



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	May 5, 2026
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

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

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

Guests Vivian Schau, Senior Manager of CSWM Services, Engineering Services **by video**
Sarah Willie, Manager of Solid Waste Planning and Policy Development, **by video**
CSWM

Public 5 members of the public. **2 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 None.

C. Approval of the Agenda **Moore/Fowler: VOT 0174/2026**
THAT the Agenda for the May 5, 2026 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

D. Delegation None.

Public Input # 1

There was a question regarding the completion timeline of the Community Dock and Boach Launch Project to which the CAO responded.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0175/2026

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of April 21, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0176/2026

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 21, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 Comox Strathcona Waste Management- Presentation of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0177/2026

THAT this presentation be received.

Sarah Willie and Vivian Schau from Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) presented the Solid Waste Management Plan to Council, including public consultation results, new diversion targets and landfill closing plans.

Following the presentation there was a question period. Council raised numerous question with respect to the landfill closing plan for Tahsis and expressed concerns about illegal dumping following the closure. There was also a discussion about fish waste composting.

2 Report to Council Re: Tahsis Flood Protection Project- Phase 3, 2026 Budget and Schedule.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0178/2026

THAT this Report to Council be received.

The CAO provided Council with a revised budget estimate for the Tahsis Flood Protection Project (Phase 3) along with options for addressing the \$903,998 budget shortfall.

Three options were presented to Council. Councillor Lenahan presented a 4th option of not proceeding with the project. Council discussed the risks, concerns and implications of each option.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0179/2026

THAT option # 1 be approved (to delay the project until receiving a decision on the Canadian Community Building Fund (Strategic Priorities Fund) grant application for the North Maquinna Integrated Corridor Project).

3 Draft Reserve and Surplus Policy Amendment

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0180/2026

THAT this Draft Reserve and Surplus Policy be received for consideration.

The Director of Finance presented amendments to the Reserve and Surplus Policy which included the establishment of new statutory reserves for Roads (operating and capital) and for the museum/information centre (capital).

The Director of Finance clarified that establishing the reserve does not require immediate funding and that contributions are determined during the annual budget process. The Reserve and Surplus Policy sets minimum levels for reserve health, but only the financial plan bylaw mandates contributions.

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0181/2026

THAT Council approve the Village's Draft Reserve and Surplus Policy as presented and consider the Draft Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 680, 2026- 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

I recently attended the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities in Victoria. While there, I went on a field trip to the Esquimalt Naval Dockyards where we did a short excursion on a trainer vessel and were updated on new enhanced funding for our navy and military in general, given the recent events in the world, a new prime minister and the need for updating our military and a decoupling from the US military, which we have become much too dependent on for our defense. Another highlight was a talk given by Mayor Alto of Victoria about their efforts to house the homeless and offer supports that help integrate them into the community and find them work. It is noticeable that the tent cities in Victoria have disappeared in the last year.

Another highlight for me was a seminar on AI, its applications in governance and data management, its pitfalls and potential issues that need addressing.

Councillor Northcott

No report.

Councillor Lenahan

No report.

Councillor Moore

No report.

Councillor Fowler

I attended the NSW meeting April 29 and thought it would be prudent to include the below email in my report to council regarding volunteer opportunities for Muchalaht lake net pen & checks in May.

Also happy to share the news that I was successful in my campaign to become the 1st VP of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities at the recent 77th annual convention.

Submitted respectfully,
Councillor Fowler

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0182/2026

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

1 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 677, 2026.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0183/2026

THAT 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 677, 2026 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0184/2026

THAT 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 677, 2026 receive a first reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0185/2026

THAT 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 677, 2026 receive a second reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0186/2026

THAT 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 677, 2026 receive a third reading this 5th day of May, 2026. **CARRIED**

2 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 678, 2026.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0187/2026

THAT 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 678, 2026 be received for consideration. **CARRIED**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0188/2026

THAT 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 678, 2026 receive a first reading this 5th day of May, 2026. **CARRIED**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0189/2026

THAT 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 678, 2026 receive a second reading this 5th day of May, 2026 **CARRIED**

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0190/2026

THAT 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 678, 2026 receive a third reading this 5th day of May, 2026 **CARRIED**

3 Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 679, 2026.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0191/2026

THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 679, 2026 be received for consideration. **CARRIED**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0192/2026

THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 679, 2026 receive a first reading this 5th day of May, 2026. **CARRIED**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0193/2026

THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 679, 2026 receive a second reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0194/2026

THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 679, 2026 receive a third reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

4 Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 680, 2026 Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 676, 2026

1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0195/2026

THAT Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 680, 2026 Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 676, 2026 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0196/2026

THAT Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 680, 2026 Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 676, 2026 receive a first reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0197/2026

THAT Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 680, 2026 Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 676, 2026 receive a second reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0198/2026

THAT Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 680, 2026 Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 676, 2026 receive a third reading this 5th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

1 April 22, 2026 email from Cheryl O'Donnell, President of the Tahsis Garden Society to Mayor and Council Re: Broom Cutting Initiative.

2 April 24, 2026 email from James Warren, CAO, Comox Valley Regional District Re: Request for a letter in support of Campbell River's Long-Term Care Hospital Project.

- 3 March 21, 2026 letter from Jenna Pham, Enterprise Account Executive, CityWest Re: Connected Coast Project Update.**

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0199/2026

THAT this correspondence item be received.

CARRIED

Lenahan/Moore: VOT 0200/2026

THAT correspondence item 1,2 and 3 be pulled for discussion.

CARRIED

- L1 April 22, 2026 email from Cheryl O'Donnell, President of the Tahsis Garden Society to Mayor and Council Re: Broom Cutting Initiative.**

Councillor Lenahan spoke to the Tahsis Garden Society's initiative to address the spread of the invasive Scotch Broom in Tahsis. The Garden Society has requested help from the Village to pick up and dispose of the Scotch Broom.

Staff confirmed that public works would assist by picking up and disposing of the broom.

- L2 April 24, 2026 email from James Warren, CAO, Comox Valley Regional District Re: Request for a letter in support of Campbell River's Long-Term Care Hospital Project.**

Council discussed the regional need for a long-term care facility, noting the recent provincial funding setbacks.

Fowler/Moore: VOT 0201/2026

THAT staff to send a letter in support of the Campbell River Long-Term Care Hospital Project.

- L3 March 21, 2026 letter from Jenna Pham, Enterprise Account Executive, CityWest Re: Connected Coast Project Update.**

Council expressed frustration with delays and funding barrier for the Connected Coast Project, which would bring fibre-optic internet to Tahsis. Topics discussed included: grant ineligibility; high costs for the last-mile connection and SRD's borrowing authority for CityWest to complete the last-mile.

Council discussed inviting Dave Leitch, Strathcona Regional District, CAO and Jenna Pham, Enterprise Account Executive, Citywest to a future meeting to explore a strategy to move forward.

M. New Business

- 1 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 (F2 p.14).**

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

There were no questions from Council on this motion.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public asked Mayor Davis about the tent cities in Victoria that he had referenced in his Report to Council

O. Adjournment

Moore/Fowler: VOT 0202/2026

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this 19th day of May, 2026



Chief Administrative Officer