



## **AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of the Village of Tahsis Council  
to be held on July 7, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers  
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive and by electronic means**

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**A. Call to Order**                      **Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order.**

**Land Acknowledgement**                      **Mayor Davis will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.**

**B. Introduction of Late Items**

**C. Approval of the Agenda**

**D. Petitions and Delegations**                      None.

**E. Public Input #1**

**F. Adoption of the Minutes**                      **1 Minutes of the June 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting ( 1 pm)**

**2 Minutes of the June 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting ( 2 pm)**

**3 Minutes of the June 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting**

**G. Rise and Report**

At the May 7, 2026 Closed Special Council meeting council approved disclosing Council's resolution awarding the Village of Tahsis Academic Scholarship to Rylan Gallant at the Captain Meares Elementary School graduation ceremony or alternative even and to rise and report at the following Regular Council meeting.

**H. Business Arising**

None.

**J. Council Reports**

**1 Mayor Davis**

**2 Councillor Fowler**

Please accept this presentation (link below) for your information in absence of my verbal Report to Council on July 7th Regular meeting of Council. This presentation was given at the Salmon Parks dinner I attended with other members of the Nootka Sound Watershed Society Board at the House of Unity.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KC57-QhkVwunls2VGP-Wxu2Xcmy2AtYj/view>

**3 Councillor Northcott**

**4 Councillor Lenahan**

**5 Councillor Moore**

**K. Bylaws**

None.

**L. Correspondence**

**June 9, 2026 email from Sheila Dodds, Deputy Auditor General of BC to Mayor**

**1 Davis Re: Response to Mayor Davis' May 26, 2026 letter Re: Health Care Equity- Rural and Remote British Columbia.**

**June 25, 2026 email from Dany Rubbo, Manager, Communications and Events,**

**2 Lifesaving Society- BC and Yukon Branch Re: Proclamation Request for National Drowning Prevention Week.**

**June 1, 2026 email from Philip Perras to Mayor and Council Re: Warning to**

**3 Municipalities -False Independence, Special Advisors, and Local Democracy.**

**June 18, 2026 email from Kristin Pichoskie, Founder, Oak's Tree of Love to Mayor**

**4 and Council Re: Request for Proclamation - Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Day 2026.**

**June 18, 2026 email from Adriane Gear, President BC Nurses Union to all BC Local**

**5 Governments Re: Tell us how your local government is supporting BC Nurses.**

**M. New Business**

**1 Tahsis Artisans' Coop- Sign Permit Application**

**2 Standing Committee of Business Liaison- Expiration of 2-year term of committee of members.**

**Public Input # 2**

**O. Adjournment**



## Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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| <b>Meeting</b> | <b>Committee of the Whole</b>                                    |
| <b>Date</b>    | <b>June 2, 2026</b>                                              |
| <b>Time</b>    | <b>1 p.m.</b>                                                    |
| <b>Place</b>   | <b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b> |

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| <b>Present</b> | Mayor Martin Davis                                                                                                   |          |
|                | Councillor Sarah Fowler                                                                                              |          |
|                | Councillor Cheryl Northcott                                                                                          | by video |
|                | Councillor Ryan Moore                                                                                                |          |
|                | Councillor Brenda Lenahan                                                                                            | by video |
| <b>Staff</b>   | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer                                                                          |          |
|                | Janet Stdenis, Corporate services Manager                                                                            | by video |
| <b>Guests</b>  | Ashley Cousens, Area Manager, Vancouver Island District, Courtenay Office,<br>Ministry of Transportation and Transit | by video |
|                | Greg Goldstone, Resource Manager, Regional Operations Division, Coast<br>Area, Ministry of Forests                   | by video |
|                | Kellen Truant, Operations Manager- North Island, Ministry of Transportation<br>and Transit                           | by video |
|                | Michael Pearson, District Manager, Vancouver Island, Ministry of<br>Transportation and Transit                       | by video |
|                | Chelsie Stubbs, Economic Development Officer/ Community Advisor, Village<br>of Gold River                            | by video |
|                | Chris Cowley, General Manager, Mainroad, North Island                                                                | by video |
| <b>Public</b>  | None.                                                                                                                |          |

### 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 0044/2026****THAT** the Agenda for the June 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.**CARRIED****H. Business  
Arising****1****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.****Northcott: COW 0045/2026****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**

Ashely Cousens, Ministry of Transportation and Transit, provided Council with an update on recent and upcoming maintenance activities on Head Bay Forest Service Road. In this update she noted that graveling, grading and dust control applications are scheduled to begin shortly.

Council had a number of questions for MOTT and MOF staff which included the following items: vehicle traffic count schedule; signs (road grade sign, missing bridge signs, cyclist signs); abandoned vehicles; danger trees; Little Canton Bridge approach; #2 Sucwoa Bridge and Conuma Hill issues.

Ashley Cousens responded to the vehicle traffic count inquiry noting that the next traffic count is scheduled for this summer in order to capture the peak summer tourist traffic.

Greg Goldstone, Ministry of Forests, addressed the request for cyclist signs. Cyclist signage options to be sent to council for review before ordering. With respect to the road grade signage, Ashley Cousens confirmed that road grade signage at km 54km would be installed. In addition, Mainroad will be asked to assist in identifying missing bridge signs.

MOTT and MOF staff discussed the process and jurisdictional challenges for removing abandoned vehicles, clarifying the roles of the MOF, RCMP and ICBC. The process begins with reporting the details of the abandoned vehicle to the RCMP.

Strategies for managing hazard trees and roadside vegetation, balancing safety, wildlife, and aesthetic considerations were discussed. Greg Goldstone, MOF, described the new MOU which includes provisions for authorizing resource companies to remove trees up to the road edge, except in sensitive areas.

Ashley Cousins confirmed that engineering approval has been received to resurface Sucwoa #2 bridge with asphalt to deal with the water pooling issue. Greg Goldstone, MOF committed to working with Ashley Cousens to deal with the Little Canton Bridge approach issues and to report progress by the next meeting. With regards to Conuma hill surface issues, Ashley Cousens stated that a site visit with Mainroad's operations manager is scheduled to determine the scope of the repairs and she has committed to provide Council with timely updates.

**Northcott: COW 0046/2026**

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

**CARRIED**

There were no questions for ministry staff.

**Adjournment**

**Northcott: COW 0047/2026**

**THAT** the meeting adjourn at 1:42 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified correct this  
7th day of July, 2026

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**Corporate Officer**



## Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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| <b>Meeting</b> | <b>Committee of the Whole</b>                                    |
| <b>Date</b>    | <b>June 2, 2026</b>                                              |
| <b>Time</b>    | <b>2 p.m.</b>                                                    |
| <b>Place</b>   | <b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b> |

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| <b>Present</b> | Mayor Martin Davis<br>Councillor Sarah Fowler<br>Councillor Cheryl Northcott<br>Councillor Ryan Moore<br>Councillor Brenda Lenahan      | by video                           |
| <b>Staff</b>   | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer<br>Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance<br>Janet Stdenis, Corporate services Manager | by video - left 3 p.m.<br>by video |
| <b>Public</b>  | None.                                                                                                                                   |                                    |

### Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 0048/2026**

**THAT** the Agenda for the June 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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| <b>H. Business Arising</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>At the October 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Council approved sending 3 delegates (Plus the CAO) to the 2026 UBCM.</b> |
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**Fowler/Lenahan VOT 0393/2025**

**THAT** Council send 3 delegates (plus the CAO) to the 2026 UBCM Convention in Vancouver BC.

**Moore: COW 0049/2026**

**THAT** Council discuss who should attend the 2026 UBCM Convention in Vancouver as the Tahsis Delegation. **CARRIED**

Council members expressed their interest in attending the 2026 UBCM Convention with some offering to yield their spot to others who had not previously attended. It was clarified that the CAO's attendance is standard practice for supporting the delegations, especially for ministerial meetings, and the Mayor's attendance is also customary.

**Moore: COW 0050/2026**

**THAT** Mayor Martin Davis, CAO Mark Tatchell, Councillor Cheryl Northcott and Councillor Brenda Lenahan attend the 2026 UBCM Convention, September 14-18, 2026 in Vancouver, BC. **CARRIED**

M. New  
Business

- 1 **2026 UBCM Convention- Meeting Request with Premier David Eby, Cabinet Ministers, Provincial Government Staff from Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Corporations (MACC).**

**Moore: COW 0051/2026**

**THAT** the 2026 UBCM Delegate Meeting Request Process Overview, the 2026 UBCM Provincial Appointment Book, the October 24, 2025 Report to Council summarizing the Village of Tahsis' 2025 UBCM meetings and follow-up letters from 2025 UBCM meetings be received. **CARRIED**

**Northcott: COW 0052/2026**

**THAT** meeting requests be made to the following Cabinet Ministers and/or Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and/ or Corporation(MACC) staff to discuss the following issues in accordance with the Provincial Appointment Book:

**Ministry of Forests (minister)**

- \* Improved Emergency Access on evacuation routes via Head Bay Forest Service Road - maintenance of the road and sealcoat.
- \* Slow pace of MOU between Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Transportation and Transit.
- \* Letter of Understanding Re: McKelvie Watershed and inclusion in the Chief Forester's determination in setting the next annual allowable cut for TFL19.

**ICBC**

- \* Geolocation crash information on the Head Bay FSR.

**Ministry of Housing (Staff)**

- \* Housing targets and the formula that was applied and clarification of consequences of not meeting provincial housing targets.
- \* Library funding for Vancouver Island Regional Library.

**Vancouver Island Health Authority**

- \*Transportation with respect to persons with mental health crisis as well as medical transportation gaps generally.
- \* What would Island Health services be if we could bring assisted living services to Tahsis.
- \* Gaps in healthcare services in Tahsis.

**BC Housing**

- \* Discussion of what it would take to secure a commitment for building an affordable and accessible housing facility in Tahsis.

**Ministry of Health (minister)**

- \*Support for the Campbell River Care facility -(CAO to follow up with the Comox Strathcona Hospital District).

**Ministry of Finance (minister)**

- \*Recapitalization of ICET funding.

**Ministry of Citizens Services (minister)**

- \* Advocate for last-mile connectivity funding.

**Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction**

- \* Follow-up on request for service navigator resources for local residents.
- \* Request for information on accessibility grants.

**Ministry of Environment**

\*Unresolved issues with the Leiner Campground and concerns about permanent residents affecting tourism, and limited enforcement options available.

\* Advise on the in-fill study and seek commitment to engage with the Village on future development.

