



**Minutes**

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<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>February 3, 2026</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 **by video**  
Councillor Brenda Lenahan **by video**  
Councillor Ryan Moore  
Councillor Cheryl Northcott **by video**

**Staff** Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer  
Reg Stratton, Project Manager **by video**  
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager **by video**

**Public** 3 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** New Business Item "M3" removed.

**C. Approval of the Agenda** Moore/Northcott: VOT 0065/2026  
THAT the Agenda for the February 3, 2026 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

**D. Delegation** None.

**E. Public Input # 1** None.

**F. Adoption of the Minutes** 1 January 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Moore/Northcott: VOT 0066/2026

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 20, 2026 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 January 21, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0067/2026**

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of January 21, 2026 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**G. Rise and Report**

None.

**H. Business Arising**

**1 Report to Council (verbal) Re: Update on the Community Boat Launch Project**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0068/2026**

THAT this verbal Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

The CAO proved a comprehensive update of the Community Boat Launch Project detailing the progress on the design and prefabrication, construction status/ milestones and scheduling. The status of the ancillary airplane dock project was also discussed. The airplane dock demolition is complete and geotechnical drilling is underway. The airplane dock work will not proceed during the current construction window for in-water work.

There was a discussion regarding the geotechnical work. The geotechnical work is additional work at different locations and the report obtained will be owned by the Village.

Council discussed the potential uses and distribution of the salvaged deck wood from the airplane dock demolition, considering options for public benefit and operational needs.

**J. Council Reports**

**Mayor Davis**

No report.

**Councillor Northcott**

No report.

**Councillor Lenahan**

No report.

**Councillor Moore**

No report.

**Councillor Fowler**

In addition to the NSWS information (received after the January meeting) attachment #1, I briefly wanted to highlight the workshops or webinars I have attended since the last regular meeting of council.

January 28th

YMCA Canada - Partnering for Impact: Unlocking Municipal Potential (Hosted by FCM).

Protecting and promoting wellbeing at work: Leading in sickness and in health (Hosted by UBCM group benefit program).

January 29th

Empowering Community Events: Simple Steps for Safety and Success (Hosted by MIABC).

Climate Budget Series: City of Vancouver (Hosted by Climate Action partnerships).

January 30th

Atelier : Gestion de projet pour l'adaptation climatique / Workshop: Project management for climate adaptation (Hosted by FCM).

February 2nd

Workshop: Inclusive engagement through dialogue / Atelier : L'engagement inclusif par le dialogue (Hosted by FCM).

February 3rd

Topic: Women into Leadership

Description: In practically whichever country you look at, women tend to be under-represented at the higher organisational levels. Many countries have legislation in place to address this issue, but even where discrimination and pay disparity are illegal, such bad practices often seem to continue with apparent impunity, often at alarmingly significant levels, despite the best intentions of the legislators. Other factors can also hold women back, ranging from external perceived expectations about leadership profiles, job roles, or a lack of opportunity, through to personal issues such as self-confidence and an absence of obvious career ladders for women to progress.

Workshop: Anti-Racism, equity and inclusion / Atelier : Lutte contre le racisme, équité et inclusion (Hosted by FCM).

Virtual Town Hall on Forestry Supports.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Fowler

**Attachment # 1 NSWS Submitted Funding Opportunities**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0069/2026**  
**THAT** the Council Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

1 None.

**L. Correspondence**

1 **January 21, 2026 email from Kevin Moore Re: Letter of thanks and acknowledgement to the Village of Tahsis Volunteer Fire Department.**

2 **January 6, 2026 letter from Kristin Clausen, Executive Director, Heritage BC to Mayor and Council Re: Heritage Week.**

3 **January 28, 2026 email from Theresa Dennison, Executive Director, AVICC to elected officials Re: Invitation to attend a virtual education and discussion session entitled "Housing Corporations and Rural Solutions: Expanding Access to Affordable Housing".**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0070/2026**  
**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0071/2026**  
**THAT** correspondence item L2 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

L2 **January 6, 2026 letter from Kristin Clausen, Executive Director, Heritage BC to Mayor and Council Re: Heritage Week.**

Mayor Davis spoke to this correspondence item.

**Davis/Moore: VOT 0072/2026**  
**THAT** the Village of Tahsis Council declare Heritage Week, February 16-22, 2026.

**CARRIED**

Staff to post posters provided by Heritage BC.

**M. New Business**

1 **Report to Council Re: 2026 General Local Election - Mail in Ballots**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0073/2026**  
**THAT** this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

Council debated the feasibility, costs, and implications of introducing mail-in ballots for the 2026 General Local Election, ultimately deciding not to proceed with this option due to financial, administrative, and security concerns.

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0074/2026**

**THAT** option # 1 be approved (do not offer mail-in ballots for the 2026 General Local Election and continue with in-person voting only).

**CARRIED**

**2 Village of Tahsis Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2025.**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0075/2026**

**THAT** this Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2025 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to the Audit Planning Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, outlining the audit scope, timing and new requirements with respect to asset retirement obligations.

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 0076/2026**

**THAT** this Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2025 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**Background.**

This draft resolution came to my attention in December 2025, when I added my name. After making some minor edits that added some BC specific language my hope is to bring this resolution forward in the new year.

Take action by presenting this resolution to your local Council—it's time to drive change in our community.

**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](http://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 0077/2026**

**THAT** this notice of motion be received.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Fowler introduced a notice of motion supporting the Elect Respect campaign, encouraging a safe and respectful work environment for councillors.

**N. Public Input #2**

None.

**Public Exclusion**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0078/2026**

**THAT** this meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1)(g) of the Community Charter- litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

**CARRIED**

**Recess**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0079/2026**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting recess at 7:51 p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Reconvene**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0089/2026**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting reconvene at 8:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**

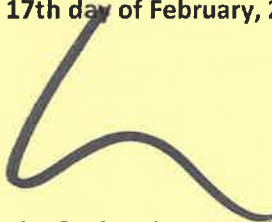
**O. Adjournment**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0090/2026**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this  
17th day of February, 2026**



**Chief Administrative Officer**

