



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	May 19, 2026
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

<u>Present</u>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Brenda Lenahan Councillor Ryan Moore Councillor Cheryl Northcott	by video by video
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA,CA, Director of Finance Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager	by video by video
<u>Guests</u>	Mackenzie Grant, Bylaw Compliance Officer	by video left 7:08 p.m.
<u>Public</u>	4 members of the public.	3 by video

A. Call to Order Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory.

B. Introduction of Late Items "M1" moved to follow adoption of the minutes.

C. Approval of the Agenda Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0225/2026
THAT the Agenda for the May 19, 2026 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

D. Delegation None.

E. Public Input # 1 None.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the May 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0226/2026

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 5, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0227/2026

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes of May 7, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Special Council Meeting

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0228/2026

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes of May 11, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

M. New Business

1 Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointment

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0229/2026

THAT Council consider the appointment of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer under the Police Act for the Village of Tahsis.

CARRIED

Mackenzie Grant was introduced to council as the recently hired Bylaw Compliance Officer for the Strathcona Regional District, with her anticipated appointment as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for Tahsis.

The CAO noted that while the Police Act refers to the position as "Bylaw Enforcement Officer", Mackenzie's official title with Strathcona Regional District is "Bylaw Compliance Officer", emphasizing the goal of compliance over enforcement.

Police Act (RSBC 1996, Ch 367)

Bylaw enforcement officers

36 (1) Bylaw enforcement officers may be appointed,

(a) by a municipal police board, or

(b) if there is no municipal police board in a municipality, by the municipal council.

(2) A bylaw enforcement officer must be paid the remuneration and is appointed for the term that the municipal police board or municipal council determines.

(3) A bylaw enforcement officer must, under the direction of the chief constable or officer in charge of the detachment of police operating in the municipality, perform the functions and duties, and has the powers, privileges and responsibilities respecting the enforcement privileges and responsibilities respecting the enforcement of municipal bylaws, that the municipal police board or municipal council specifies in the appointment.

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0230/2026

THAT Council consider the appointment of Mackenzie Grant as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Village of Tahsis.

CARRIED

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0231/2026

THAT Mackenzie Grant be appointed under s. 36 of the *Police Act (RSBC 1996, Ch. 367)* as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Village of Tahsis and in that capacity perform the functions and duties and have the powers, privileges and responsibilities as set out in Village bylaws, resolutions and policies which reference a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

CARRIED

H. Business Arising

1 Village of Tahsis- Appointment of an additional Deputy Election Officer

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0232/2026

THAT this item be received.

The CAO discussed the need for an additional Deputy Election Officer as a precaution to ensure continuity in election administration should either the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Election Officer are unavailable.

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0233/2026

THAT pursuant to Section 58(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act;

THAT Sierra Jannise be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 General Election.

CARRIED

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

No report.

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Lenahan

I just wanted to share that a really beautiful time was had by all at the 2026 SD 84 Potlatch in Gold River last week. It was an honour to see the cohort of CMESS students in attendance and to witness the drumming song and dance that they had learned and performed with heart. Chief Woodhouse of the Assembly of First Nations attended and spoke briefly. It was also a pleasure to attend the Totem Awakening at the Gold River RCMP detachment with powerful words and song shared by the Mowachaht/Muchalaht nation members.

On a different note, I had an opportunity to meet with provincial Health Minister Josie Osborne today with my non-profit advocacy hat on, advocating for kids with disabilities and complex health needs. When I was introduced as being from Tahsis, she lit up in recognition as she has municipal relationships with some of our council and is our neighbour to the south in Tofino. I think it is valuable that she has that level of recognition of a small community like ours.

Councillor Moore

No report.

Councillor Fowler

Please include this information from Ha'oom knowledge sharing celebration as my report to council.

Attachment # 1 Ha'oom Fisheries Society- " Knowledge Sharing Celebration.

Submitted respectfully,
Councillor Fowler

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 234/3026
THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

None.

L. Correspondence

1 May 1, 2026 email from Sarah Jepson to Mayor and Council Re: Safety Concern - dead tree.

2 April 16, 2026 National Defence Media Post forwarded by Amanda Knibbs, Tahsis Junior Canadian Ranger Patrol Leader to Mayor and Council Re: Junior Canadian Ranger Gabriel John, from Tahsis.

3 Mayor Davis' May 4, 2026 email response to Susan Gage's, Jackie Larkin's & Bill Johnston's, Elders for Ancient Trees, May 3, 2026 email to Mayor and Council Re: Please don't endorse COFI's "Forestry Is a Solution" campaign.

4 May 5, 2026 News Release Re: Join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge.

5 May 6, 2026 email from Julie Colborne, Mayor, Village of Zeballos to Ted Olynyk, Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro Re: 5 year Maintenance Plan Request: Tahsis to Zeballos transmission lines.

6 May 7, 2026 email from Mark Baker, Co-Chair and Will Cole-Hamilton, Co-Chair, Comox Strathcona Waste Management to Mayor and Council Re: Request for Endorsement of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

7 May 13, 2026 email from Stephanie Olson, on behalf of Love our Planters Group to Mayor and Council Re: Request for the Village to purchase plant basket hangers for the museum porch and for Village Staff water and deadhead these two baskets as needed.

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0235/2026

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0236/2026

THAT correspondence items 1,2,5,6 & 7 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

L1 May 1, 2026 email from Sarah Jepson to Mayor and Council Re: Safety Concern - dead tree.

Council discussed the alder tree, the need for a hazardous tree policy and whether to respond to the concerned resident, ultimately deciding to await policy development before sending a formal response.