**CARRIED****Adjournment****Northcott: COW 0053/2026****THAT** the meeting adjourn at 4:26 p.m.**CARRIED**

Certified correct this  
7th day of July, 2026

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**Corporate Officer**



## Minutes

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| <u>Meeting</u>                       | Regular Council Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                               |
| <u>Date</u>                          | June 2, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                               |
| <u>Time</u>                          | 7:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                               |
| <u>Place</u>                         | Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                               |
| <u>Present</u>                       | Mayor Martin Davis<br>Councillor Sarah Fowler<br>Councillor Brenda Lenahan<br>Councillor Ryan Moore<br>Councillor Cheryl Northcott                                                                                                                                                                                                           | by video                                                                      |
| <u>Staff</u>                         | Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer<br>Adia Mavrikos, CPA,CA, Director of Finance<br>Kyle Wilkinson, Fire Chief<br>Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager<br>Wanda Waksdale, Administration Assistant                                                                                                                             | by video<br>left at 7:29 p.m.<br>by video                                     |
| <u>Guests</u>                        | Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound Detachment<br>Kevin Brooks, Division Manager- Planning, McElhanney<br>Corey Cooper, Planner, McElhanney                                                                                                                                                                                                | left at 7:29 p.m.<br>by video left<br>8:23 p.m.<br>by video left<br>8:23 p.m. |
| <u>Public</u>                        | 6 members of the public.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 by video                                                                    |
| <b>A. Call to Order</b>              | Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                               |
|                                      | <b>Land Acknowledgement</b><br>Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                               |
| <b>B. Introduction of Late Items</b> | Under Business Arising as "H3" a report to Council regarding the Tahsis Visitor Centre re-opening funding requirements and under Correspondence as "L2" an email from UBCM regarding the 2026 CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Application-based funding for FireSmart Activities Approval Agreement. "M8" moved to follow "F1". |                                                                               |
| <b>C. Approval of the Agenda</b>     | <b>Fowler/Northcott : VOT 0243/2026</b><br><b>THAT</b> the Agenda for the June 2, 2026 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>CARRIED</b>                                                                |
| <b>D. Delegation</b>                 | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                               |

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| <b>E. Public Input # 1</b>        | <p>A member of the public had questions regarding the breakdown of employee remuneration in the Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI Report), to which the Director of Finance responded.</p> <p>A member of the public had questions regarding the status of Phase 3 of the Flood Protection Project to which the Mayor and the CAO responded.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |
| <b>F. Adoption of the Minutes</b> | <p><b>1 Minutes of the May 19, 2026 Regular Council Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Moore/Northcott: VOT 0244/2026</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 19, 2026 be adopted as presented.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>CARRIED</b> |
| <b>M. New Business</b>            | <p><b>8 Report to Council Re: Procurement of a self contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)</b></p> <p><b>Moore/Northcott: VOT 0245/2026</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> this report to Council be received</p> <p>The Fire Chief discussed the procurement process for the Tahsis Fire Department's new self-contained breathing apparatus units (SCBA), outlining the rationale for the purchase, the procurement process and the financial implications. The Fire Chief noted that the fire department's SCBA units are more than 20 years old, no longer meet current NFPA standards, and they have been experiencing increasing failures that pose safety concerns. Through the Canoe procurement process, the department evaluated submissions from two approved vendors. The Dräger system was selected based on performance, cost, and the availability of local service support.</p> <p>The Director of Finance confirmed that \$150,000 had been allocated within the capital budget to fund the SCBA replacement and associated cylinder fill station upgrades.</p> <p><b>Northcott/Moore: VOT 0246/2026</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> option 1 be approved (to proceed with a Canoe Procurement Group purchase of ten (10) new Dräger PSS Air Boss SCBA units with supporting accessories through Brogan Fire and Safety, as identified in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan).</p> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
| <b>G. Rise and Report</b>         | <b>None.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>CARRIED</b> |
| <b>H. Business Arising</b>        | <p><b>1 Nootka Sound RCMP- Village of Tahsis quarterly report- Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment.</b></p> <p><b>Moore/Northcott: VOT 0247/2026</b></p> <p><b>THAT</b> this Report to Council be received.</p> <p>Sgt. Greg Young, NCO i/c Nootka Sound RCMP Detachment presented the RCMP's quarterly report, highlighting crime statistics, community engagement, and the finalization of the service level agreement with the Village of Tahsis. He also highlighted a growing concern with online fraud. Council discussed the removal of an abandoned vehicle from Head Bay Forest Service Road. The roles of the RCMP, Ministry of Forests, and ICBC in the removal process were clarified. Sgt. Young committed to following up on the abandoned vehicle and to trying to expedite its removal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>CARRIED</b> |

## 2 Report to Council Re: SPARC BC Grant Funded Accessibility Project.

**Northcott/Moore: VOT 0248/2026**

**THAT** this Report to Council be received for information.

**CARRIED**

The CAO provided Council with an update on the Spark BC grant-funded accessibility projects, detailing the completed improvements at the Recreation Centre and the website accessibility upgrades.

Councillor Lenahan sought clarification on the outcomes of the accessibility projects. With respect to the Recreation Centre accessibility upgrades, the CAO noted that the funds were used to complete all items approved in the grant application. In regards to the Village's website accessibility, the CAO noted that the goal was to achieve as much as possible towards WCAG 2.0 compliance with the funding available.

## 3 Report to Council Re: Tahsis Visitor Centre Re-opening funding

**Northcott/Moore: VOT 0249/2026**

**THAT** this Report to Council be received.

**CARRIED**

An extra \$2500 (from the Economic Development Reserve Fund) was requested to complete setting up merchandise displays and for administrative work such as setting up and integrating a point-of-sale system with the Village's accounting system.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0250/2026**

**THAT** option # 1 be approved (approve committing an additional \$2,500 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund to complete the work needed to re-open the Tahsis Visitor Centre for the 2026 season).

**CARRIED**

## J. Council Reports

### Mayor Davis

This is an update on the Connected Coast project, an initiative to bring high speed internet to much of the BC coast using fibre optic cable, both land and sea-based. This project has largely been completed, including an underwater connection that made landfall in Tahsis last year. The remaining connection, known as Last Mile, provides the connection infrastructure within the municipality to our houses. Other small communities such as Zeballos and Tsaxana have received grants of up to \$2.5 million to achieve this. We however have not despite the Ministry of Citizen Services committing to providing financial assistance to small communities in this regard, as is referenced on their website. We will be following up on this.

### Councillor Northcott (verbal report)

I attended a Vancouver Island Regional Library Board meeting on Saturday, May the 30th, which was also the 90th anniversary of the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

### Councillor Lenahan

No report.

### Councillor Moore

No report.

**Councillor Fowler**

On the Island, the Nootka Sound Watershed Society is receiving \$917,648 to plant more than 82,000 trees to restore 22 hectares of riparian habitat along salmon streams damaged by historic logging operations, and 4.3 hectares of uplands forest damaged by landslides in the Oktwanch and Muchalaht watersheds (link below).

[https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/ottawa-funds-planting-of-95-million-trees-in-bc-12272045#google\\_vignette](https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/ottawa-funds-planting-of-95-million-trees-in-bc-12272045#google_vignette)

Additionally, due to my work with the NSWS over the last 8 years I will be in attendance at the Salmon Parks dinner at the House of Unity tomorrow evening.

**Attachment # 1 Minutes from the April 29, 2026 Nootka Sound Watershed Society.**

**Power to Act - Emerging Regulatory Pathways for Local Climate Action in BC**

Please admit this power to act tool provided by Community Energy Association as my report to council. From my time on council, thus far, I have great pride in the Food Security Pilot Program which reduced 20 000 kg of carbon dioxide emissions by bringing in village veggies from Gold River. Hopefully, this link will bring more opportunity to continue with multi-solving for community challenges.

<https://communityenergy.ca/tools/powertoact/>

Submitted respectfully,  
Councillor Fowler

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 0251/2026**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**K. Bylaws**

None.

**L. Correspondence**

- 1 May 19, 2026 email from Dean Murdock, Mayor, Saanich Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program ( LGCAP) Funding Continuation.**

- 2 May 29, 2026 email from Jonas Woodrow, Program Officer, UBCM Re: 2026 CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Support Application-based Funding for FireSmart Activities Approval Agreement.**

**Fowler/Moore: VOT 0252/2026**

**THAT** these correspondence items be received.

**CARRIED**

**Moore/Fowler: VOT 253/2026**

**THAT** correspondence item L2 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

- L2 May 29, 2026 email from Jonas Woodrow, Program Officer, UBCM Re: 2026 CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Support Application-based Funding for FireSmart Activities Approval Agreement.**

Council acknowledged the approval of the FireSmart grant funding, which will support updates to the community wildfire protection plan, with staff noting that further reports from Staff on this initiative will be forthcoming.

**M. New Business****1 Sign Permit Application- Tahsis Supply Company.****Moore/Fowler: VOT 254/2026****THAT** this sign permit application be received.**CARRIED**

The CAO noted that the sign met the bylaw requirements.

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 255/2026****THAT** this sign permit application be approved.**CARRIED****2 Sign Permit Application- Tahsis Fish Processing (2 sign applications).****Moore/Fowler: VOT 256/2026****THAT** this sign permit application be received.**CARRIED**

Council debated whether the current Village of Tahsis Signage Bylaw No. 550, 2009 requires separate permits for each sign or allows multiple signs under one permit. Annual renewal requirement and enforcement challenges of the signage bylaw were also discussed. Council expressed concerns about setting a precedent for excessive signage, balancing support for local businesses with the need to maintain the Village's visual character and fairness in bylaw enforcement.

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 257/2026****THAT** this sign permit application be approved.

**CARRIED**  
**1 registered**  
**"no vote"**  
**Councillor**  
**Lenahan**

**Moore/Lenahan: VOT 258/2026**

**THAT** the Village of Tahsis Property Signage Bylaw No. 550, 2009 be referred to the Standing Committee of Business Liaison for review and recommendations.

**CARRIED****3 Sign Permit Application- The Bites on in Tahsis.****Moore/Fowler: VOT 259/2026****THAT** this sign permit application be received.**CARRIED****Moore/Fowler: VOT 260/2026****THAT** this sign permit application be approved.

**CARRIED**  
**1 registered**  
**"no vote"**  
**Councillor**  
**Lenahan**

**4 Report to Council- Floodplain Management Bylaw Exemption Report.****Moore/Northcott: VOT 261/2026****THAT** this Report to Council be received.**CARRIED**

Kevin Brooks, Division Manager- Planning, McElhanney, presented reports with regards to the Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 635, 2020 exemption request to allow for the construction of an office building in support of the Tahsis Lodge redevelopment.

