



Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
Held May 3, 2011 at the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna

Present: Mayor Corrine Dahling
Councillors A. Cameron; J. Schooner; S. Atkinson

Councillor Davis arrived at 8:23 p.m.

Staff: Bob Lafleur, Chief Administrative Officer

(A) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dahling called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Mayor Dahling acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht / Muchalaht Traditional Territory.

(B) INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: there were no late items

(C) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Atkinson/Cameron that the Agenda for the May 3, 2011 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(D) PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

1. Brian Reardon, Strathcona Regional District, CAO

Mr. Reardon gave a power point presentation of the history of the SRD as well as an overview of the SRD budget process. Mayor Dahling thanked him for his presentation.

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(E) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 19, 2011

200/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Cameron/Schooner that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 19, 2011 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

(F) BUSINESS ARISING

1. Nootka Sound Economic Development Society

Re: Article 2.4 NSEDC Shareholders Agreement

201/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Cameron that article 2.4 of the Nootka Sound Economic Development Society's shareholder agreement be removed and further, that the Mayor then sign the agreement.

CARRIED

(G) 1st PUBLIC INPUT

1. Concern was expressed regarding unsightly premises. Mayor Dahling advised the bylaw and the issue would be reviewed time permitting. The CAO notes that the spring Public Works clean up is next week.
2. CAO was requested to verify the resolution rescinding the Building bylaw.
3. Several concerns were expressed regarding the proposal to remove the first public input from the agenda. It was explained by Mayor Dahling that Council votes in the best interest of the community, not the opinion of one person or a special interest group. That's why there is an elected Council. Councillor Cameron defended the need to remove too much public input as things are getting carried away and too disrespectful. Council meetings are intended to allow Council to do its business, and not a public forum.
4. Concerns were expressed regarding the NSEDC shareholder agreement
5. There was a recommendation for Council not to participate in the Small Business Friendly Community Award.

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6. Concerns were expressed regarding pot holes, street lighting and soft shoulders. Mayor Dahling advised that these issues would be dealt with as time permits.

(H) REPORTS AND QUESTIONS (Council)

Mayor Dahling: - had no report at this time.

Councillor S. Atkinson: read from a written report immediately attacking the mayor on the In Camera issue regarding the posting for a Financial Officer and started discussing the items that were on the In Camera Agenda in this regard. Mayor Dahling declared him out of order however he continued until the Mayor refused to allow him to speak further. Councillor Atkinson however persisted in an extremely disrespectful and inappropriate manner.

Councillor Atkinson's written report:

I attended, along with other members of Council, Special Closed meetings. These meetings were regarding legal, agenda, policy, remuneration and village budget issues.

There is a new village office job posting for a Chief Financial Officer. However, this job posting is contrary to the village's staff and office structure which was adopted by Council at the beginning of December of last year.

Councillor A. Cameron: presented her report as noted.

Good evening, and welcome to the Village of Tahsis Council meeting. It's always a pleasure to see your smiling faces as we all participate together in the democratic process.

Well, yet another federal election is behind us and we can only hope we won't need to have a repeat any time soon. We've had, what, three of them in seven years? Hopefully, a majority government will let us all off the hook for a while because federal elections are very expensive and we already have a record deficit.

I've been participating in budget deliberations here in the village. I have to admit to you I find that to be very hard work. I'm no good with numbers. I understand the concepts and as long as we're using words I'm okay but bring on the numbers and I sweat blood. I don't have enough fingers and toes, and anyway, I don't believe anything the numbers try to indicate. But I know we're making progress, and we'll have everything ready on time.

I've also been participating in the Creative Writing workshop sponsored by the Tahsis Literacy Society, every Monday evening from seven p.m, in the museum building. Attendees are writing, and sharing their words with the group, some very interesting and touching work has been presented, and I'm sure there's more, and better, yet to come. If anyone wants to join us, you're very welcome, it's depending on how people feel and how much writing they've done since the last time. We've looked at several styles of writing, and we've had some very interesting discussions. Feel free to join us, it doesn't cost anything and we have tea and coffee on hand.

I've done substantial research on carbon sequestration and can only report to you that it's like looking for rocking horse apples. I feel as if there are invisible hoops through which to jump; I can jump through hoops but I have to be able to first see them. It's a provincial endeavor, with a board of directors comprised of people of whom I've never heard before, and I'm still trying to find out what it is they expect of us.

Don't hold your breath on that one, it's very much a work in progress. And not much progress, at that.

I have been told the Great Walk will go ahead this year but that it might be the last year for the walk. Congratulations to those volunteers who make this happen, it's not easy to organize it and if anyone is so inclined, I'm sure they could use some more volunteers.

Councillor J. Schooner: No written report at this time.

Councillor Schooner verbally reported that the students at Captain Meares school recently participated in Pitch-In Canada and collect 315 lbs of garbage from around town. A letter of thanks will be sent to Maureen Roth for organizing this event.

Councillor M. Davis: No Report. Arrived at the meeting late at 8:23 p.m.

(H) REPORTS AND QUESTIONS (Staff):

No reports at this time.

(I) BYLAWS:

1. Council Procedure Bylaw No. 495-1, 2011 being a proposal to amend Council Procedure Bylaw 495, 2004 by removing public input twice during meetings, First and Second Readings.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Atkinson that bylaw No. 495-1, 2011 be forwarded to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

(J) CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Crystal Dunahee, Child Find BC

Re: Proclamation for National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day

203/2011

Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Atkinson that the item be received.

CARRIED

2. Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation

Re: Invitation to Compete for the "Most Small Business Friendly Community Award"

204/2011

Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Atkinson that the item be received.

CARRIED

(K) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Dahling advised that there is a special open meeting scheduled for Friday May 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to address the financial plan and tax rate bylaw.

(L) NEW BUSINESS

1. Email Correspondence from April Roth, Finance Assistant

Re: The Nootka Sounder Advertisement

205/2011

Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Cameron that a black and white ad be placed in the Nootka Sounder Advertisement as was done in the past with a cost of \$147.84

CARRIED

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2. Tahsis Lions Club

Re: Grant in Aid for the 34th Annual Great Walk

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Cameron that the Tahsis Lions Club be granted their requests for assistance for the 34th Annual Great Walk which includes; \$860.00 for the cost of the port a potties, use of some tables and chairs from the recreation centre for check point 6, as well as help from the Public Works department on the Friday before the Great Walk and the Monday after the Great Walk to set up the finish line and to set up and take down barricades.

CARRIED

3. Village of Tahsis Policy No. 2002

Re: Expense Claim Policy amendment proposal

207/2011

Moved, seconded by Councillors Schooner/Atkinson that the Expense Claim Policy be referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

4. Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation

Re: Annual General Meeting Minutes and 2010's Financial Statements

208/2011

Moved, seconded by Councillors Atkinson/Schooner that the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporations' Financial Statements be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(M) 2nd PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Several questions were asked regarding the proposed amendments to the travel policy. It was explained that the proposed amendments simply provide clarification as to conference and meeting attendance.
2. There was a request to strike the authority of the CAO to attend conferences as the previous council had received opposition to this and there should be revenge imposed on the new CAO. The CAO advised that the proposal was taken from another community for Council's consideration and was not prepared by the Tahsis Council.
3. The press requested the status on the 2010 audit.

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(N) ADJOURNMENT:

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Moved by Councillor Schooner that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Certified correct this 4th day of May, 2011

Adopted by Council this ____ day of _____, 2011

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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