



2010/2011 Annual Municipal Report

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Message from the Mayor:

On behalf of the Village of Tahsis council, it is my pleasure to once again present to you the Village of Tahsis 2010 Annual Report. This document presents the Village of Tahsis financial position for the year ending December 31, 2010, as well as some of the goals and objectives for the coming year. As you are probably aware we were extremely short of key staff members during most of the 2010 year. While we did not have the key staff members in place, the remaining staff worked very hard to maintain the level of services for the Village.

Council has spent time once again reviewing and considering the types of and extent of services being provided. It is essential that some changes take place. To assist council with the hard decisions that have to be made, a public meeting will be held to discuss reducing costs in some of the key service areas. I trust that you, along with Village of Tahsis Council members and residents of Tahsis, will find this report to be informative and a fair representation of the dedication and commitment to service that the members of your council and the staff exhibit on a daily basis.

Once again, to the members of the Village Council, to the Village's Department heads and staff, to the many citizens who volunteer their time to serve on the boards and groups that Tahsis depends on, and to all our residents, I ask you to blend passion, reason and courage to better Tahsis. I ask you to join me in committing ourselves fully to the common good, and to believe in a brighter future for our community. It is a privilege and honour to work on behalf of our fellow residents, in concert with our dedicated Village staff. I hope that you do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns or ideas, or a helping hand if you would like to volunteer. We are always listening.

We welcome input from residents on this report and would encourage you to submit your comments in writing to the Village office.

As I have said before, our quality of life is one to be rivalled here in Tahsis. I believe that our Village's future is bright and that the best is yet to come.

It is the people of Tahsis and those moving here that make this a community of choice to live in.

Mayor Corrine Dahling

Council will host a meeting for members of the public on the Annual Report whereat residents are welcome and encouraged to provide input on this list and to bring forward suggestions, which will be considered for future years



1. Village of Tahsis Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2010

Note: BDO Dunwoody will be presenting the Audited Financial Statements at the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2011 where after they will be made available for public viewing.

2. Statement of Property Tax Exemptions for 2010

Council, at their June 7, 2011 Regular Meeting, passed a resolution to request an Order In Council to exempt the properties that normally would have, In accordance with Section 98 (2) (b) of the *Community Charter*,

Council neglected to adopt exempting bylaws in 2010 and has made this request as a result, after consultation with Ministry staff. The following properties were requested for exemption, which is the same as was done last year.

- Tahsis Christian Church
- Bishop of Victoria Church
- Village buildings housing the Chamber and Museum
- Total exemption is \$2,600.

3. Report on Prior Year Objectives and Progress (2010)

In 2010, Council had set the following objectives, which it hoped to accomplish.

Residents are welcome and encouraged to provide input on this list and to bring forward suggestions, which could be considered in future years.

2010 Goals & Objectives	Achievements/Outcomes
Promotional Material Development	The Village of Tahsis worked with BC Institute of Technology (BCIT) students to develop a new municipal website. This work was done by practicum students at no cost to the taxpayers of Tahsis. Tahsis received an honourable mention in Best Practices for our website design at the UBCM in the 2010 Community Excellence Awards. New brochures, Rac cards and a forty page booklet containing breathtaking photos of our area were also completed, also at no cost to the taxpayers of Tahsis



Create, Review and Improve Village Bylaws	Council continues to review certain Village bylaws and policies, and referring these to Committee of the Whole meetings for discussion. More discussion and review of out dated bylaws will take place at future Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings.
Official Community Plan Review and Adoption	Due to Key staff shortage this project had been placed on hold however, final Adoption is now slated for July 2011
Mill Site Remediation	Western received Brownfield Funding and testing is underway. While Western had agreed to improve site security and to reduce the visual impact, since the testing process is still underway, we wait for further developments in this area
Infrastructure Renewal	The Village continues to apply for funding to help with our aging infrastructure costs. Capital Works Planning Study will assist with the identification of needed repairs
Facilitate Community Garden	Community Garden group arose out of Town Hall meeting in 2009. Group membership has grown and a productive community garden is in place.
Water Filtration System Upgrades	A report was prepared by McElhanney Engineering describing options for required water filtration upgrades. The report contained options and recommendations for working towards meeting this requirement. A grant application was submitted seeking funding that would be spent on a leak detection study. A resolution was forwarded to the UBCM (2011) regarding the 43210 water compliance issue. The staff continues to look for grants that may be available to assist with the cost of implementing new systems.



Recreation Centre Viability	Public hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2011 with options for the Recreation Centre on the Agenda.
Child Care Centre at Recreation Centre (Puddle Ducks Daycare)	Childcare centre is currently open for full time and part time children. Public hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2011 with options for the Childcare centre on the Agenda.
Aquaculture Development	Continued work by Council and staff on shellfish tenure development, and the possibility of investors.
Land Use and Development	The property that was purchased in 2009 to be developed for residential expansion, heritage area protection, possible trail network expansion and community forest establishment continues to be worked upon.
Independent Power Projects	Continued negotiations with Synex Energy to create an advantageous agreement that will benefit both the company and the people of the Village of Tahsis. Meetings with major agency players held to discuss moving forward with the McKelvie Creek project.

4. Declaration and identification of Disqualified Council Members

There were no disqualified Council members in 2010.



5. Statement of Municipal Objectives and Progress Measures for 2010 / 2011

Current Year (2011) and Future year (2012)

2011 initiatives are identified as follows based on a Strategic Planning Session held in March 2010, input from residents at meetings, informal discussions and incoming correspondence and feedback received by Councillors from constituents throughout the year.

2011 Strategic Goals & Objectives	Measures
43210 Compliance Drinking Water Protection Act	The report which was prepared by McElhanney Engineering describing options for required water filtration upgrades was instrumental in applying for a grant to facilitate a leak detection study. A resolution has been forwarded to the 2011 UBCM regarding the current 43210 drinking water objectives.
Official Community Plan Review and Adoption	Final document has been prepared (June 2010). Adoption slated for late July 2011.
Aquaculture Development	Continued work by Council and staff on shellfish tenure development. Discussions also taking place with MOE regarding tenure renewal and development. Talks with potential investors is ongoing.
Infrastructure Renewal	Council and Staff will continue to look for grants to assist with infrastructure renewal. Capital Works Planning study will assist with the identification of needed repairs.
Independent Power Projects	Continued negotiations with local IPP producers. Expected to be near completion in late 2011.



Carbon Sequestration	Council continues to research on how this can best serve Tahsis.
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6. Other Information

Significant Staff shortages in 2010/2011 meant that council was unable to address many of the strategic goals and objectives for 2011.

Moving forward Council feels that the priorities on the previous page for 2011/2012 are of the utmost importance, and council is focusing on them.

Council continues to actively search for grants to assist the Village with many projects/improvements. A number of grants have been applied for. As Villages funds are limited, grants are an excellent and much needed way to get projects done that otherwise may not happen.

Council hopes to further their progress towards strategic goals and objectives. Future strategic planning sessions may shape and change the goals and objectives outlined in this report, as will input from residents and visitors to our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

