



Minutes

Village of Tahsis

Meeting	Committee of the Whole
Date	March 3, 2026
Time	1 p.m.
Place	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Ryan Moore	
Absent	Councillor Brenda Lenahan	
Staff	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Janet Stdenis, Corporate services Manager	by video
Guests	Ashley Cousens, Area Manager, Vancouver Island District, Courtenay Office, Ministry of Transportation and Transit Greg Goldstone, Resource Manager, Regional Operations Division, Coast Area, Ministry of Forests Kellen Truant, Operations Manager- North Island, Ministry of Transportation and Transit Chelsie Stubbs, Economic Development Officer/ Community Advisor, Village of Gold River	by video by video by video by video
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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

Moore: COW 0022/2026

THAT the Agenda for the March 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

H. Business
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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.

Moore: COW 0023/2026

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

Ashley Cousens, Ministry of Transportation and Transit, provided a comprehensive update on HBFSR winter road conditions and maintenance. She noted that the grader has been down for a week with the parts for it expected soon, after which a full grading of the road will be done.

Discussions are ongoing about installing additional reflectors and delineators at kilometers 21 and 22. There have been challenges with installing delineators due to bedrock, so alternative solutions such as rocks or barriers are being considered.

Drainage issues, especially near Head Bay Camp, are being investigated, with plans for spring cleaning and ditch repairs.

Council inquired about recent traffic monitoring to which Ashley Cousens responded that none had been conducted since the last meeting but is scheduled for the coming month.

Council raised concerns about the condition of bridge approaches, noting that potholes often form at the edges and that previous suggestions to pave these approaches have not been implemented.

Council described the persistent problem at the Little Canton Bridge where pavement was removed during the bridge replacement and was not restored, resulting in hazardous potholes and a dangerous transition between the gravel and paved surfaces. Greg Goldstone, noted that the Ministry of Forests does not handle hard surface work and that coordination with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit is required.

Greg Goldstone, committed to speaking with his engineers and necessary ministry contacts and to providing a report on the status of the issue at the Little Canton Bridge by the next meeting.

There was a discussion about "danger trees". Ashley Cousens explained the current brushing and danger tree protocols, incident and proactive management procedures, the revision process to address gaps in the MOU between the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and the Ministry of Forests regarding danger trees and the interim safety measures.

Council discussed with ministry staff the need for improved signage and communication for Head Bay Forest Service Road users, including cyclist warning signs, cell coverage notifications and real-time road condition updates.

Greg Goldstone confirmed that cyclist warning signage are included in this year's signage order, pending budget approval, and anticipated before summer. Council suggested that the information on the signs include information about the lack of cell coverage but Greg Goldstone explained that the selected sign is a standard schematic without text.

There was a discussion about the recent emergency response to the Highway 28 washout along with the protocols for assessing and opening alternative routes in case of major blockages.

Council discussed the damage to the #2 Sucwoa Bridge caused by logging trucks which Ashley Cousens committed to investigate.

Fowler: COW 0024/2026

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.

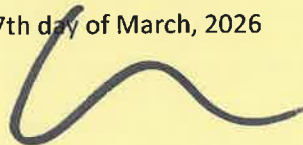
Adjournment

Fowler: COW 0025/2026

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
17th day of March, 2026



Corporate Officer