



Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
Held May 17, 2011 at the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna

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

Staff: Tia Russell, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Councillors J. Schooner and S. Atkinson

(A) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dahling called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Mayor Dahling acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht / Muchalaht Traditional Territory.

(B) INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

Notice of Motion, from Mayor Dahling, BC Drinking Water Protection Act & Regulations-43210

(C) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the Agenda for the May 17, 2011 Regular Council meeting be approved with the addition of the late item.

CARRIED

(D) PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

there were none

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(E) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 3, 2011

225/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 3, 2011 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Open Meeting of Council held May 6, 2011

226/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the Minutes of the Special Open Meeting of Council held May 6, 2011 be adopted as amended.
“Davis” was spelled incorrectly.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Open Meeting of Council held May 9, 2011

227/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the Minutes of the Special Open Meeting of Council held May 9, 2011 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(F) BUSINESS ARISING

1. Requests of Mr. Dave McIntosh regarding the resolution to repeal the Building Bylaw

228/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the item be received.

CARRIED

(G) 1st PUBLIC INPUT

1. Concern was expressed regarding a statement under Councillor Atkinson’s report in the May 3, 2011 Regular meeting minutes. Mayor Dahling responded that in-camera items were being discussed and Councillor Atkinson was out of order.
2. Concern was expressed regarding the condition of Rugged Mountain Road and the lack of lights on Edith Rd and Freda.

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3. A resident noted that the reason for the 3 way stop is due to a lack of sight, and expressed concern he feels it is unethical to have personal information on the agenda (business license report).
4. Question as to when the 2010 Financial report will be released. Mayor Dahling stated that the auditors have almost completed it.
5. BCAS requested the ambulance contact information added to the Drinking Water Emergency Contact list as residents need to make sure addresses are clearly marked on their property for emergency situations. Mayor Dahling replied that staff will be directed to speak with the Fire Department.

(H) REPORTS AND QUESTIONS (Council)

Mayor Dahling: presented her report as noted.

First I would like to address a comment that was made during our last council meeting. The recommendation was made by a member of the public that council should not participate in the small business friendly community award because this council in the opinion of this individual had done nothing to promote small business in this community.

Well having been the past president of the Tahsis chamber of commerce for three years, a co business owner and a sole owner of three small businesses in this community, I spent time thinking about that statement.

In 2010 the village of Tahsis had a website created for this community costing the taxpayers nothing. Our website won an award and has brought the attention of other community across the province as well as the national communities.

In 2010 the village of Tahsis created a new brochure, rac card and a booklet that contains forty breathtaking pictures taken by our local shutterbugs. The cost again for the development of these items was free. The printing was paid for by a grant that we received from the government. I take these whenever I attend any functions away from this community as does our councillors. They are a hit wherever we go.

In 2010 I attended a conference of over 400 people from island businesses and communities. I sat on a panel and spoke of our community and all it had to offer.

In 2010 the village of Tahsis was on the front page of the province news paper. We could never have bought that type of exposure.

In 2010 we held the Pillage at the Village music festival. People came from as far away as China and Australia that had never been to Tahsis before.

In 2010 we built the Bull of the Woods trail. It was grant money that funded it and it is a world class trail.

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Division two of the community charter states clearly that a council must not provide a grant, benefit, advantage or other form of assistance to a business.

So your village council can market Tahsis and has promoted this area for people to come here and visit us and see how beautiful we are, however it is up to the businesses and the people of this community to carry the ball once they get here. Ya gotta work it baby! Nobody can sell your businesses better than yourselves. If when the people come here they realize there is a worm in the nice juicy red apple they won't come back, and they won't entertain buying a house or starting a business here either, it's that simple.

In my report to council on April 19th I spoke to the issue of my history here in Tahsis and the recent effect it has had on my immediate family. Our local reporter left out many things that were said and I have been wondering how to deal with this issue.

I would like the press to note that people from all around the world read what you decide should go in the paper and they miss what you decide should be left out. It would be nice if the job of our reporter was not looking so one sided. I hope in the future that our reporter tries to get all sides of the story and not just what is beginning to look like an effort to sell papers. I know by voicing my opinion on the papers content that I am leaving myself wide open here but enough is enough. The articles are starting to look like you are running someone's campaign for the next election.