Council was advised that a Section 219 restrictive covenant, including an indemnity clause for the Village of Tahsis and the professional's report as a schedule must be registered on title before proceeding.

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 262/2026**

**THAT** option # 1 be approved (grant the exemption request to facilitate the construction of the proposed 95.78m<sup>2</sup> office and retail building with condition of Covenant Registration).

**CARRIED**

**5 Report to Council Re: Tahsis Lodge and Marina- Development Permits**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 263/2026**

**THAT** this Report to Council and associated documents be received.

**CARRIED**

Corey Cooper, Planner, McElhanney walked Council through the development permit application and the development permit reports. The purpose of the development permit application is to facilitate the construction of an office & retail building within the pre-existing footprint of a recently demolished building.

The reports discussed included a Biophysical Assessment Report by Pacificus Environmental and a Flood Assessment Report by McElhanney Ltd.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 264/2026**

**THAT** The Development Permit issued conditional upon final registration of Section 219 covenant which must be in form and content acceptable to the Village of Tahsis and must include the approved flood analysis report as a schedule. The development permit will last if the covenant is not fully registered within 60 days as of June 3rd, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**6 Village of Tahsis 2025 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI).**

**Northcott/Moore: VOT 265/2026**

**THAT** the 2025 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be received.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Finance outlined the contents of the SOFI Report, including audited Financial Statements, remuneration and expense schedules, supplier payments, and statutory compliance.

**Northcott/Moore: VOT 266/2026**

**THAT** the 2025 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be approved and posted to the Village's website.

**CARRIED**

**7 Village of Tahsis 2025 Annual Report.**

**Moore/Northcott: VOT 267/2026**

**THAT** the Village of Tahsis 2025 Annual Report be received in order to receive comments and submissions from the public.

**CARRIED****Moore/Northcott: VOT 268/2026**

**THAT** the public be permitted to make comments and submissions to the Village of Tahsis 2025 Annual Report.

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to the requirements under the Community Charter whereby the Annual Report is presented to the public and the public is formally invited to make comments and submissions before it is finalized.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 269/2026**

**THAT** the Village of Tahsis 2025 Annual Report be approved and posted to the Village's website.

**CARRIED****Public Input #2**

none

**O. Adjournment****Moore/Northcott: VOT 270/2026**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Certified Correct this  
7th day of July 2026**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

## Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Meeting Meetings  
Wednesday April 29, 2026  
Via Zoom

Zoom Invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933267934?pwd=7maazrNXCPeIEboOGkQgN5noXGmabe.1>

Welcome and attendance.

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| Kent O'Neill - President, NSWS<br>Leigh Stalker - Operations Forester, A&A Trading;<br>Vice President, NSWS<br>Jamie James - Field Ops Tech Advisor, Salmon<br>Parks<br>Maureen Ritter - Operating Director,<br>Cryogenetics<br>Craig Blackie - Board Member, NSWS | Erin Murphy - Manager, Moutcha Bay, Nootka<br>Marine Adventures<br>Paul Kutz - Silviculture Manager, WFP; Board,<br>NSWS<br>Sarah Fowler - Village of Tahsis; Board, NSWS<br>Nikki Pichert - Village of Gold River; Project and<br>Stewardship Manager, NSWS |
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- Review and adopt of the agenda - **Motion to accept:** Leigh Stalker      **2nd:** Craig Blackie

- Review and adopt of the Minutes from March 25, 2026 meeting -  
**Motion to accept:** Paul Kutz      **2nd:** Craig Blackie

Review of action items:

### Ongoing Items

| Action                                                                                                                               | Who   | Status                                                                                                       |
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| Coastal Restoration Fund Site Visit                                                                                                  | Leigh | In progress                                                                                                  |
| Further conversation to identify restoration priorities and areas of focus in the region, from Indigenous perspective.               | Kent  | Ongoing<br>Coming up quickly and will talk about that later in the meeting                                   |
| Forward NSWS details to be included on the Island Fisherman Magazine website under "clubs" for exposure on their site.               | Kent  | Done                                                                                                         |
| Send out consultation email to Board for feedback on the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy for submission before May 12, 2026 | Nikki | Ongoing<br>Email sent requesting any feedback by May 10 to create a draft response on behalf of NSWS         |
| Create a draft a Letter of Support for Board review on behalf of NSWS to support                                                     | Nikki | Paused - awaiting funding announcements and allocations to salmon recovery and habitat restoration projects. |

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| renewal and expansion of the BC SRIF program |  |  |
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### **New Business**

#### **1. Strategic Planning Document**

Created by Paul with an assist from AI

Guiding next 10 years for NSWS and incorporating action items into focus areas.

Kent - We also have the TOR review to update and reflect more current situation we are in

Jamie - I can add edits and comments

Nikki to review and flag outdated items and come back to the Board with a revised edition.

#### **2. MMFN Meeting & Update**

**Indigenous Stewardship Fund – Salmon Resiliency Grant Program \$50K/yr.**

Kent - Met with Moses and reviewed many topics. The Salmon Resiliency Grant Program is open but has to be applied to by a First Nation. \$50,000 is available for up to 2 years.

<https://isfund.ca/programs/salmon-resiliency-grant-program/>

Maureen - Campbell River Salmon Foundation might be good to reach out. They are funding programs in the region and all this work ties in and benefits each other. My group is going to UNBC for water sampling training so there is training there also.

#### **3. PSF Community Salmon Program \$24K of \$72K for Temperature monitoring network.**

Kent - We just found out we were funded ⅓ of this.

Jamie - We have two techs and Jamie and will be there to assist in any way they can. We'll see if Moses needs any help with planning.

#### **4. Campbell River Community Foundation - Special Interest Fund Info**

“\$5,000 is still the amount to initiate a fund and the capital is entirely invested. Our fee is 2% of the fund value at the end of the year. Sometimes a case-by-case agreement can be made with the Board to look at other admin fee rates, however, when funds are getting on the larger size this is more likely when alternative arrangements are worth

having. Organizations appreciate having the funds pooled at the Foundation because it creates the passive unrestricted income back to the org that can be used to support capital acquisitions, pilot projects, operations, or anything needed in that year. And it spares you from having to manage the investment or have an investment committee.

There are a few ways that you can set it up - I'd love to hop on a call with you so we can talk about some of the differences. Is there a time that works for you? I have a booking link in my signature and would be happy to do a team's call!"

- Michaela Arruda, CR Foundation Executive Director

Nikki - I will plan to set up a meeting with Michaela and discuss the fund options and fit for NSWS. Anyone is welcome to join.

Leigh - I would be happy to join the call.

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Stewardship & Projects Manager Report**

Period: April 1 - 30th, 2026

By: Nikki Pichert

### **FUNDING**

Pacific Salmon Foundation- Community Salmon Program

"Building a Network of Freshwater Monitoring Experts in Nootka Sound" partnered with MMFN and Salmon Parks Stewardship Society" in partnership with SNRC, MMFN, SPSS

Partially funded - \$24k out of \$72k ask

Review and research on the Indigenous Stewardship Fund - Salmon Resiliency Grant and had meetings with partners to gauge willingness to apply (First Nations must be the lead applicant).

MGP -

Still seeking funding opportunities for the Gravel Project and additional educational/engagement/celebration activities within MMFN, SPSS, and the greater local community. Explored Disaster Resilience Fund options and reached out for more information regarding this fund to SRD contacts.

Still looking into the Gaming Grant with a summer intake of July 1st - August 31st

Communication with the Executive Director at the Campbell River Community Foundation for further details and info on NSWS starting a special interest fund as a means of passive income and a way the public can easily access and donate to NSWS activities.

## **REPORTING**

### **2BT**

Completed meetings with partners and our program officer to review spring planting scope, Q4 reports and 2026-2027 Q1 & Q2 reports.

Meetings with partners to submit the reporting in the online portal.

### **BC SRIF 407**

Meetings with the team and program officers have been underway to ensure all final reports were submitted accurately to be processed without delay.

All final reports for the 3 Activities, the Q4 Claim and Progress Report, and remaining deliverables were submitted on time, and have been processed.

The BC SRIF team is finalizing their reports on their website and the 407 project and some NSWS quotes will be featured under "Results".

## **PARTNER ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings have been held with partners for updates on permitting timelines, project timeline updates, discussion of budget and scope revision (fixed amount), project planning, ideas to fill the budget gap, responses to regulators, and project review questions.

Opportunity to connect with MMFN and meet to discuss projects and upcoming plans.

Discussion with the Salmon Parks team regarding the upcoming community dinner on June 3rd to find ways to partner and collaborate with NSWS. This would be a follow up from the Salmon Parks Community Advisory Group introductions with NSWS to describe the mission and objectives for habitat restoration in the region. The dinner would aim to grow relationships with SPSS, MMFN and NSWS and learn more regarding Elder and Nation priorities and knowledge for species, habitat, and changes in the local ecosystem. Further dialogue from the casual dinner would help inform and guide NSWS habitat restoration and understand priorities through an Indigenous holistic lens, and help to complete the IHPP reporting.

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Reforest Canada Collective**

I will attend the Reforest Canada Collective (RCC) meeting tomorrow that is focused on the 2BT Program retrospective: proponent Point of View. They will review all of the feedback, challenges, and areas of improvement the RCC has recorded about the 2BT program since launching and use this as a basis for a

discussion on what a hypothetical but improved future national tree planting program would look like from the perspective of those doing the work on the ground.

### **Federal Sustainability Development Strategy**

I created a document to send out to the Board for feedback and open consultation on the 2026-2029 Draft Federal Development Strategy. There is opportunity to submit feedback and engagement from NSWS, especially in the section “Goal 3.3: Protect and Restore Canada’s Ecosystems and Biodiversity.” This section describes the importance of providing federal funding programs to fund restoration, protection and conservation programs, and highlights the need to prioritize both economic growth as well as sustainability so they can exist together. I’ll aim to compile all feedback and input and submit before the May 12th deadline.

### **COMMUNICATION**

I monitored and maintained regular communication calls/emails with partners, stakeholders, and the NSWS info email, including: Salmon Parks, MMFN, SRD, Western Forest Products, Nootka Marine Adventures, Habitat Stewardship Program officers, SNRC, REDD Fish Restoration Society,

I had a great conversation with the Strategic Natural Resource Consultants GIS team and had the opportunity to show them the tool, and discuss further ideas for analysis of the temperature monitoring network data and different applications that the data could be used for.

