



Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
Held December 21 2010 at the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna

Present: Mayor Corrine Dahling
Councillors S. Atkinson; A. Cameron; M. Davis

Staff: April Roth, Acting Corporate Officer

9 members of the public

Call to Order:

Mayor Dahling stated that she would like to acknowledge and respect that we are upon Mowachaht Muchalaht traditional territory, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Introduction of Late Items:

1. Ministry of Natural Resource Operations

Re: Aquaculture License

541/2010

Davis/Cameron

THAT: the item be added to the agenda of the Regular Meeting held December 21, 2010 under *Other Business*.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

2. Council Consensus-Travel Authorization

Re: Clarification of Motion from Regular Meeting held December 7, 2010

542/2010

Davis/Cameron

THAT: the item be added to the agenda of the Regular Meeting held December 21, 2010 under *Other Business*.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

Approval of the Agenda:

543/2010

Davis/Cameron

THAT: the agenda for the December 21 2010 Regular Council meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

Petitions and Delegations:

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 16, 2010

544/2010

Davis/Cameron

THAT: the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 16, 2010 be adopted with the addition of the original Bounce Hard contract.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

2. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 7, 2010

545/2010

Davis/Cameron

THAT: the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 7, 2010 be adopted as circulated with the correction of the spelling of the Mayors new grandson, Haidan.

**CARRIED
Councillor Atkinson-Opposed**

Business Arising:

Public Input:

Dave McIntosh commented on number 11 under "Obligations of Bounce Hard" on the contract between the Village of Tahsis and Bounce Hard Productions which states "*Bounce Hard shall be responsible for arranging, organizing and paying for all musical acts at the Festival*". Mr. McIntosh stated that Bounce Hard is responsible for paying band costs including meals and accommodation and enquired as to whether Bounce Hard has been billed.

Mayor Dahling stated that the invoice was in the hands of the Finance Department and the Lawyers.

Mr. McIntosh asked if he could be assured that item #11 will be brought forward to the lawyers.

A conversation ensued regarding Councils' reports. Mayor Dahling stated that agenda reports are Council's personal opinions.

Lucille Collins stated that she would like an apology for being blamed for shutting down an illegal radio station.

Pat Cyr requested use of the Government Dock and Hangar Building for the 2011 Polar Bear Swim. Permission was granted.

Reports & Questions:

COUNCIL:

Mayor Dahling:

No Report.

Councillor M. Davis:

No Report.

Councillor S. Atkinson:

I did a comparison of the newly adopted Support Services Cost Allocation formula of the Strathcona Regional District with the Comox Strathcona Regional District's formula. I found out they are exactly the same. In my frank opinion, I feel that the support services, such as building inspection, will be just as affordable starting in 2011 as it was when the Village of Tahsis was part of the Comox Strathcona Regional District.

Upon inquiry, the Advisory Services at the Ministry of Community and Rural Development told me there was no formal letter, which is proper procedure, on file regarding the Inspector of Municipalities recommendations regarding the inspector's exact proposed village's staff and office structure which was on the last Council meetings agenda. This is despite the Mayor, without proof of such a letter, publicly stating that the recommendations came from the Inspector of Municipalities.

Also, at the last Council meeting the Mayor displayed publicly two motions from the May 4, 2010 Council meeting. Just because Councillor Schooner motioned and I seconded these motions and they were carried unanimously the Mayor stated that it was both Councillor Schooner and myself that chose to go with Bounce Hard Productions to organize and promote the music festival. Not just herself and two other Councillors.

Just before the two previously mentioned motions in the May 4, 2010 Council meeting minutes, was a motion, which the Mayor failed to mention, for the festival to be organized and promoted by Bounce Hard productions; and further that a contractual agreement be drafted between the Village of Tahsis and Bounce Hard Productions. Councillor Schooner and myself are recorded as being opposed to this motion. Even though Councillor Schooner and myself opposed this motion we wanted in the end Council to be accountable.

One of these motions, that the Mayor mentioned, was for the expenses incurred by the Village of Tahsis in relation to the Music Festival be brought before Council prior to the event and that funds be targeted from the economic development fund. To find out why this motion was not carried out I suggest a Freedom of Information request be done for the minutes of the Special Closed meeting held May 18, 2010.

With this said, in my frank opinion, I have from myself and probably the listening public in attendance this evening to the Mayor another famous current quote. "The worst part about being lied to is, knowing that you weren't worth the truth."

Councillor A. Cameron:

Welcome to the Council meeting. It is heartening to see so many of you taking an active and personal interest in the work Council is doing on your behalf. Your presence is important, and when the weather is atrocious and those chairs aren't particularly comfortable. Thank you for coming.

