



**Minutes** **Village of Tahsis**

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**Meeting** **Committee of the Whole- Budget Meeting #3**  
**Date** **January 7, 2026**  
**Time** **1 p.m.**  
**Place** **Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means**

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**Present** Mayor Martin Davis  
Councillor Cheryl Northcott by video  
Councillor Brenda Lenahan  
Councillor Ryan Moore

**Absent** Councillor Sarah Fowler

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

**Public** 2 members of the public 1 by video

**Call to Order**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory.

**Introduction of Late Items**

None.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Moore: COW 0008/2026**

**THAT** the Agenda for the January 7, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**M. New Business** **1 2026-2030 Financial Plan/ Budget Meeting #3**

**Moore: COW 0009/2026**

**THAT** this presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Finance provided council with an overview of the 2026 budget planning process, outlining the schedule of upcoming meetings and the requirement to adopt a financial plan before May 15, 2026.

The 11-month operating results for 2025 were reviewed and the revenue and expense variances were highlighted. Next, the proposed 2026 operating budget was presented to Council, highlighting expenditure increases resulting from the municipal election, staff wages increases (COLA), benefit increases and long-term debt servicing costs.

The proposed "paving project" was discussed .

A 15% increase to the sewer rate was proposed to address increased labour costs and increased debt repayment costs. A 7% increase to water user fee was proposed to cover the reservoir cleaning costs and a slight increase to labour costs.

The Director of Finance presented the 5-year capital plan, reviewing ongoing and new capital projects, funding sources, and the allocation of reserve and grant funds. The Director of Finance clarified the distinction between capital and operating expenditures, noting that improvements extending asset life are capitalized, while routine maintenance is an operating expense; this affects the funding eligibility and reserve usage. The current reserve balances will be presented at the next budget presentation on January 21, 2026.

An analysis of the 2026 completed property assessment roll, the resulting tax shifts among property classes and the projected impact of tax and user fees on average households was presented. The average single-family home will see a \$37 increase in taxes due to property class assessment shifts, resulting from a 2.4% average increase in assessed value.

Council discussed a possible property tax rate increase of 12.7%.

Council explored options for reducing the proposed tax increase to 8 or 10% by considering service level adjustments, potential cuts to services or personnel, and the deferral or reallocation of capital expenditures.

After extensive discussion, Council concluded that there was little room for further cuts without significantly impacting services or community assets, and tentatively agreed to proceed with the proposed 12.7% tax increase and user fee hikes while deferring the "paving project" decision to the next meeting.

Council discussed methods to improve public awareness and engagement regarding budget decisions, including the use of Alertable notifications, a newsletter and the scheduling of public input sessions.

Council agreed to move the February 18th Budget meeting from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. to facilitate greater public participation.

**Moore: COW 0010/2026**

**THAT** Staff draft proposed changes to the procedure bylaw for posting council meeting dates using Alertable.

**CARRIED**

**Moore: COW 0011/2026**

**THAT** the meeting be opened up to public input.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Finance responded to budget questions from a member of the public.

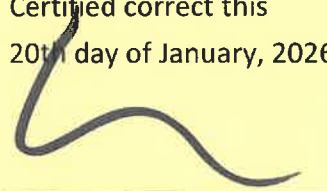
**Adjournment**

**Moore: COW 0012/2026**

**THAT** the meeting adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified correct this  
20th day of January, 2026



**Corporate Officer**