Connected with Joel Unickow from Island Fisherman Magazine and uploaded NSWS details to their clubs and organizations page. Joel and his team are offering this at no cost to community groups to gain exposure and take advantage of their website traffic.

### **WEBSITE**

I’m still working on updating the “PROJECT” section of the website and gathering info and text write ups from past reports. Now that the BCSRIF 407 reports are complete I can begin to upload those. As discussed at the Strategic Planning session, there is a new “MINUTES” tab, with 2026 minutes uploaded in PDF. Adding 2025 is the next step here (and maybe Lyndy’s files one day!)

## **2. Hatchery Update**

- **Conuma**

Prepared by Lyndy Vroom

Presented by Kent O’Neill

**Conuma Hatchery Report - April 29, 2026****BY2025**

| Stock      | Species | Group                | Inventory | Comments                                                   |
|------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Conuma R.  | Chinook | Early Group          | 972,427   | Adipose clipped, vaccinated and RELEASED                   |
| Conuma R.  | Chinook | Late Group           | 991,953   | Adipose clipped, vaccinated and moving to seapens tomorrow |
| Conuma R.  | Chinook | River Release        | 1,180,475 | Anticipate adipose clipping to be finished today           |
| Burman R.  | Chinook |                      | 265,466   | Vaccinated, moved to seapens, planned release this Friday  |
| Gold R.    | Chinook |                      | 485,628   | Adipose clipped, moved to 2 lakepens last week             |
|            |         |                      |           |                                                            |
| Conuma R.  | Chum    | Seapen               | 1,532,704 | RELEASED                                                   |
| Conuma R.  | Chum    | Side Channel Release | 540,915   | Planned release Friday night                               |
| Conuma R.  | Chum    | Sucwoa R.            | 512,170   | RELEASED                                                   |
| Conuma R.  | Chum    | Canton R.            | 543,777   | RELEASED                                                   |
| Tlupana R. | Chum    |                      | 1,007,094 | RELEASED                                                   |
|            |         |                      |           |                                                            |
| Conuma R.  | Coho    | Smolt Group          | 158,888   | All ponded and doing well.                                 |

**BY2024**

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| Conuma R. | Coho | Smolt Group | 202,555 | Were adipose clipped Aug 2025 |
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- **Tahsis**  
No updates
- **Zeballos**  
No updates

**3. Ha'oom Knowledge Celebration Day**

Ha'oom Fisheries Society - Knowledge Sharing Celebration 2026

Thu, May 7, 2026 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

NSWS to present on the temperature monitoring network and Tool @ 2:15pm

Kent - I will present on the tool and show everyone the map of the temperature monitoring network, and explain how it ties into rebuilding plan measures and has been highlighted by the IMAWG as important for climate resilience.

**4. Muchalat Lake Dock Decommission**

Discussions ongoing

Awaiting a quote for signage from Ian at Roam Media to share story and ways to contribute for the dock replacement fundraising efforts.

Kent - Awaiting the info sign with hopefully a QR code and details for people to read and access if they want. We'll possibly start a Go-Fund-Me.

**5. BC SRIF 407**

- Submitted all reports and awaiting confirmation from Program Officers all deliverables have been met, then remaining 10% hold back will be deployed.
- HUGE thank you to the team for the successful implementation and completion of this important project!

Kent - All submitted and we got the final payment today. Just awaiting the 10% holdback.

**6. Tool Data - LiDAR**

Salmon Parks has reached out to collaborate and not duplicate work by incorporating LiDAR data and models into the Tool for more accurate fish bearing status and stream classifications. This is a great opportunity to collaborate, and also to have the Tool updated with much more accurate data than the Province's TRIM data with the LiDAR.

With the Tool funding ending with BCSRIF, it would be good to figure out how to incorporate the data, what outputs would be best, what the cost would be, and what funding mechanism would be available.

Jamie to check with SPSS and Eric about the purpose and ask about data sharing and see if we want to set up a meeting.

**Next steps – follow up with Trinity and SNRC**

## 7. 2 Billion Trees Project

- Q4 reports drafted
- Fiscal year 2026-2027 Q1&Q2 Advance Request being prepared

### • PROJECT STATUS REPORT

| Project Identification |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Project name:          | Restoring Watershed Function and Critical Salmon Habitat                                                                                                                               |
| Funder:                | 2 Billion Trees                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Client:                | Kent O'Neill, President, Nootka Sound Watershed Society.                                                                                                                               |
| Management Team:       | Leif Burge, Project Director, Trinity Consultants Canada<br>Joe Kennedy, Sr Project Manager, Trinity Consultants Canada<br>David Teran, Jr Project Manager, Trinity Consultants Canada |
| Reporting period:      | March 25, 2026 – April 28, 2026                                                                                                                                                        |
| Today's date:          | April 28, 2026                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| Project Timeline Status |                   |                   |
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| Year 1 (2024-25):       | Year 2 (2025-26): | Year 3 (2026-27): |
| 100%                    | 100%              | 8%                |

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| Project Scope Status              |            |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Milestones                        | % Complete | Planned Completion | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>2025 Planting</b>              |            |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Permitting                        | 100%       | 15-Aug-2025        | All permits for the 2025 planting season have been secured.                                                                                                                                                         |
| Design Development                | 100%       | 15-Aug-2025        | Planting prescriptions and execution plan development were completed.                                                                                                                                               |
| Field Coordination and Planning   | 100%       | 15-Nov-2025        | Planting operations for 2025 are complete.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Riparian Planting 2025 (Oktwanch) | 100%       | 15-Nov-2025        | Machine live staking and hand planting for 2025 are completed. As-built survey completed.                                                                                                                           |
| Annual Report                     | 100%       | 31-Mar-2026        | Financial and planting reports have been submitted to NRCan.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2026 Planting</b>              |            |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Permitting                        | 80%        | 30-May-2026        | Some 2025 permits cover 2026. Federal and provincial salvage permits have been submitted. Amphibians permit is drafted and awaiting review to be submitted. Outstanding applications are wildfire service exemption |

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|                                 |     |             | and cutting permit, which are dependent on final planting logistics relative to seasonal weather.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Design Development              | 60% | 15-Aug-2026 | Design development for the 2026 planting program is underway. Building on 2025 prescriptions, the 2026 scope expands to include upland planting. Following a joint field review with SPSS, and with approval from NSW and NRCAN, decommissioned roads have been added to improve planting efficiency. Spring 2026 planting polygons and prescriptions have been developed, focusing on uplands (roads and landslide test plots) and riparian (fill/ underplanting riparian and stream bank bioengineering. The Fall 2026 scope is focused on Muchalat river bar and riparian planting, as well as some carry over from Oktwanch and spring 2026 plans. Fall planting plans have yet to be refined.                                        |
| Field Coordination and Planning | 40% | 30-Sep-2026 | Planting operations coordination with Nootka Reforestation for Spring 2026 are underway. The project benefited from efficiencies thanks to WFP, as Paul coordinated with Winfal Enterprises Ltd (Winfal) to conduct excavator work to prepare the decommissioned roads for planting, as well as prepared planting maps for all contractors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Uplands Planting 2026           | 30% | 30-Nov-2026 | Winfal completed loosening 6.9 km of decommissioned roads for Spring planting. Nootka Reforestation, Trinity and SSPS assessed planting sites, collected willow stakes and planted willow stakes on steep eroding banks of the Oktwanch River using bioengineering techniques. Further Trinity trained Nootka Reforestation and SSPS on bioengineering techniques to use on the landslide test plots, and secured some of the materials for this work. Landslide stabilization work was not complete it due to heavy snow late in the season, thus materials were left with SSPS, and the landslide stabilization bioengineering methods will be applied in late fall 2026 (after the willow have gone dormant). Trinity, WFP, and Nootka |

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|                                   |    |             | Reforestation completed road planting, bank stabilization test plots. Riparian and landslide fill planting/ underplanting will be completed over the last few days of April and early May. |
| Riparian Planting 2026 (Muchalat) | 0% | 30-Nov-2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Final project report              | 0% | 31-Mar-2027 |                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Key activities in this reporting period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Key activities in next reporting period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detailed design for 2026 planting continued progressing.</li> <li>- Coordination of Spring 2026 planting operations progressed with Nootka Reforestation, Salmon Parks, WFP, and nurseries.</li> <li>- Nootka Reforestation completed decommissioned roads planting.</li> <li>- Coordinated contractor invoicing and reconciled project expenses, and drafted Y2 Q4 claim and advance request 2BT reporting.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Detailed design for fall 2026 planting will continue progressing.</li> <li>-Wildlife Act permit for amphibian salvage will be submitted.</li> <li>- A planting projections update will be provided to NSWS following spring planting to support adaptive management and funder communications.</li> <li>- A Change Order will be prepared to update (reduce) Trinity's budget.</li> <li>- Coordination with Salmon Parks, Nootka Reforestation, and Far North for Spring and Fall planting operations will continue.</li> <li>- Spring planting (underplanting gravel bar riparian areas) will continue during the next reporting period.</li> </ul> |

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| Risk Tracking                                                                                                                                       |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
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| Risk                                                                                                                                                | Rating | Response                                                                                                                                                                                              | Status      |
| <b>Active</b>                                                                                                                                       |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
| <b>Limited Planting Capacity</b> – Due to limited planting sites options in early Spring due to weather (snow), planting production may be limited. | High   | Trees ordered for spring 2026 will all be planted to contribute to watershed function enhancement. Any spring planned work not completed will be implemented in fall 2026.                            | In progress |
| <b>Realized/Resolved</b>                                                                                                                            |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
| <b>Permitting Delays</b> – Project delays due to permitting timelines                                                                               | Low    | Regular engagement with regulators and flag schedule.                                                                                                                                                 | Resolved    |
| <b>Wildfire Risk</b> – Safety risk of wildfire in the field                                                                                         | Low    | Fire suppression equipment was included in Nootka Reforestation budget to have it on site during high-risk activities and danger class.                                                               | Resolved    |
| <b>Willow Planting in Gravel Bars</b> – Productivity rates for planting in the gravel bars could take longer than originally planned.               | High   | Trinity assessed planting production and concluded that the rate of trees planted per person was higher than expected, when a machine used to support planting (limiting factor is stake collection). | Resolved    |
| <b>Stake Collection/Planting Targets 2025</b> – Planting                                                                                            | High   | Trinity assessed potential impacts on the planting objectives and increased                                                                                                                           | Realized    |

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| operations have been slower than the planting contractor estimated, which may result in only partially meeting our 2025 planting objectives.                                           |        | planting plugs order for 2025 fall planting and revised execution plan for 2026. Planting in 2025 was wrapped up without meeting planting targets. Final number of trees for 2025 will be reported to NSW following the last as-built survey on November 26, 2025. |          |
| <b>Storms and High Water 2025</b><br>– Could slow production and disrupt work due to access limitations during October planting and, in consequence, cause increased costs and delays. | Medium | Storms and high water resulted in the crews not being able to access three mid-channel island planting polygons (located on two distinct islands) and two bank stake planting polygons.                                                                            | Realized |
| <b>Y2 to Y3 Budget Reallocation</b><br>– To increase our chances of meeting planting objectives, \$70k-\$80k need to be transferred from Y2 budget to Y3 budget.                       | High   | NSWS asked NRCAN about the possibility and process of reallocating funds, and about the consequence of not meeting planting targets. NRCAN confirmed the transfer is not possible, and advised that planting reports need to be accurate.                          | Realized |

Paul - I was the mule and carried some of the trees up and all went well and looks good.

