



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting	
<u>Date</u>	February 17, 2026	
<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 Councillor Ryan Moore Councillor Cheryl Northcott	by video
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance Paige Sawyer, Economic Development Coordinator Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager	by video by video by video
<u>Guest</u>	Shaun Koopman, Manager, Emergency Services, SRD	by video left at 7:12 p.m.
<u>Public</u>	2 members of the public.	2 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	"M1" and "M2" to follow "G".	
C. Approval of the Agenda	Fowler/Moore: VOT 0090/2026 THAT the Agenda for the February 17, 2026 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.	CARRIED
D. Delegation	None.	
E. Public Input # 1	None.	

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 February 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0091/2026

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of February 3, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

M. New Business

1 Report to Council Re: Regional Grant Opportunity - Growing Community Canopies.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0092/2026

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Shaun Koopman, Manager, Emergency Services, SRD, presented a proposal for the Village of Tahsis to partner with Strathcona Regional District and other municipalities and First Nations on a grant application to the Growing Community Canopies Fund for a regional equity-focused tree planting prioritization study.

The CAO noted that while the study may not generate significant recommendations for Tahsis, a council resolution of support would strengthen the regional grant application, benefiting the broader district and potentially other municipalities.

It was confirmed that there would be no financial costs to Tahsis for participating in this regional grant opportunity.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0093/2026

THAT option # 1 be approved (**THAT** the Village of Tahsis pass a Council Resolution in support of the Strathcona Regional District's application to the 2026 Growing Canada's Community Canopies grant in order to fund a regional equity-focused tree planting prioritization study).

CARRIED

2 Report to Council Re: Regional Grant Opportunity - Emergency Operation Centre

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0094/2026

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

Shaun Koopman, Manager, Emergency Services, SRD, presented a proposal for the Village of Tahsis to partner with Strathcona Regional District and other municipalities and First Nations on a grant application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund February 2026 Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) program from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

The proceeds from this grant application would fund the purchase/ installation of a generator and transfer switch at the new fire hall. This grant opportunity is 100% fully funded.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0095/2026

THAT option # 1 be approved (**THAT** as part of the Village of Tahsis' ongoing work in relation to emergency planning that an application for financial assistance under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2026 Emergency Operation Centre grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM, in order to fund a generator and transfer switch for the firehall and; **THAT** the Village of Tahsis agrees to the Strathcona Regional District submitting an application on its behalf, and that if funded, agrees to the Strathcona Regional District managing the grant and being the recipient of all funding.)

CARRIED

H. Business Arising

1 Reconsideration of Resolution VOT 0358/2025 (October 7, 2025 Regular Council meeting).

At the October 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Council passed the following resolution.

"Fowler/Moore: VOT 0358/2025

THAT option #1 be approved (approve the survey analysis and community consultation report [attached as "Appendix A"] as presented and request staff to prepare an updated Strategic Economic Development Plan and Action Plan incorporating the results presented in the report and present the updated Strategic Economic Development Plan and Action Plan to the Standing Committee for Business Liaison for review and comment before submitting these documents to Council for consideration)."

CARRIED

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0096/2026

THAT resolution # VOT 0358/2025 be reconsidered.

CARRIED
1 registered
"no vote"
Councillor
Lenahan

Some members of Council had expressed an interest in reviewing the draft Strategic Economic Development Plan and Action Plan prior to a budget meeting. The CAO provided guidance to Council on the procedural requirements necessary to review the draft documents ahead of the Standing Committee of Business Liaison.

After reconsideration, Council agreed not to rescind the original resolution, allowing the draft Strategic Economic Development Plan and Action Plan to return to the committee for review.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

No report.

Councillor Northcott
No report.

Councillor Lenahan
No report.

Councillor Moore
No report.

Councillor Fowler
No report.

K. Bylaws

1 None.

L. Correspondence

1 **February 2, 2026 email from Mike Mountan to Mayor and Council Re: Cardiac Climb Safety Issues.**

2 **Epilepsy Awareness Month - Proclamation Draft Re: Proclaim Wednesday March 26, 2026 as "Purple Day".**

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0097/2026

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Lenahan/Fowler: VOT 0098/2026

THAT correspondence item L1 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

1 **February 2, 2026 email from Mike Mountan to Mayor and Council Re: Cardiac Climb Safety Issues.**

Councillor Lenahan spoke to this correspondence and the resident's concern about a deteriorating stump under a section of pavement on Cardiac Climb and the overall poor condition of this municipal street.

Council and staff discussed the limitation of temporary fixes with such a small budget for cold patch (currently \$500), the need to prioritize repairs, and the operational nature of these decisions, while considering the possibility of increasing the road repair/ cold patch budget.

Moore/ Lenahan: VOT 0099/2026

THAT Staff respond on behalf of Council to Mike Mountan's email that Council received his email and that Council is in annual budget deliberations, which includes the road maintenance and repair budget.

CARRIED

3 Councillor Fowler's Motion Supporting the Elect Respect Campaign.

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, the BC Legislature and at our local council table;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Village of Tahsis Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,

Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,

Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,

Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,

Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and

Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct

and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village of Tahsis Council call on elected officials and organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the on-line pledge at www.electrespect.ca and;
THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities, Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0100/2026

THAT this motion be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Councillor Fowler spoke to her motion in support of the Elect Respect campaign. Council discussed the motion's overlap with the existing code of conduct, its symbolic value and possible actions. Council debated whether to take concrete actions such as sharing the campaign on social media or sending it to higher bodies, ultimately agreeing to limit the motion to a symbolic endorsement. The last two paragraphs of the motion were deleted to remove the need for any operational follow-up.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0101/2026

THAT this motion be approved as amended (last two paragraphs in yellow removed).

N. Public Input #2

None.

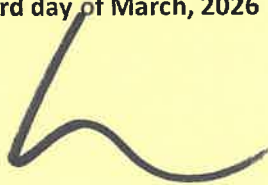
O. Adjournment

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0102/2026

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED

**Certified Correct this
3rd day of March, 2026**



Chief Administrative Officer