The village has received a few emails regarding the input in the local paper and they are not in favour of the one-sided opinion.

I forwarded a notice of motion to council tonight requesting that we forward a resolution to the UBCM regarding our 43210 compliance. I am reading more and more articles about communities such as ours that are struggling with this issue.

I attended a hospital board meeting last week where we reaffirmed our support for the proposed new hospital model. We reaffirmed the locations chosen, all existing services maintained at the current hospitals during the transition and for the 40 ALC beds to be provided before the construction of the new hospitals.

And last I would like to voice my support and feelings of pride to the junior rangers of Tahsis and Gold River. They will be honouring a dear departed friend of theirs the first weekend in June, On the Sunday they will walk with his family as they bring in his ashes. I am so proud that the children of both these communities have such deep respect for someone who did so much for them.

Thank you
Mayor Corrine Dahling

Councillor S. Atkinson: was absent

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Councillor A. Cameron: presented her report as noted.

Good evening, everyone. And welcome to another Council meeting. Your presence at these meetings is important, its how democracy operates.

We've had closed meetings and special meetings, and, as you know, there are strict rules about confidentiality which make it impossible to casually discuss anything which was considered. When appropriate someone, usually the Mayor, will "rise and report" to you.

I also attended the May meeting of the Tahsis Garden group, which is sponsored by the Tahsis Literacy Society. Some people have already started planting their plots, and there was discussion about what would be required to build trays, shelves, and tables in the state-of-the-art greenhouse. Many of the boxes are filled with soil, mostly because of the hard work done by Michelle Ouellette, others are still empty although there is an inviting pile of dirt there for anyone who wants to get busy with a shovel and wheelbarrow and fill their own box, make their own plot. Unfortunately, we received notification from the Olson sisters that they will be resigning from the group as the physical demands of gardening are too difficult for them.

A suggestion is under consideration to build some of the boxes at waist-height for those who are unable to get down to ground level.

I do not personally have a plot in the community garden; I have my own bucolic endeavors at my house, and have four tommytoe plants in my small greenhouse, as well as some rows of green onions. But the unseasonably cold weather is hampering any garden attempt.

Yesterday we had another very good creative writing workshop session, the quality of the writing done and presented was excellent, and I plan to talk to the group about the possibility of putting some of the work on the Village website...it isn't "publication" and the emerging writers aren't ready for publication, yet, but the work deserves wider dissemination. We discussed the coming long weekend and whether or not we'd have a class anyway; we decided no, the last long weekend we did open up for the class and one (count'em, one) person showed up so we retired to my living room and had a great discussion of books and writing. But for the coming long weekend, the Monday evening session is cancelled.

The Monday after it's the talent show at the school, so we aren't going in competition with that...most of the attendees wouldn't show up anyway, they'll have kids on stage. So THREE Mondays from now we'll re-convene at the Museum building by which time, of course, reams of writing will have been done.

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I am told the farm-to-school lunch programme needs more volunteers. Come on, Tahsis, whether you have kids in school or not, let's get behind this very worthwhile endeavor. Surely the epidemic of obesity and the health and social problems attendant with it should waken us all to the need to demonstrate to our children that healthy food can be appetizing food.

And whoever sneaked into a back yard on Edith Rd., and went into someone's storage shed to swipe two big bags of pop cans and bottles which were being collected for the next bottle drive the kids at school held...shame on you. You are a total low-life creep and I hope your fingers fall off. And maybe a few other things as well.

Thank you for coming out tonight, your presence is much appreciated.

Councillor J. Schooner:

Absent.

Councillor M. Davis:

No report at this time.

(H) REPORTS AND QUESTIONS (Staff):

- (a) CAO report for May 2011
- (b) public Works Report for May 2011
- (c) Recreation Centre Report for May 2011
- (d) Fire Department Report for May 2011-not available

(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, was referred to the COTW. For information only.