## 8. Muchalat Gravel Project

- Permitting Update
  - We received confirmation that our water license and dam safety stuff has been approved. It's still not in hand but we have confirmation it has been approved and is processing.
- Funding Update
  - Clock is ticking with Trinity
  - We have to fund this \$150K
  - We have to make a call and figure out how to backfill that money
- Board discussion on Next Steps
  - Paul - I like the idea of putting a bit of skin in the game. Or at least a match to go to PSF with.
  - Craig - I wonder where we can trim this down?
  - Leigh - Maybe we can go line by line and see where we can trim the budget?
  - Maureen - Possibly a Campbell River Salmon Foundation, PSF, NSW split.
  - Craig - Next steps talk to Campbell River Foundation and PSF and see where we end up.
  - Kent - So confirming there is appetite at the Board to contribute.
  - Jamie - I'll hash it out with Eric also and put our old fisheries hats on and contact those people and see where we can help contribute to this as well.
- HSP Results - Unsuccessful

● **PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

| <b>Project Identification</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Project name:                 | Muchalat Lake Outlet Spawning Gravel Placement and Low Flow Augmentation                                                                                                               |
| Funder:                       | PSC, PSF, and more.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Client:                       | Kent O'Neill, President, Nootka Sound Watershed Society.                                                                                                                               |
| Management Team:              | Leif Burge, Project Director, Trinity Consultants Canada<br>Joe Kennedy, Sr Project Manager, Trinity Consultants Canada<br>David Teran, Jr Project Manager, Trinity Consultants Canada |
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| <b>Project Scope Status</b>      |                   |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Task</b>                      | <b>% Complete</b> | <b>Planned Completion</b> | <b>Comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2025 Gravel Placement</b>     |                   |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Permitting                       | 100%              | 15-Aug-2025               | All permits for gravel placement in 2025 have been secured                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Design Finalization              | 100%              | 15-Aug-2025               | IFC drawings issued.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Field Coordination and Planning  | 100%              | 30-Sep-2025               | Fieldwork is complete.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Gravel Production                | 100%              | 15-Sep-2025               | Gravel has been produced, mixed, and washed prior to trucking and placement.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Gravel Placement                 | 100%              | 30-Sep-2025               | Complete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Construction Summary Memo        | 100%              | 31-Dec-2025               | Memo submitted to NSWS and accepted by PSC as close-out reporting.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2026 Constriction Feature</b> |                   |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Permitting                       | 90%               | 31-Dec-2025               | Priority permit applications for 2026 have been submitted.<br><br>DFO issued a Letter of Advice (approval). WSA and Lands Act provincial permits have been approved.<br><br>Minor low risk/low urgency regulatory processes are on hold pending funding confirmations. |
| Design Finalization              | 100%              | 31-Dec-2025               | Design optimization has been completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Design Report (PSF request)      | 100%              | 31-Dec-2025               | Design report was drafted and submitted to NSWS for review.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                   |    |             | <p>Comments were addressed and V2 version was submitted to WLRS for review, to support their regulatory review.</p> <p>Feedback from the Senior Dam Safety officer reviewing the project required revisions to the report. A V3 version is complete and will be sent to Dam Safety reviewer.</p> |
| Field Coordination and Planning   | 0% | 15-Aug-2026 | Starting in May.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Constriction Feature Construction | 0% | 15-Sep-2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Construction Summary Memo         | 0% | 31-Dec-2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Key activities in this reporting period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Key activities in next reporting period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engagement with WLRS continued to advance permit outcomes.</li> <li>- The Province confirmed approvals for WSA and Dam Safety permits, pending paperwork.</li> <li>- Clearance/approval by Transport Canada has been confirmed in writing.</li> <li>- Developed a change order request where budget risk is divided and NSW has increased cost certainty.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support with funding strategy and proposals will be provided, including a proposal preparation and submission to the Indigenous Security Fund and preparing materials for a request to PSF to close the funding gap.</li> <li>- Engagement with WLRS / Dam Safety Officer will continue to advance to secure permits paperwork.</li> <li>- Amphibians permit renewal will be reviewed and submitted.</li> <li>- Construction coordination with Far North will be initiated to address sourcing of materials and set up contract.</li> </ul> |

| Risk Tracking                                                               |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
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| Risk                                                                        | Rating   | Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Status      |
| <b>Active</b>                                                               |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
| <b>Funding</b> – Funding for the 2026 window has not been secured.          | Moderate | <p>Five grant applications have been submitted. PSC confirmed approval for \$200k of funding, however HSP, WSF, HCTF and EcoAction proposals were unsuccessful.</p> <p>As discussed with NSW, we will prepare a grant proposal to the Indigenous Security Fund, and continue communications with PSF to close the funding gap.</p> | In progress |
| <b>Realized/Resolved</b>                                                    |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
| <b>Permitting</b> – DFO may require FAA authorization after RfR submission. | Low      | DFO issued Letter of Advice. No FAA will be required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Resolved    |

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| <b>Gravel Placement</b> – Far North have been placing gravel since August 25. Placement has been slower than anticipated. | High | Trinity assessed potential impacts on schedule and developed a strategy with Far North. No major issues flagged.             | Resolved |
| <b>Wildfire Risk</b> – Safety risk of wildfire in the field                                                               | Low  | Fire suppression equipment was included in Far North budget to have it on site during high-risk activities and danger class. | Resolved |
| <b>Permitting Delays</b> - Project delays due to permitting timelines                                                     | Low  | Regular engagement with regulators and flagging schedule.                                                                    | Resolved |

## 9. Fisheries Management/Area 25 Roundtable Updates

The pre-season session dates are set as:

- Muchalat Inlet Special Session April 28 @ 9am
- Pre-Season on May 21 @ 9am

Kent - Update on Muchalat Inlet Special Session. Big push to open the Gold for retention. No representation by MMFN at the meeting, but Ha'oom was there. No decisions were made and those will come at the May pre-season.

## 10. Indigenous Habitat Participation Program

In progress

Plan to discuss and meet for in-person engagement/consultation/strategic planning spring 2026.

Discussions underway to collaborate with Salmon Parks for the June 3rd Community Dinner and to share a meal and engage regarding restoration priorities for the region.

## 11. Dunlop Creek Fence

Jamie - The Salmon Parks techs and I have been out and installed the fence and done checks for the first few days. We are looking for some gear to do the monitoring - measuring board, data sheets, scale and thermometer. We can help fill in with the monitoring where needed.

Kent - I can look into gear and locating the equipment needed for measuring.

Nikki - I'll get the roster and volunteer call out to the regular group who is involved each year.

**12. Correspondence**

Murry Kanewischer- Donor from Southeastern Alberta  
Kent had a discussion with Murry regarding his donations and where he intends his funds to be deployed and for what purposes.

**13. Financial Report**

Prepared by Teresa O'Neill  
Presented by Sarah Fowler

**Motion to accept the financials:** Leigh Stalker    **2nd:** Paul Kutz

**14. Next Meeting – May 27, 2026**

Lyndy hatchery in-person DFO meeting discussion?

Nikki - I'll check in with Lyndy to discuss, but we did discuss setting it up for earlier in the season next year when there is stuff happening at the hatchery.

**15. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Leigh Stalker

**2nd:** Craig Blackie

**Meeting Adjourned at: 8:51pm**



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**Fw: NSW: Presentation**

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**From** Reception Account <Reception@villageoftahsis.com>

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**From:** Sarah Fowler <SFowler@villageoftahsis.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026 14:21

**To:** Reception Account <Reception@villageoftahsis.com>

**Subject:** NSW: Presentation

Here is the link to the presentation given at the salmon parks dinner I attended with other members of the Nootka sound watershed society board at the house of unity: Please accept this presentation for your information in absence of my verbal report to council on July 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Fowler

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Take care everyone!

Kent



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Outlook

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**Fw: Follow-up from your correspondence with the Office of the Auditor General of B.C.**

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**From:** BC Auditor General <bcauditor@bcauditor.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:12:50 p.m.

**To:** Mark Tatchell <MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com>

**Subject:** Follow-up from your correspondence with the Office of the Auditor General of B.C.

Good afternoon, Mr. Tatchell.

Thank you for reaching out to the Office of the Auditor General of B.C. on behalf of Mayor Davis. We appreciate your patience in awaiting a response from our office.

Please find attached a letter from Deputy Auditor General, Sheila Dodds.

Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia

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[bcauditor@bcauditor.com](mailto:bcauditor@bcauditor.com)



June 9, 2026

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mayor Martin Davis  
MTatchell@villageoftahsis.com

Dear Mayor Davis,

Thank you for detailing your concerns about health care accessibility for residents of the Village of Tahsis and residents of the Village of Daajing Giids in Haida Gwaii. We appreciate hearing from the people of B.C. about their concerns and questions about government, and their ideas about areas where we might focus on in our audit work, we give each request serious consideration.

We have taken note of your concerns, and we'll consider your submission further in our future planning. As we are required to maintain the confidentiality of our work, we are unable to report back on the status of any work that may arise relative to your submission.

Check out [oag.bc.ca](https://oag.bc.ca) for more information about what we do and to stay up to date on our reports and planning

Sincerely,

Sheila Dodds, CPA, CA, CIA  
Deputy Auditor General



## *Village of Tahsis*

May 26, 2026

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Re: Health Care Equality – Rural and Remote British Columbia

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Tahsis Council and in support of the March 6, 2026 letter from Mayor Lisa Pineault, Village of Daajing Giids, in Haida Gwaii, British Columbia.

