



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

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

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

Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Janet Sdenis, Corporate services Manager	by video

Guests	Ashley Cousens, Area Manager, Vancouver Island District, Courtenay Office, Ministry of Transportation and Transit	by video
	Greg Goldstone, Resource Manager, Regional Operations Division, Coast Area, Ministry of Forests	by video
	Kellen Truant, Operations Manager- North Island, Ministry of Transportation and Transit	by video
	Michael Pearson, District Manager, Vancouver Island, Ministry of Transportation and Transit	by video
	Chelsie Stubbs, Economic Development Officer/ Community Advisor, Village of Gold River	by video
	Chris Cowley, General Manager, Mainroad, North Island	by video

Public	None.
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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**

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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