L2 April 16, 2026 National Defence Media Post forwarded by Amanda Knibbs, Tahsis Junior Canadian Ranger Patrol Leader to Mayor and Council Re: Junior Canadian Ranger Gabriel John, from Tahsis.

Council acknowledged Gabriel John, a Junior Canada Ranger from Tahsis for participating in a national exercise and representing Tahsis.

L5 May 6, 2026 email from Julie Colborne, Mayor, Village of Zeballos to Ted Olynyk, Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro Re: 5 year Maintenance Plan Request: Tahsis to Zeballos transmission lines.

Council discussed this correspondence item regarding Zeballos Council's request to BC Hydro for a maintenance plan for the Tahsis to Zeballos transmission line. Council considered sending a letter of support or to simply communicate recent maintenance efforts, ultimately deciding to contact Zeballos for guidance before taking any formal action.

L6 May 7, 2026 email from Mark Baker, Co-Chair and Will Cole-Hamilton, Co-Chair, Comox Strathcona Waste Management to Mayor and Council Re: Request for Endorsement of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Council held an extensive discussion on the Strathcona Solid Waste Management Plan, raising concerns about landfill closure, composting, user fees and rural service equity.

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0237/2026

THAT Council endorse the Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Plan.

CARRIED

Council discussed further engagement with CSWM to discussed unresolved concerns.

Lenahan/Fowler VOT 0241/2026

THAT Council invite CSWM staff to a future meeting discuss Council's concerns regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan.

CARRIED

L7 May 13, 2026 email from Stephanie Olson, on behalf of Love our Planters Group to Mayor and Council Re: Request for the Village to purchase plant basket hangers for the museum porch and for Village Staff water and deadhead these two baskets as needed.

Councillor Fowler noted volunteers are tending to 21 flower boxes around Tahsis. Council discussed the purchase of the hangers for the two hanging baskets for the Tahsis Museum and Visitor Information Centre and staff's capacity to water the 2 hanging baskets and 21 flower boxes.

The CAO responded that staff can purchase and install the 2 hangers at the Tahsis Museum and Visitor Information Centre and that summer staff at the Tahsis Museum and Visitor Information Centre can manage the two hanging baskets. The request to water the 21 flower boxes will depend on what equipment and staff resources are available for the summer. Staff is not in a position to currently commit.

Council discussed drafting a response to this email.

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0238/2026

THAT Staff respond to this request clarifying the Village's ability to purchase and install the 2 hangers and care for the 2 hanging baskets at the Tahsis Museum and Information Centre and communicate the current limitations regarding capacity to commit to watering the 21 flower boxes at this time.

CARRIED

M. New Business

- 2 Councillor Fowler's Notice of Motion for a letter of support- Re: March 6, 2026 Letter from the Village of Daajing Giids regarding Health Care Equity- Daajing Giids, Haida Gwaii and Rural and Remote British Columbia.**

WHEREAS the Village of Tahsis has formerly used the UBCM meeting to bring up geographic health care inequities to the provincial ministry of health;

THEREFORE, be it resolved to direct staff to write a letter in support of the Village of Daajing Giids and send it to the Prime Minister, Premier, Auditor General of Canada and the Auditor General of British Columbia.

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0239/2026

THAT this motion be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Council discussed the challenges faced by small remote communities in accessing health care services and the need for provincial support.

Lenahan/Fowler: VOT 0240/2026

THAT this motion be approved.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public suggested that Council invite CSWM back to address Council's concerns with the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Plan.

A member of the public commented on correspondence item L1 regarding safety concerns over a dead tree.

O. Adjournment

Fowler/Lenahan: VOT 0242/2026

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct

This 2nd day of June, 2026



Chief Administrative Officer



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Attachment #1

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Knowledge Sharing Celebration

May 7th, 2025
10am – 3:30pm

Time	Item	Speaker(s)
10:00 AM	Welcome	Dr. Saul Milne & Howie Wright
10:20 AM	The Nuu-chah-nulth Uuʔaaʔuk ʔusmit (Taking Care of Herring) Program	Jim Lane – Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
10:45 AM	Salmon Laws Project Overview	Cedar Dawson – Ha'oom Fisheries Society
11:00 AM	Questions or Break	
11:15 AM	WCVI Chinook Rebuilding: Pairing Nuu-chah-nulth Knowledge and Western science to inform the West Coast Vancouver Island Chinook Rebuilding Plan	Jared Dick – Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council & University of Victoria
11:30 AM	Ha'oom Fisheries Society - Genetics Program	Candace Picco - Ha'oom Fisheries Society & Ben Sutherland – Vancouver Island University
11:45 PM	Informing salmon restoration in the haʔukmin watershed: PhD Project Updates	Colton Van Der Minne – Centre for Indigenous Fisheries at the University of British Columbia
12:00 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Mowachaht/Muchalaht ʔaʔuuʔi Rebuilding Plan	Claudia Tersigni – Ha'oom Fisheries Society & Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
1:15 PM	Factors influencing Chinook Early Marine Survival.	Mack Bartlett – University of Victoria

Attachment #1

1:30 PM	MMFN Community Stewardship Planning for Salmon Parks	KJ England, Jamie James, and Marsha Maquinna – Salmon Parks
1:45 PM	Ha'oom Fisheries Society Five Year Science Strategy	Candace Picco - Ha'oom Fisheries Society
2:00 PM	Moyeha suuḥaa Stray Monitoring Project	Keaton McCallum - Ha'oom Fisheries Society
2:15 PM	Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet Stream Temperature Monitoring Network	Kent O'Neill – Nootka Sound Watershed Society
2:30 PM	Micro Prawn Surveys – Clayoquot Sound	Aidan Fisher – Ha'oom Fisheries Society
2:45 PM	Questions	
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Closing Comments	Dr. Saul Milne & Candace Picco