Tahsis residents face long drives over treacherous roads and large expenses for the medical services that most British Columbians, and Canadians, access with relative ease. So, we echo Mayor Pineault's call for a study to calculate this inequity by measuring services which are not universally available locally to all British Columbians and the real costs borne by persons needing to access those locally unavailable health care services.

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We join the Village of Daajing Giids and other rural and remote British Columbian communities in calling for the Canadian and British Columbian governments to:

- ensure ***The Working Together Plan*** recognizes and examines the inequity that requires substantial travel for Canadians living in rural and remote areas to obtain health care services, reviews service delivery gaps, length of travel required to obtain health care, and the associated costs and impact for individuals.
- define *reasonable access* and establish provincial standards of health care accessibility to ensure equitable access for those living in rural and remote communities in British Columbia.
- amend the *Canada Health Act* to add plain language under Accessibility Section 12 to address reasonable access geographically for all Canadians.
- enable a regional Health Care Service Delivery Study, modeled from *BC's Living Wage Study*, to identify service gaps and the costs endured by British Columbians living in rural and remote areas.
- pledge to address systemic challenges and harmonize health care service delivery throughout entire catchment areas.

Moreover, we ask the Auditors General of Canada and British Columbia to conduct a performance audit which examines the actual cost of health care for British Columbians living in rural and remote areas including:

- a review of the application of the guiding principles of the *Canada Health Act* and the *Medicare Protection Act (MPA)* to British Columbians living in rural and remote areas.
- a review the process or selection criteria that designates and allocates the locations of health care services and/or equipment, including diagnostic imaging.
- an accounting of the current Canada Health Transfer Payments and provincial healthcare model to determine if the payments accord with the *Constitution Act (1982)*.
- an evaluation of downloading the service delivery costs onto disadvantaged rural and remote communities, including the impact of ad hoc revenue raising efforts to pay for health care services and/or equipment locally.
- the reasonableness of expansive additional health care access costs only born by British Columbians living in rural and remote areas.
- a review of *Income Tax Reimbursements for Medical Travel* for all rural and remote British Columbians and for the disproportionate burden on groups who often face lower incomes such as women, seniors, and those with prolonged medical issues.

Universal health care is a core value for Canadians. We ask only that this value be truly universal.

Respectfully,



Mayor Martin Davis

cc: Mayor Lisa Pineault, Village of Daajing Giids  
Aidan McLaren-Caux, UBCM Small Communities Group



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**Fw: Proclamation request for National Drowning Prevention Week**

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**From** Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

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**From:** Dany Rubbo <[danyr@lifesaving.bc.ca](mailto:danyr@lifesaving.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2026 3:17 PM

**Subject:** Proclamation request for National Drowning Prevention Week

Good afternoon,

Canada faces a major problem – and a preventable one: over 450 people die every year from drowning. In fact, the drowning burden is so great around the world that the United Nations General Assembly passed the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention (A/75/L.76) and named July 25<sup>th</sup> of each year as World Drowning Prevention Day. On behalf of the Lifesaving Society – British Columbia & Yukon Branch, I am writing to ask that you **proclaim July 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK**. Please see attached a proclamation template.

The Lifesaving Society is a national, charitable organization working to prevent drowning and reduce water-related injury through our training programs, Water Smart® public education, drowning research and aquatic safety standards. The Lifesaving Society certifies Canada's National Lifeguards.

National Drowning Prevention Week is one of the Society's leading public education initiatives, with events taking place across the country to focus media and community attention on the drowning problem and drowning prevention. During this week, the Society urges individuals to:

- Supervise children in and around the water.
- Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities.
- Wear a lifejacket when boating.

If every Canadian followed these steps, we could greatly reduce Canada's drowning rate.

A proclamation from your office would give greater exposure to our lifesaving efforts. I hope you will consider our request. <sup>L2</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact me at [danyr@lifesaving.bc.ca](mailto:danyr@lifesaving.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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*I respectfully acknowledge that I work on the unceded, traditional and ancestral territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations.*

## NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION 2026

WHEREAS the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in [province/territory] is one too many; and

WHEREAS most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of [city/municipality/province] to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and

WHEREAS the United Nations General Assembly passed the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention (A/75/L.76) and named July 25<sup>th</sup> of each year as World Drowning Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, [Name and Title] do hereby proclaim July 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 **NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK** in [city/municipality/province] and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of our [city/municipality/province].



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**Fw: A Warning to Municipalities: False Independence, Special Advisors, and Local Democracy**

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**From** Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

**Date** Mon 6/1/2026 11:24 AM

**To** Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

**Subject:** A Warning to Municipalities: False Independence, Special Advisors, and Local Democracy

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing again as part of an ongoing province-wide municipal conversation about accountability, democratic oversight, public safety, and the growing risk that senior governments may be using “independent reviews,” special advisors, emergency systems, police-aligned consultants, media narratives, housing mandates, and cost-downloading to centralize power away from local communities.

Over the past year, I have written to municipalities about E-Comm, RCMP contract policing, Crown disclosure burdens, civil forfeiture, environmental contamination, mental-health crisis response, school policing, housing interventions, and the need for municipal unity. The recent developments involving School District 61 (SD61) now show why these themes belong together.

The developments involving the Greater Victoria School Board are not simply a school-board story. They are a warning to every local government in British Columbia.

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**SD61: A WARNING ABOUT FALSE INDEPENDENCE**

The SD61 trustees were removed after standing by their decision to end the School Liaison Officer program and pursue student safety through civilian-led, evidence-based alternatives. That decision followed extensive consultation and aligned with serious concerns raised by the BC Human Rights Commissioner about the impacts of police in schools. Yet the public narrative repeatedly framed the board as unreasonable, ideological, or unwilling to collaborate.

Now, after court proceedings and the release of text messages and emails, that narrative has been badly damaged.

The Province has agreed to quash the order removing the trustees and reinstate the elected board. The documents that came to light reportedly included communications between senior Ministry of Education staff, a special advisor appointed to SD61, and senior police officials. Some of those communications included derogatory comments about trustees, protesters, and the BC Human Rights Commissioner. A senior police official reportedly described a senior Ministry official as a “key player” after the board was removed.

This should concern every mayor and councillor in British Columbia.

The issue is no longer whether SD61 was simply difficult or ideological. The issue is whether a democratically elected local body was pressured, smeared, and removed through a process that lacked genuine independence. The same people and systems publicly claiming to act for student safety now appear connected to communications that raise serious questions about impartiality, professionalism, and democratic good faith.

The phrase “independent review” can no longer be accepted at face value. Independence must be proven.

If a special advisor has authored prior materials supporting the system under dispute, that must be disclosed. If a consultant has financial or professional ties to the policy being promoted, that must be disclosed. If senior government claims a local body is failing to collaborate, the public should be shown exactly what that means, with evidence.

Otherwise, “collaboration” becomes *coercion* by another name.

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#### THE ADVISOR MODEL IS NOW A MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE RISK

The SD61 case should cause every municipality to re-examine the growing use of special advisors, housing advisors, official trustees, independent reviewers, and provincially ordered reviews.

Housing supply is real. Public safety is real. School safety is real. Emergency communications are real. But real issues can still be used as entry points for centralized control if the process lacks transparency, conflict disclosure, and local democratic safeguards.

A special advisor can be helpful. A review can be necessary. A housing target can be legitimate. But each can also become a governance-risk event if it is used to frame a local government as deficient, isolate elected officials, justify structural change, or prepare the public to accept further provincial intervention.

Once an advisor is inserted, the local government may no longer be operating in a normal political environment. Internal disagreements can become evidence of dysfunction. Media coverage can become reputational pressure. Staff-council tensions can become public narratives, and in some cases may be amplified, exploited or even manufactured. Structural changes can be presented as routine modernization. Then an election arrives after the terrain has already shifted.

Municipalities should therefore treat every provincially ordered advisor process as a democratic-risk event requiring careful documentation, clear boundaries, and **peer support** from other local governments.

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#### UNITY, RESTRUCTURING, AND ELECTION-CYCLE RISK

The SD61 board’s real offence appears to have been that it did not collapse under pressure. The trustees stood together, raised funds, went to court, and defended democratic process rather than accept a public narrative that cast them as reckless for doing their job.

In doing so, they gave students and the community a powerful lesson: evidence matters, rights matter, and democracy is worth defending even when powerful institutions try to make that difficult.

That unity mattered.

It is also why the change to SD61's electoral model must be examined carefully. A trustee electoral area model, or ward-style model, can be legitimate in principle. Local representation matters. But timing and context also matter.

In this case, the move toward a new trustee electoral area model followed the removal of the elected board and took place while an Official Trustee was in place. Municipalities should therefore ask whether this change was made only to improve representation, or whether it also reduces the likelihood of another unified board standing together against provincial, police, or consultant pressure.

Municipalities should not reject trustee electoral areas or ward systems out of hand. But they should insist that such changes never be used as punishment, retaliation, or a quiet method of fragmenting democratic unity after elected officials refuse to comply with a centralized narrative.

The upcoming municipal election cycle gives this issue added urgency. Even lawful changes can have political consequences. Even ordinary bylaws can alter power. Even legitimate housing concerns can become leverage if used to justify broader intervention without sufficient transparency.

Municipalities currently dealing with special advisors, housing advisors, official trustees, independent reviewers, or similar interventions should support one another now. This is especially important where local "drama" begins to emerge around a council, mayor, staff relationship, procedural dispute, public-participation conflict, or governance restructuring.

When media commentary focuses heavily on personalities, tone, blunt comments, walkouts, procedural conflict, or interpersonal drama, councils should pause and ask whether the public is being shown the full structural picture.

What power is being shifted?

Who benefits from the shift?

What checks and balances are being reduced?

Why now?

What role does provincial pressure play in the broader governance climate?

What is being reported, and what is being left out?

A local government facing a provincial adviser should not be left alone to determine what is normal, excessive, or politically dangerous. Municipalities should compare notes, preserve records, share experiences, and develop professional strategies for protecting local democratic accountability.

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## WHEN MEDIA NARRATIVES BECOME GOVERNANCE TOOLS

The SD61 case shows that media narratives can become governance tools.

A public body can be framed as ideological, dysfunctional, unreasonable, or unsafe. Guests can repeat vague claims without being asked for evidence. Local leaders can be turned into symbols of disorder. Public confidence can be weakened before formal decisions are made. By the time an intervention occurs, much of the public may already be conditioned to accept it.

