



Minutes **Village of Tahsis**

Meeting **Committee of the Whole- Budget Meeting #4**
Date **January 21, 2026**
Time **1 p.m.**
Place **Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means**

Present Mayor Martin Davis
Councillor Cheryl Northcott
Councillor Sarah Fowler
Councillor Brenda Lenahan
Councillor Ryan Moore

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

Public 4 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

Northcott: COW 0013/2026

THAT the Agenda for the January 21, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

M. New Business **1** **2026-2030 Financial Plan/ Budget Meeting #4**

Northcott: COW 0014/2026

THAT this presentation be received.

CARRIED

The Director of Finance outlined the schedule for the upcoming budget presentations including the key dates for adopting the Financial Plan and Tax Rate Bylaws. The next budget meeting is scheduled for February 18th at 7 p.m. to encourage greater resident participation.

The changes to the budget since the last meeting were reviewed. These changes included: an \$8000 reduction in pool operating costs (due to the 3 month pool closure); \$15,000 reduction in net transfers to the Capital Works Reserve (due to the decision to repair some dumpsters versus replacement) and \$10,000 was transferred from the operating budget to the reserves for the fire hall roof repair.

Council members debated some potential budget reduction options which included reducing staffing, decreasing Council travel and conference expenses, decreasing event funding and decreasing transfers to reserves, while considering the implications for service levels, strategic priorities and long-term financial stability. It was noted that the strategic priority, "Road Safety Program" which may require \$10,000 for engineering work has yet to be included in the budget, nor has the election costs related to mail-in ballots or the proposed road cold patching project.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the need for a waterfront toilet facility. Staff was asked to relocate a porta potty to the waterfront when it became available.

The 2026 revenue projections were presented, including anticipated changes in grants, investment income and user fees (7% increase to water & 15% increase to sewer user fees).

The Director of Finance reviewed the draft capital plan and preliminary reserve balances, detailing planned capital projects, reserve contributions and withdrawals.

An update on the Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Project funding detailing total expenditures, funding sources and the extent of the cost over runs was provided.

An analysis of the completed BC Assessment Roll illustrated the shifts in property class values (increase in the Residential Property Class, smaller increases in the Utilities and Business Classes and a significant decrease in the Managed Forests Class), the resulting redistribution of municipal tax burden and the projected impact on the average tax payer at both 0% and a 10.25 % tax increases. At a 0% tax rate increase, the average single-family home owner would see a \$37 increase in taxes due to assessment class changes, while at a 10.25% increase (the increase currently required to balance the budget), the average single-family tax bill would rise by \$251, with combined utility user fees and tax rate increases totalling \$358.

Moore: COW 0015/2026

THAT the meeting be opened up to public input.

CARRIED

During the public input session, residents raised questions about the cumulative tax increase, the cost and impact of mail-in ballots, usage of firehall reserves and the important of fire department funding to which the Director of Finance provided detailed responses.


Adjournment

Fowler: COW 0016/2026

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
3rd day of February, 2026



Corporate Officer