2. Building Bylaw No 525 will be brought back for further consideration after it has been advertised. For information only

3. Bylaw No. 547, 2010 "Official Community Plan" - First Reading Only. CAO advises that Sec. 890(2) of the Community Charter requires that the bylaw receive the first reading, then Council must host a public hearing prior to giving the bylaw 3rd reading. Recommend that Council therefore give bylaw 547 the first reading, review the OCP, then host a public hearing for any additional input prior to it being considered for final readings and adoption.

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229/2011 **Moved, seconded** by Councillors Davis/Cameron that Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 547, 2010 be given the First Reading.

CARRIED

There will be a public hearing at the Recreation Centre on June 17th at 7:00pm for the OCP Bylaw#547.

(J) CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MIABC (Municipal Insurance Authority) - notice of grant approval in the amount of \$2260. for risk management.

230/2011 **Moved, seconded** by Councillors Davis/Cameron the item be received.

CARRIED

2. RCMP Quarterly report

231/2011 **Moved, seconded** by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the item be received.

CARRIED

3. NSEDC (Nootka Sound Economic Development Corp) (2011 quarterly report)

232/2011 **Moved, seconded** by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the item be received.

CARRIED

4. Village of Tahsis Municipal Drinking Water Emergency Response plan - for information.

BC Ambulance contact information is to be added.

(K) FINANCIAL REPORTS

None at this time. The Budget was adopted on May 9, 2011. Tax notices are being prepared and sent. The audited financial statement will be made available when it is received from BDO Dunwoody (apparently in the next week or so)

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(L) NEW BUSINESS

1. VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority) Letter of concern to Synex

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the letter be received.

CARRIED

2. Letter from Alice Thompson, of REMAX regarding the cost of development in Tahsis.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the item be received.

CARRIED

3. CMES - Letter from Stephanie Dahling requesting Council's consideration of a grant in aid to assist with the purchase of year book covers. (CAO reports that there is approx. \$5000 total in the grant in aid budget).

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Moved, seconded by Mayor Dahling/Councillor Davis that staff be directed to get clarity on the amount needed for the purchase of yearbook covers and report back to council.

CARRIED

4. Junior Rangers - letter from M/Cpl. Dan Dahling requesting complimentary use of the Rec. Ctr pool, bowling alley during normal hours on Friday evening (June 3) and the gymnasium over night. Including Gold River, there would be approx. 20 junior rangers. (Rec. Ctr. Manager advises this will not interfere with the Great Walk issues)

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that Council provide complimentary use of the Rec. Facility as requested.

CARRIED

5. Tahsis Lions Club-letter from Maureen Roth requesting extended hours at the Rec. Centre for the use of the showers and pool. (Rec. Ctr. Manager has offered her services on a voluntary basis)

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that Council provide extended hours of the Rec. Facility as requested.

CARRIED

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6. Business License Bylaw review (memos from the CAO and Treasurer attached)

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Moved, seconded by Mayor Dahling/Councillor Davis that Council adopt recommendations (b) and (c) as stated in the report from the CAO.

CARRIED

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that Council adopt Results #3(a) to (h) as stated in the report from Mike Huffman, Accountant.

CARRIED

7. Notice of Motion-Mayor Dahling-BC Drinking Water Protection Act & Regulations-43210

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Moved, seconded by Mayor Dahling/Councillor Cameron that staff be directed to make any necessary changes to the draft copy of the BC Drinking Water Protection Act & Regulations-43210, and forward to UBCM.

CARRIED

(M) 2nd PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Several questions were asked regarding the proposed amendments to the business licensing bylaw policy.
2. Kim Anderson thanked council, on behalf of the Lions Club, for extending the hours of the Rec Centre for the weekend of the Great Walk.
3. Question as to whether any changes had been made to the OCP since the last public hearing. Mayor Dahling replied that no changes have been made.
4. Enquiry as to whether Bouncehard Productions has been sent an invoice. Mayor Dahling replied that an invoice has been sent.

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(N) ADJOURNMENT:

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Moved by Councillor Davis that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Certified correct this 24th day of May, 2011

Adopted by Council this ____ day of _____, 2011

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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