This is not about shielding elected officials from criticism. It is about ensuring criticism does not become a substitute for evidence, and that personality-based narratives do not distract the public from

governance changes with long-term consequences.

Local leaders should not wait for perfect information before defending fair process. When a public figure is being smeared, especially where police-linked institutions, media amplification, or senior-government pressure may be involved, mayors and councils can still say: show the evidence, disclose the communications, declare the conflicts, and stop using reputation as a substitute for proof.

When media coverage appears one-sided, residents and local leaders can ask for corrections, request balanced coverage, engage media standards bodies where appropriate, and support independent reporting that asks harder questions. When public officials are attacked without evidence, communities can demand specific examples rather than accepting vague claims that someone was “difficult,” “uncooperative,” or “problematic.”

That is how a community stops a smear campaign from becoming policy.

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## THE SAME PATTERN ACROSS DIFFERENT ISSUES

This connects directly to the issues I have raised in previous letters.

When ten South Island municipalities stood together against unfair E-Comm downloading, they demonstrated that unity can force accountability into the open. When municipalities question centralized emergency communications, they are asking who controls public safety, who pays for it, and who answers when the system fails.

When communities face RCMP contract-policing structures where local democratic oversight is limited, they are asking whether local residents can meaningfully govern the services they fund.

When Crown disclosure burdens created by senior institutions are downloaded onto municipalities through new staffing pressures, municipalities are entitled to ask why local taxpayers should pay to solve administrative bottlenecks they did not create.

When environmental contamination concerns are hidden behind federal or provincial control, municipalities are entitled to ask whether public health is being protected or managed through silence.

And when tragedies occur — whether in Saanich, Lapu-Lapu, Tumbler Ridge, or elsewhere — municipalities are entitled to demand evidence before blame, transparency before narrative, and structure before scapegoating.

The common thread is accountability.

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## PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE BEFORE HARM OCCURS

Accountability must also include how communities respond when vulnerable people are smeared, disbelieved, isolated, or left without protection.

In my earlier letter regarding potential collusion concerns in Kamloops, I described a situation involving a vulnerable woman connected to a home where police and bylaw, according to the RCMP, had more than 100 calls for service over several years. I warned that she had reached out for help, that she was being exploited during a serious medical and family crisis, that stolen goods and disorder were accumulating, and that a serious incident could occur if police continued to turn a blind eye.

That concern was not abstract. One incident that had been described in the attached RCMP correspondence involved stolen property reportedly being tracked by GPS to the home. Police attended, spoke with apparent residents, left without immediately recovering the stolen item, and later returned after stolen goods had been placed in a bag at the end of the driveway. In the context of more than 100 calls for service, this raises a serious question: if that situation did not trigger a warrant application, surveillance, escalation, or stronger coordinated intervention, were police in Kamloops trying to turn a blind eye? What threshold were they waiting for?

Later, someone died at that home. The state's response then appeared to shift toward civil forfeiture, investigating victims, and painting the vulnerable homeowner as the problem rather than asking why meaningful protective intervention had not occurred sooner. The vulnerable woman was further charged in relation to stolen goods, despite the broader context suggesting she may have been exploited by others. I was also investigated by local municipal police in relation to the incident and later charged with harassing communications after trying to explain my side of events during calls that police had invited, then repeatedly disconnected without meaningful reason or explanation.

That situation is not identical to SD61 or to any local governance dispute. But it is connected by a shared moral failure: powerful systems can appear to tolerate harm while it grows, then act quickly to protect themselves once the consequences become visible.

The same pattern can appear in public life. When a woman in elected office is subjected to a sustained reputational attack, local leaders should *not* wait until a court vindicates her before asking whether the public narrative is fair.

Nicole Duncan and the SD61 trustees were not proven reckless by the public narrative against them. They were vindicated after standing together through it. The board did what educators are supposed to do: they resisted tribalism, protected students, acted on evidence, defended democratic process, and refused to let social sorting decide whose safety mattered.

Smear campaigns are not only reputational attacks. They are governance tools. They teach the public who is allowed to lead and who is to be treated as disposable. They discourage others from running for office. They make vulnerable people quieter. They make honest leaders more isolated.

Former Saanich Mayor Richard Atwell also raised concerns years ago about the way police and media narratives were used against him while he was in office. Whether one agrees with every claim made in that case or not, municipalities should now be able to see the pattern more clearly: local leaders who challenge institutional power can be stigmatized, mocked, isolated, and reframed as the problem.

The SD61 revelations should change how every council responds to that tactic.

## A CALL FOR MUNICIPAL SAFEGUARDS

I am not asking municipalities to reach criminal conclusions today. I am asking you not to wait until a court has to force the truth into the open before recognizing the pattern.

Every municipality should now review its relationship with provincial special advisors, external consultants, police-linked safety experts, housing advisors, and so-called independent reviews. This is especially urgent for local governments already dealing with provincial intervention, policing disputes, emergency-service downloading, housing mandates, environmental concerns, school-board disputes, or governance reviews.

At minimum, municipalities should consider adopting the following safeguards:

1. Require full conflict-of-interest disclosures from all provincial special advisors, housing advisors, consultants, safety experts, review-panel members, and organizations presented as independent experts.
2. Require written mandates for any special advisor or provincial appointee, including clear limits on authority, reporting obligations, communication rules, and public transparency requirements.
3. Request preservation and disclosure of communications between all senior officials, agencies, consultants, special advisors, housing advisors, and external stakeholders involved whenever local democratic authority is being challenged.
4. Refuse to treat police-linked, consultant-linked, or politically connected organizations as neutral simply because they are described as “experts.”
5. Use UBCM and regional tables to share experiences with special advisors, independent reviews, cost-downloads, provincial pressure tactics, housing mandates, and media narratives used against elected officials.
6. Establish a shared municipal protocol for special advisors and provincially ordered reviews, including intake procedures, communication logs, conflict disclosures, council briefings, public updates, and peer support from other municipalities that have already experienced similar interventions.
7. Demand a fully independent public inquiry or review into the SD61 process, including Ministry communications, police communications, advisor independence, consultant conflicts, the role of Safer Schools Together, and the decision-making that led to the removal of an elected board.
8. Develop community standards for responding to reputational attacks against elected officials, especially women, senior citizens and other leaders who may be targeted through stigma, mockery, or vague allegations instead of evidence.
9. Identify leadership skills in the community and encourage credible local leaders, educators, advocates, workers, parents, and residents to run for municipal and school-board office so that communities are not left dependent on insider networks or recycled institutional narratives.
10. Support mentorship between experienced and new candidates so that fresh faces can enter public life without being isolated, smeared, or captured by existing power networks.

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## CONCLUSION: THE REAL PRICE IS BECOMING VISIBLE

The upcoming municipal election cycle is an opportunity to strengthen local democracy before more damage is done. Fresh candidates should be encouraged. Experienced leaders should mentor them. Councils should speak with one another openly. Communities should ask who is defending local authority and who is quietly accepting centralized control.

The SD61 trustees have shown what democratic resilience looks like. They stood together under extraordinary pressure, and they were vindicated. Municipalities should honour that example by making sure no local government, school board, or elected official is ever again isolated and overpowered through hidden coordination, reputational attacks, or the misuse of supposedly independent processes.

This is not about left or right. It is not about one school board, one municipality, one ministry, or one mayor. It is about whether democratic institutions in British Columbia still belong to the people who

elect them.

It is also about whether communities are willing to protect the vulnerable before harm occurs, not only express regret afterward. That includes vulnerable homeowners, victims of exploitation, families in crisis, students affected by school policing, women in public life, and elected leaders who are smeared for refusing to comply with institutional pressure.

Bad actors rely on tribalism. They rely on communities dividing quickly, judging quickly, and abandoning people before evidence is known. The SD61 trustees and their supporters taught the opposite lesson. They showed that unity, evidence, and courage can defeat a false narrative.

That is a lesson worth carrying into every council chamber in this province.

British Columbians already pay some of the highest costs for housing, energy, insurance, policing, emergency services, and basic survival. But the deeper price is now becoming visible: loss of democratic control, weakened trust, endangered children, vulnerable people left unprotected, and public institutions that appear more focused on protecting themselves than protecting people.

That price is too high.

Municipalities remain the closest democratic institutions to the people. That gives you both a burden and an opportunity. By standing together, demanding transparency, defending fair process, protecting vulnerable people, sharing information about special advisors, and refusing to accept false independence at face value, you can help restore public trust before more harm is done.

Thank you for your service to your communities, and for your continued attention to these issues.

Respectfully,

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**Fw: Subject: Request for Proclamation – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Day 2026**

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**Date** Tue 6/30/2026 4:34 PM

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2026 08:24

**To:** Kristin Pichoskie <[pichoskie7@gmail.com](mailto:pichoskie7@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Subject: Request for Proclamation – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Day 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Kristin Pichoskie, and I am the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of my son, Oak Beaudyn Noel.

Oak's Tree of Love respectfully requests that your Municipality proclaim October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

We would also be grateful if the Municipality would consider a flag raising and/or the illumination of City Hall, a municipal building, bridge, landmark, sign, or other public feature in pink, blue, and white in recognition of this important awareness initiative.

Pregnancy, infant, and child loss affect thousands of Canadian families each year. Recognition of this day and month helps raise awareness, honour babies and children gone too soon, support bereaved families, reduce the stigma surrounding grief and loss, and encourage compassionate conversations about pregnancy loss, infant loss, stillbirth, and child loss within our communities.

Oak's Tree of Love provides memory boxes, remembrance projects, awareness initiatives, hospital partnerships, and support resources for families affected by the loss of a baby or child.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support of bereaved families. We would be grateful to learn whether the Municipality plans to participate through a proclamation, flag raising, illumination, or another form of recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month in 2026.

This request forms part of a Canada-wide awareness initiative seeking municipal, provincial, and territorial recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month, and support for bereaved families.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pichoskie  
Founder, Oak's Tree of Love  
[pichoskie7@gmail.com](mailto:pichoskie7@gmail.com)

In loving memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel  



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**Fw: Tell us how your local government is supporting BC nurses**

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**From** Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

**Date** Tue 6/30/2026 4:14 PM

**To** Janet St. Denis <J.St.Denis@villageoftahsis.com>

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**From:** President, BCNU <[president@bcnu.org](mailto:president@bcnu.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2026 14:26

**To:** President, BCNU <[president@bcnu.org](mailto:president@bcnu.org)>

**Subject:** Tell us how your local government is supporting BC nurses

To all BC local governments,

The annual BC Nurses' Union Health Care Champion award shines a spotlight on local governments that have taken significant actions to support nurses in our province. Each year we recognize one local government that has supported our efforts to provide the high-quality health care every community deserves. The second annual award will be presented and announced to media this fall during the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Vancouver (Sept. 14 – 18).