We're fast approaching a New Year and, at a time when we're short-staffed, that means extra work for the office staff, and for mayor and council. We are confident we are going to be able to fill the vacancies in the office and institute a smoothly running operation. We're all working toward that, and I think our efforts are beginning to bear fruit.

The fencing material has arrived for the community garden and the greenhouse looks to be up and almost ready for the group to begin moving in the soil and readying the interior in time for some early spring planting. I know Michelle has been putting in long hours and, as treasurer, fulfilling her mandate to get the biggest bang per buck she can pull off. The group is energetic and focused and is moving ahead at a steady pace. Anyone interested in a garden plot for the coming year should get in touch with the group and reserve your space while there still is some available, otherwise the plots will all be taken and you'll miss out on the satisfactions which come with growing some of your own food.

We're assailed on all sides by reports of a double-dip recession, a faltering economy, and a less decisive recovery than was first promised. Here at home both major parties have lost their leaders and are heading into leadership conventions which already show signs of being real cat fights as hopefuls do their best to win the top spot in their particular party. I'm not running, the goings-on the past while have put me in the mood of "a plague on both your houses", and I have little faith either mainstream party can do anything to offset the economic pressures crowding us internationally. It's just a bit mind bending to think of entire countries, like Greece and Poland, going bankrupt, and some of the measures taken or being considered seem to suggest the cure will be even worse than the disease.

I did not make it to the school Christmas concert but reports from friends who did go suggest it was an enjoyable time, especially for those with children up on stage. I had gone to the Village Xmas get together the night before and it was so cold in the gym at the Rec Centre that I wound up badly chilled, which made me decide once was enough and I wasn't going to risk another chill in the school gym. I suppose it is in the interests of economy that the heat doesn't get turned on well ahead of time so the audience doesn't wind up shivering and feeling uncomfortably cold.

It is probably no secret that I am less than impressed with the behavior and actions of our IPP corporation. Just so everyone is very clear on where I stand I would like it known that in my opinion the best thing we could do would be to invite these guys to go somewhere else and leave us and our watershed alone. I don't like how they do business, and I don't like the business they do. I see no sign at all that they are interested in the future well being of Tahsis or the citizens of Tahsis, but I do see evidence that profit is their sole motivation. I'd like to find a way to give them a shove and send them on their way. And I would like input, preferably written, from any and all of you on the matter.

To me, it is simple, when it comes to the watershed and McKelvie Creek, it is the people of Tahsis first, then out salmon enhancement project and way down at the end of the list, the IPP. And I could do without the IPP.

Thank you. I wish you all the best of what you wish for yourselves at this holiday season.

Councillor J. Schooner:

Absent.

Bylaws:

Correspondence:

Other Business:

- 1. Support for Participation of the "Shakeout BC" Drill**
Re: Memo from April Roth, Finance Assistant

546/2010

Atkinson/Davis

THAT: Council approve staff participation in the "Great British Columbia ShakeOut" drill on January 26, 2011 at 10:00 am as outlined in this report.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

- 2. Canada Day Celebration-July 1, 2011**
Re: Memo from April Roth, Finance Assistant

547/2010

Atkinson/Davis

THAT: Mayor Corrine Dahling be authorized to submit a funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the Celebrate Canada Program for organizing activities to celebrate Canada Day 2011

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

- 3. Ministry of Natural Resource Operations**
Re: Aquaculture Licence

548/2010

Atkinson/Davis

THAT: the item be received.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

4. Council Consensus-Travel Authorization

Re: Clarification of Motion from Regular Meeting held December 7, 2010

549/2010 Atkinson/Davis
THAT: the previous motion of *“the item be received”* be rescinded from the December 7, 2010 Regular Meeting.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

550/2010 Atkinson/Davis
THAT: as per council majority consensus, Kevin Vautier be paid for his mileage as per Village policy to come to Tahsis to meet with Council regarding the Village of Tahsis shellfish leases.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

Public Input:

Barb Wanless stated that she hopes by 2011 we can get in sync and be kinder to each other.

A discussion ensued regarding comments made at the previous Council meeting regarding the ambulance response time and statements that were made.

Mayor Dahling verbally reported on the current status of the Synex Energy Proposal.

Adjournment:

551/2010 Davis/Atkinson
That: the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm.

CARRIED-UNANIMOUS

Certified correct this 22nd day of December, 2010

Adopted by Council this ____ day of _____, 2010

Mayor

Corporate Officer

363/2010