



Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council
Held **November 15, 2011** at the Council Chambers
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna

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

Regrets: Councillors Schooner and Atkinson

Staff: CAO and CFO

6 members of the public and the press were in attendance.

(A) CALL TO ORDER:

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

(B) INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

1. **November 8 meeting with MOT** report attached. Under item K-2
2. **November 22 meeting in Victoria with Ministers Thompson and DeJong.** Under item K-3

(C) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the Agenda for the November 15, 2011 Regular Council meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(D) PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS: none.

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(E) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 1, 2011

/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 1, 2011 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

(F) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1) CFO report on Tax Penalties

2) Funding and Budget to repair the pool furnace and boilers, as well as playground equipment. Memo from CFO attached. (PW are obtaining quotes and prices).

3) Volunteer Fire Recruitment Budget-as requested, Memo from CFO attached.

These items have been referred to the incoming Council for direction and follow up.

(G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nomination of Friendly Cove Lighthouse (Yoquot) as a heritage site. Staff have drafted and sent a letter to First Nations requesting their support of a petition.

2. IPP Water Reserve Grant Application-CAO will be working with Mayor Dahling in this regard.

These items have also been referred to the new Council for follow up.

(H) COUNCIL REPORTS

1) Mayor C. Dahling – had no report at this time.

2) Councillor S. Atkinson – was absent and provided no report.

3) Councillor A. Cameron – written report was presented.

Thank you for coming out tonight. You may well be feeling just a bit over-exposed to political speech, rhetoric and hot air, and if you are feeling like that, I understand. Silly season is nearly over. Please, show up at the polls, vote, make your voices heard. Bring a friend or two, try to make Tahsis an exception to the usual where voter turn-out for municipal politics is lower than for provincial or federal. No other level of government is as immediately involved in your life as municipal government, the more knowledgeable and aware you are, the more you can protect yourself and do your bit to keep taxes from creeping up, up, and away...

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A couple of fulminations are making the rounds. Certain people seem to be telling voters that this mayor and council has stifled democracy and limited public input to only one session, and only ten minutes. Excuse me. One session of public input, yes. But not limited to ten minutes. The ten minute limit applies per PERSON, it does not limit the sum total of the time allocated to public input.

The other gas-bagging revolves around an item this mayor and Council put before the Union of BC Municipalities, asking for protected status for the off-shore shelf of the west coast of Vancouver Island. The latest fulmination is that if this is enacted nobody will be able to steer their boat through "the cut".

Come on. I mean, really. Cathedral Grove has protected status and the highway runs right through it. You can drive through Banff National Park, every time we got to Campbell River for a soft ice cream cone we drive through Strathcona Park...of course you'll be able to drive your boat through the cut. You just won't be allowed to drop crab pots or prawn traps in the area where the glass corals and the exotic sponges grow. I can't believe anybody would have such a low opinion of the intelligence of the voters in Tahsis as to spread this particular film of barnyard manure and think anyone will believe it.

I've been busy with the Tahsis Literacy Society, dealing primarily with questions to do with the Community Garden and what form and shape that endeavor is going to take. Representatives of the funding body are coming to town in less than two weeks and I'm hoping many of the questions will be answered and some of the knots untangled.

I brought with me a copy of a report from Statistics Canada showing that in 2010 gross output in aquaculture increased in B.C. but wages fell by 12 per cent compared with 2009. So, once again, the corporations are increasing their profit margin and the workers are being left behind. There's a copy of the report on the table in front of me if you're interested.

It's been a challenge and a privilege to sit at the Council table, and I want to tender my sincere thanks to the voters who put me here. I hope to be re-elected but if the voters decide otherwise, I'm fine with that, too. Again, I urge you to show up, bring a friend or two, and vote. Those who do not vote have no right at all to moan, complain, criticize or snivel.

Thank you for coming out tonight. Your presence is valuable to the democratic process.

4) Councillor J. Schooner – was absent however provided a written report.

I am unable to attend this council meeting due to working at the library.

My report is as follows:

Since the last council meeting I attended the Parent Advisory Committee on the 7th of November. The members were brought up to date on current and upcoming fund raisers such as: the Christmas Stocking, Purdy's Chocolate orders and a raffle that will be held soon.

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PAC is looking for volunteers for the making of perogies and cabbage rolls for the upcoming Christmas bazaar and you can contact Corrinne Vansolkema if you are interested in helping. A motion was put forward to seek funding for the Missoula Theatre workshops and performances in the new year. Everyone was reminded about of the community events surrounding the Produce Availability Initiative titled "Growing the next Generation" on November 23rd which include a Chef Demo and Film plus viewing a slide show titled "Food Matters: Growing the Next Generation" presented by health nutritionist, Joanne Bays on the 24th of November.

On the 8th of November, Mayor Dahling, Councillor Davis and myself met with personnel from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss the maintenance and future plans for Head Bay Road. It was stated that communication with the Village of Tahsis, other stakeholders such as emergency responders was needed and that maintenance of the road on a consistent basis was paramount. The Ministry could not guarantee the Village that any further seal coating would take place in the near future.

On the 9th I attended School District 84's Community Consultation at Captain Meares which reviewed the budget process, literacy initiatives in the school and an update on the current strike action by teachers. The communication with parents and teachers is ongoing and though teachers may not be able to do report cards but they will met with parents letting them know how their children are doing during the course of the school week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Tahsis that elected me 3 years ago. I have had the opportunity to learn a great deal and to represent this community in many facets. It has been a privilege and a term that I will never forget. Thank you again.

I sincerely apologize for not being able to attend tonight.

Councillor Jude Schooner
Village of Tahsis

5) Councillor M. Davis – had no report at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (a yearend report will be provided to the incoming Council)

(I) **BYLAWS** – there were no bylaws at this time.

(J) **CORRESPONDENCE** (for information)

1. Adoption awareness month

2. NSEDC 3rd quarter report

/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron that correspondence be received.

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(K) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Dahling request for complimentary use of the rec. gym and kitchen for the annual Christmas Dinner on December 25th.**

This item will be dealt with by consensus as there was no quorum if the Mayor declared a conflict.

2. **Head Bay road meeting** with the Ministry (report attached)

/2011 Moved, seconded by Councillors Davis/Cameron to receive the report and forward it to the incoming Council for information.

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3. **Victoria meeting with Ministers De Jong and Thompson** regarding the Synex IPP on November 22nd at 10:15 AM.

Mayor Dahling and Councillor Davis confirmed their attendance. Councillors Atkinson and Schooner will be invited.

(L) **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

- Clarification as to the IPP Grant was requested.
- Comment regarding the timing of Head Bay Road brushing (should be twice and after growth starts)
- Question as to Synex bonding requirements.

(M) **ADJOURNMENT**

/2011 Moved by Councillor Davis that the meeting adjourn at 7:23 pm.

Certified Correct this 17th day of November, 2011

Bob Lafleur
Corporate Officer

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