The award recognizes the key role local governments can play in nurse retention and recruitment by making their communities more attractive to nurses. Nearly half of BC nurses are under 40, and over 90 percent are women, making local resources that help promote work/life balance essential. Particularly important are investments that make housing, childcare, transportation, and recreational opportunities more readily available and affordable.

The award also recognizes local governments that support nurses advocacy efforts when calling for provincial and federal government investments that help retain and recruit nurses. This includes supporting BCNU's [Ratios Save Lives](#) campaign and helping to educate the public about the importance of minimum nurse-to-patient ratios. Evidence shows that ratios not only save lives but also play a crucial role in improving nurse retention and recruitment by ensuring safer workloads and better working conditions.

Tell us how your local government is supporting nurses, and your local government could be the 2026 BCNU Health Care Champion. [Learn more and fill out the nomination form by July 31.](#)

**Adriane Gear**

**President, BCNU**

BC Nurses' Union

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*The BCNU head office in Burnaby is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the [xʷməθkʷəy̓əm \(Musqueam\)](#), [Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw \(Squamish\)](#) and [səlilwətaʔ \(Tsleil-Waututh\)](#) nations whose historical relationships to the land continue to this day.*

*Learn more about [BCNU's commitment to truth and reconciliation](#).*



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*Standing up for health care*

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## VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

(Schedule "A" to Bylaw No.550, 2009)

I hereby apply for a permit to place a sign on property owned by the Village of Tahsis, located at:

Street Address: Head Bay Road

Business Owner" &amp; Mailing Address

Business Name: Tahsis Artisans' CoopOwner (s) Name: Stephanie Olson - representativeMailing Address: Box 105Home Phone/ Work Phone 250 934 6236Email Address: olson.stephanie2009@gmail.com

## Nature of Signage

Type of Sign (Eg. Wall mounted, free standing, canopy, etc.): corrugated plastic on metal legsDimensions of Sign: 30" x 24" x 4

- 1 - Harbour View + Headbay intersection - Road Side
- 2 - Rugged Mt + Headbay intersection Road side
- 3 - S Maq + Tippeany Intersection - on Clinic side
- 4 - Nicola + Smaquinnia drive - → ~~on opposite~~   
 water side

Description of Proposal: (If space inadequate, please attach additional pages)

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I/We hereby declare that the information contained herein is, to the best of my/our knowledge, factual and correct.

Signature(s) of Owner and Applicant/Agent

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner(s)

*Stephanie Olson* Applicant/Agent *June 3, 2026*

**Where a sign permit is required to be issued under Bylaw No. 550, 2009, a \$25.00 non refundable application fee is payable at time of application.**

**Office Use Only**

Application Received (Date & Staff Initial)

*June 3/26 MME pd.*

In accordance with this application and Bylaw No. 550, 2009, this sign is approved for installation.

Approved By

Date

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977 South Maquinna Dr.  
P.O. Box 219  
250.934.6344  
250.934.6622



## Village of Tahsis

### CASH RECEIPT

Thank you for your Payment

**Receipt #: 03-3004930**

Jun 3, 2026 15:21

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**Received From:**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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| 14 | Miscellaneous<br>*Comments | PAY Sign Permits<br>S Olsen TACO | 10-1-050-1321 | \$25.00 |
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| <b>Receipt Total</b>  | <b>\$25.00</b> |
| <b>Paid by Cheque</b> | <b>\$25.00</b> |

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| <b>AMOUNT TENDERED:</b> | <b>\$25.00</b> |
| <b>CHANGE DUE</b>       | <b>\$0.00</b>  |

## VILLAGE OF TAHSIS

### Bylaw No. 550, 2009

#### **A Bylaw to Regulate the Placing of Signs on Property Owned by the Village of Tahsis**

**WHEREAS** Sections 8(4) and 65 of the Community Charter provides that Council authority may be exercised in relation to the erection, placing, alteration, maintenance, demolition and removal of *signs*, sign boards, advertisements, advertising devices and structures;

**Now therefore, the Council of the Village of Tahsis, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:**

#### **1. Title**

This Bylaw may be known and cited for all purposes as “**Village of Tahsis Property Signage Bylaw No. 550, 2009**”.

#### **2. Signs**

- 2.1 Any business or individual wishing to place a sign on property owned by the Village of Tahsis must apply for a “Village of Tahsis Sign Permit”, (Schedule “A” to this bylaw), on an annual basis, and must not erect such sign until all necessary approvals have been obtained.
- 2.2 Where a “Village of Tahsis Sign Permit” is required to be issued under Bylaw 550, 2009, a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is payable at the time of the application.

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Bylaw No.550, 2009  
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- 2.3 Sign Permit application approvals may or may not be granted by the Council of the Village of Tahsis on a case by case basis, after consideration at a regular council or committee of the whole meeting.
- 2.4 This bylaw only regulates the placing of signs on property owned by the Village of Tahsis. Signs placed on property not owned by the Village of Tahsis are subject to regulations as currently set out in Village of Tahsis Zoning Bylaw No. 176, 1981.

READ for the first time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

READ for the second time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

READ for the third time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21 day of April , 2009.

  
MAYOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Bylaw No. 550 2009 duly passed by the Council of the Village of Tahsis on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009

  
Corporate Officer





### Minutes

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| <b>Meeting</b> | <b>Special Council Meeting</b>                                   |
| <b>Date</b>    | <b>August 14, 2024</b>                                           |
| <b>Time</b>    | <b>1:00 PM</b>                                                   |
| <b>Place</b>   | <b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b> |

#### **2 Standing Committee of Business Liaison- Selection of committee members.**

##### **Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0341/2024**

**THAT** Council consider the selection of members for the Standing Committee of Business Liaison.

**CARRIED**

Council approved the Standing Committee of Business Liaison at the August 6, 2024 Regular Council meeting but had not selected any committee members.

##### **Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0342/2024**

**THAT** Councillor Moore be appointed as Chair and Councillor Lennahan Vice Chair of the Standing Committee of Business Liaison; and  
**THAT** the Chair and Vice Chair oversee the selection the local business committee members; and

**THAT** the CAO select staff committee members.

**CARRIED**

##### **Moore/Fowler: VOT 0343/2024**

**THAT** the first meeting of the Standing Committee of Business Liaison be held on Wednesday September 25th, 2024 at 1 p.m.

**CARRIED**



## **STANDING COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS LIAISON**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

July 8, 2024

**Northcott: COW 0027/2024**

**THAT** the Village of Tahsis Action Plan for the 2023 Strategic Economic Development Plan be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

From the Action Plan:

- 1.2.2 *Under the provisions of the Council Procedure Bylaw, Council to establish a Standing Committee for Business to interact with Mayor and Council and to develop a dialogue to enable the delivery and future development of the Strategic Economic Development Plan, along with the development and delivery of education and training opportunities to help local business owners to succeed.*
- 1.2.3 *Set terms of reference for the Standing Committee for Business including reporting, meeting schedule and objectives*
- 1..2.4 *Consult with the Standing Committee for Business on long term planning and development initiatives including updates to the Official Community Plan and zoning bylaw amendments.*

Council Procedure Bylaw No. 495, 2012

- 50. (1) Standing Committees must consider, inquire into, report and make recommendations to Council about all the following matters:
  - a) matters that are related to the general subject indicated by the name of the committee,

b) matters that are assigned by Council

c) matters that are assigned by the Mayor.

(2) Standing committees must report and make recommendations to Council at all the following times:

a) In accordance with the schedule of the committee's meetings,

b) on matters that are assigned by Council or the Mayor, or 1. as required by Council or the Mayor, or 2. at the next Council meeting if the Council or Mayor does not specify a time.

### 1. Objective:

To interact with Mayor and Council and to develop a dialogue to enable the delivery and future development of the Strategic Economic Development Plan, along with the development and delivery of education and training opportunities to help local business owners to succeed.

### 2. Scope

- Long term planning and development initiatives including updates to the Official Community Plan and zoning bylaw amendments.
- North Island Digital Development Initiative and any other connectivity opportunities arising from Connected Coast.
- Lobbying the Province of BC to improve both capital investment in and ongoing maintenance of the Head Bay Road.
- Identifying funding opportunities and grants for business development.
- Considering information, suggestions and recommendations for economic development and business growth.

### 3. Composition

- The committee shall be composed of:
  - Two Council Member (one appointed as Chair and one as Vice-Chair )
  - Four representatives from the local business community
  - Village Staff (ex officio capacity)

### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Chair:** Preside over meetings, set agendas, and ensure the committee's objective is met.
- **Committee Members:** Attend meetings regularly, participate in discussions, provide expertise, and contribute to the development of recommendations.

- **Staff:** To provide management and administrative support, including meeting minutes preparing meeting materials, conducting research and providing policy advice.

## 5. Meetings

- .The committee must establish a regular schedule of meetings (Council Procedure Bylaw Part 8, s. 52 (1).
- Meetings will be open to the public, and agendas and minutes will be made available on the Village website
- A quorum is a majority of all of the members, but must include the Chair or Vice-Chair.
- Meetings will be conducted as per the Council Procedure Bylaw

## 6. Reporting

- The committee will report to the Council at least annually for the annual review, but may submit ad hoc reports providing updates on activities, progress, and recommendations.

## 7. Term

- Committee members will serve for a term of two years, with the possibility of reappointment.
- At Council's discretion, appointments may be staggered for continuity.

## 8. Annual Review

- The committee's objective and scope will be reviewed annually by Council. Changes to the terms of reference can be effected by Council resolution at any time.

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

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| <b>Meeting</b> | <b>Standing Committee of Business Liaison</b>                    |
| <b>Date</b>    | <b>January 6, 2026</b>                                           |
| <b>Time</b>    | <b>10:03 a.m.</b>                                                |
| <b>Place</b>   | <b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b> |

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**Moore: COW 0003/2026**

**THAT** the committee propose to Council that the following changes be made to the Standing Committee of Business Liaison's Terms of Reference:

The current 5 points under Section 2 (Scope) be replaced with the following 3 points:

- 1) Identify alternative funding opportunities and grants for business and tourism development.
- 2) Consider information, suggestions and recommendations for economic development and business growth working within the approved Strategic Economic Development Plan and Action plan.
- 3) Consult with the public as per the existing Economic Development Plan mandate.

**CARRIED**