE**



**USING  
WALKER**



**USING  
WHEELCHAIR**




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