



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Committee of the Whole
Date	December 9, 2025
Time	1 p.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present	Mayor Martin Davis	
	Councillor Sarah Fowler	
	Councillor Cheryl Northcott	by video 1:07
	Councillor Ryan Moore	by video
	Councillor Brenda Lenahan	by video 1:08

Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance	by video
	Janet Stdenis, Corporate services Manager	by video
	Paige Sawyer, Economic Development Coordinator	by video

Guests	Ashley Cousens, Area Manager, Vancouver Island District, Courtenay Office, Ministry of Transportation and Transit	by video
	Greg Goldstone, Resource Manager, Regional Operations Division, Coast Area, Ministry of Forests	by video
	Michael Pearson, Vancouver Island Regional Director, Ministry of Transportation and Transit	by video
	Kellen Truant, Operations Manager- North Island, Ministry of Transportation and Transit	by video
	Dana Thorne, Principal Consultant, GNPCI	by video
	Chelsie Stubbs, Economic Development Officer/ Community Advisor, Gold River	by video

Public	3 members of the public.	1 by video
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Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 1:01 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

Fowler: COW 0156/2025

THAT the Agenda for the December 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**H. Business
Arising**

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The Village of Tahsis Council quarterly meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and the Ministry of Forest staff regarding the level of maintenance and related issues regarding the Head Bay Forest Service Road.

Fowler: COW 0157/2025

THAT the Village of Tahsis Council engage in discussions with Ministry of Transportation and Transit and Ministry of Forest staff regarding the level of maintenance and other issues on Head Bay Forest Service Road.

CARRIED

Ashley Cousens from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit provided a comprehensive update on the road conditions, recent washout, grader repairs issues, maintenance activities, traffic count data, ongoing activities and responded to questions from council on specific road problem areas, hazardous trees, Sucwoa Bridge resurfacing options, future seal coating, and signage.

Ashley Cousens to coordinate with Mainroad to improve delineation and widen drivable surface on the steep hill between 42-44 km, ensuring safety during winter conditions and addressing large rocks on the road edge.

There was a discussion about the very successful program undertaken by Mosaic cleaning up brush and hazardous trees on HBFSR and the need for regular danger tree assessment, especially in steep or high risk areas.

Ashley Cousens to continue to investigate and report on resurfacing options for Sucwoa bridge, ensuring weight capacity is not exceeded and ponding issues are addressed.

In response to council's question about future seal coating, Michael Pearson noted there are not any plans at this time.

Ministry of Transportation and Transit and Ministry of Forests staff and council discussed the need for improved signage for cyclists, message boards, as well as the integration of road conditions with public alert systems like DriveBC and Alertable. Greg Goldstone confirmed that cyclists warning signs had been added to their spring budget but are subject to funding. Ashely Cousens explained that Mainroad provides road and weather updates to Drive BC and noted the recent integration of Drive BC with Alertable. Ashley also noted that there had not been any forward movement with the request for electronic signage. The cost of an electronic sign is \$800,000 according to Mike Pearson.

Fowler: COW 0158/2025

THAT representative of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation be permitted to speak and ask questions of Ministry staff.

CARRIED

Dana Thorne had no questions for Ministry staff at this time. Council thanked Dana for attending the meeting.

Fowler: COW 0159/2025

THAT public input be permitted.

CARRIED

A member of the public commented on the condition of the road and suggested that Mainroad North Island be invited to the quarterly meetings. A member of the public voiced her concerns over a specific area of the road that had already been noted by council.

Fowler: COW 0160/2025

THAT Mainroad North Island be invited to the quarterly meetings.

CARRIED

**M. New
Business**

1 2026 Quarterly Meeting Dates

Fowler: COW 0161/2025

THAT the Village of Tahsis Council 2026 quarterly meetings with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and the Ministry of Forest staff be set for the following dates: March 3, June 2, September 1 and December 1, 2026 at 1 p.m.

CARRIED

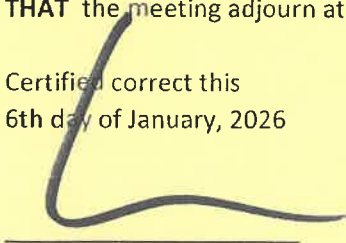
Adjournment

Fowler: COW 0162/2025

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:56 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
6th day of January, 2026


Corporate Officer