



BUSINESS SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Tahsis has a strong business core with basic amenities and services. For a directory of local businesses and services, refer to the Village website Service Directory:

www.villageoftahsis.com/services

◆ BUSINESS SERVICES ◆

Telus

Residential Service: 310-2255

Business Service: 310-3100

A Telus microwave tower supplies telephone service. Microwave service is used on most of the North Island and provides a very good quality of service. Currently, Telus is supplying a toll free line for Tahsis residents for Telus dialup Internet service.



Telus Microwave Tower

BC Hydro

Electricity is distributed to the Village of Tahsis from the Tahsis Village Substation, which is owned by BC Hydro and operated and maintained by BC Transmission Corporation. This two-transformer substation currently operates at about 40% of its firm capacity.

Load growth in the area is forecast to be approximately 12% over the next 10 years — well within the substation's total capacity.

Conuma Cable

Contact: (250) 934-6411

Conuma Cable provides cable TV service and High Speed Internet to Tahsis and Gold River. The system

is built for large future capacity for data and digital services.

Mail and Courier

Currently, Canada Post and Purolator Courier service Tahsis on business days, and ICAN Transport provides refrigerated truck delivery on Fridays. Tahsis Building Supply is the local Purolator Agency.

ICAN Transport Ltd.

1469-16th Ave, Campbell River BC

Contact: (250) 287-9559

◆ EVENT FACILITIES ◆

Tahsis accommodation totals close to 300 beds. Event facilities are available at local resorts and municipal buildings.

Accommodation capacity is listed in the Tahsis Accommodation & Event Facilities spreadsheet, which is available in the business information



The Lodge Tahsis Harbour

list on the guides page of the Village of Tahsis community profile website: www.tahsis.ca/guides

The spreadsheet itemizes local facilities including square footage and capacity. Photos of Tahsis facilities are also available on the Village of Tahsis community profile website:

www.tahsis.ca/event-facilities.html

◆ BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES ◆

◆ AQUACULTURE ◆

A 10 Hectare McBride Bay site is to be developed into a shellfish farm as a Tahsis Co-operative. The Village of Tahsis is currently preparing a detailed implementation business plan that will address the financial, management and employment issues. Public information meetings to bring the co-operative opportunity to the community will be held in the near future.



Four additional shellfish tenures in Nootka Sound have been acquired by the Village, with the intention of providing other entrepreneurial and joint venture opportunities.

All four sites are within an hour's commute by water from Tahsis. In the future, it is expected to have a processing plant within the Village. For further information contact the Village of Tahsis.

◆ AGRI FORESTRY ◆

The Co-op was founded in 2003 and has been researching the local supply and the market for Salal, mushrooms & berries, ferns, Christmas boughs, pine cones, devil's club and other herbs, forest food products and floral greenery.

The Tahsis Agri Forestry Co-op has an agreement with Western Forest Products Inc. that the Co-op may do cuttings on lands before the timber harvesting. The Co-op is working towards establishing an Agri Forestry buying station in Tahsis for local pickers, and to ship product to market. Any local resident may join the Co-op, work with their harvesting plan and sell their products to the buying station when open for operation. For further information contact the Village of Tahsis



◆ INDUSTRIAL SITE ◆

To lease space in the Industrial Site, contact Ron Todd, rtodd@westernforest.com, Manager of Nootka Contract Administration, Western Forest Products Inc., Box 220, Gold River V0P 1G0, 250-283-2221. See page 16 for a map of the Industrial Site.

There are currently seven industrial tenants at the Industrial Site, and there is additional room for interested parties. The site is supplied with 3-phase power from the BC Hydro substation that supplies the Tahsis community. The site has water, a scow grid for barge access, a small wharf, and a small log sort. The site is adjacent to deep sea access, a deep sea port,



and a Heliport. There is a sewer hookup at the entrance, and some sewer lines within the site that would require maintenance and the addition of a lift station to be able to service the industrial site. The site is

paved and fenced. License agreements are available from Western Forest Products Inc.. Agreements are for a one-year period, renewable annually.

Small operators in the industrial site do some log sorting, and a larger dry land sort is located 3 miles south in West Tahsis. To contract for use of this log sort, contact Western Forest Products Inc..

◆ TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ◆

Tahsis is serviced by Canada Post and Purolator, and ICAN Transport Ltd on Fridays. There are no public or private transportation services to move people between Tahsis, Campbell River and the Comox Valley, or within Tahsis.

Many Tahsis businesses, including the Fishing Charter services, Marinas, Hotel, B&Bs and Motel, would be supportive of a new transport company that would offer passenger service between Tahsis, Gold River, Campbell River and

Comox, as well as in-town taxi services and delivery services.

There is potential for a viable pick-up/delivery service in and out of Campbell River and Comox. For information on the requirements to provide this service, see the BC Passenger Transportation Board.

B.C. Passenger Transportation Board

PO Box 9850 STN PROV GOVT

202 - 940 Blanshard Street

Victoria, BC, V8W 9T5

Ph: (250) 953-3777

Fx: (250) 953-3788

Website: www.ptboard.bc.ca

Email: ptboard@gems8.gov.bc.ca

◆ADVENTURE TOURISM◆



The Village of Tahsis policies are supportive of operators wishing to establish an adventure business in Tahsis. The rugged and pristine landscape around Tahsis offers many recreational possibilities.

See the Outdoor Recreation Appendix for a detailed description of the outdoor recreation aspects of our area, which include hiking, kayaking, caving & climbing, surfing, windsurfing & kite boarding, diving, snorkeling, sport fishing, and wildlife viewing. The Regional Information section of the Community Profile provides contact information for Land and Water BC — an essential first stop for entrepreneurs seeking to use crown land and waters for business or recreational purposes.

◆MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRY◆

Furniture making, specialty woodworking and small water craft building are some of the possible industries for Tahsis. Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) is willing to give



The BC Hydro Substation in Tahsis

local operators with small milling and manufacturing operations access to the fiber harvested as part of the community forest license. The available fiber includes cedar and cypress of premium grades. Contact information for NSEDC is located in the Regional Information section.

◆INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & ESL◆

Tahsis has a safe, quiet community with many households interested in offering Home Stay experiences for foreign students. The local school, Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School, offers



a low ratio of teachers to students and excellent facilities with High Speed Internet access, all in a remote natural setting.



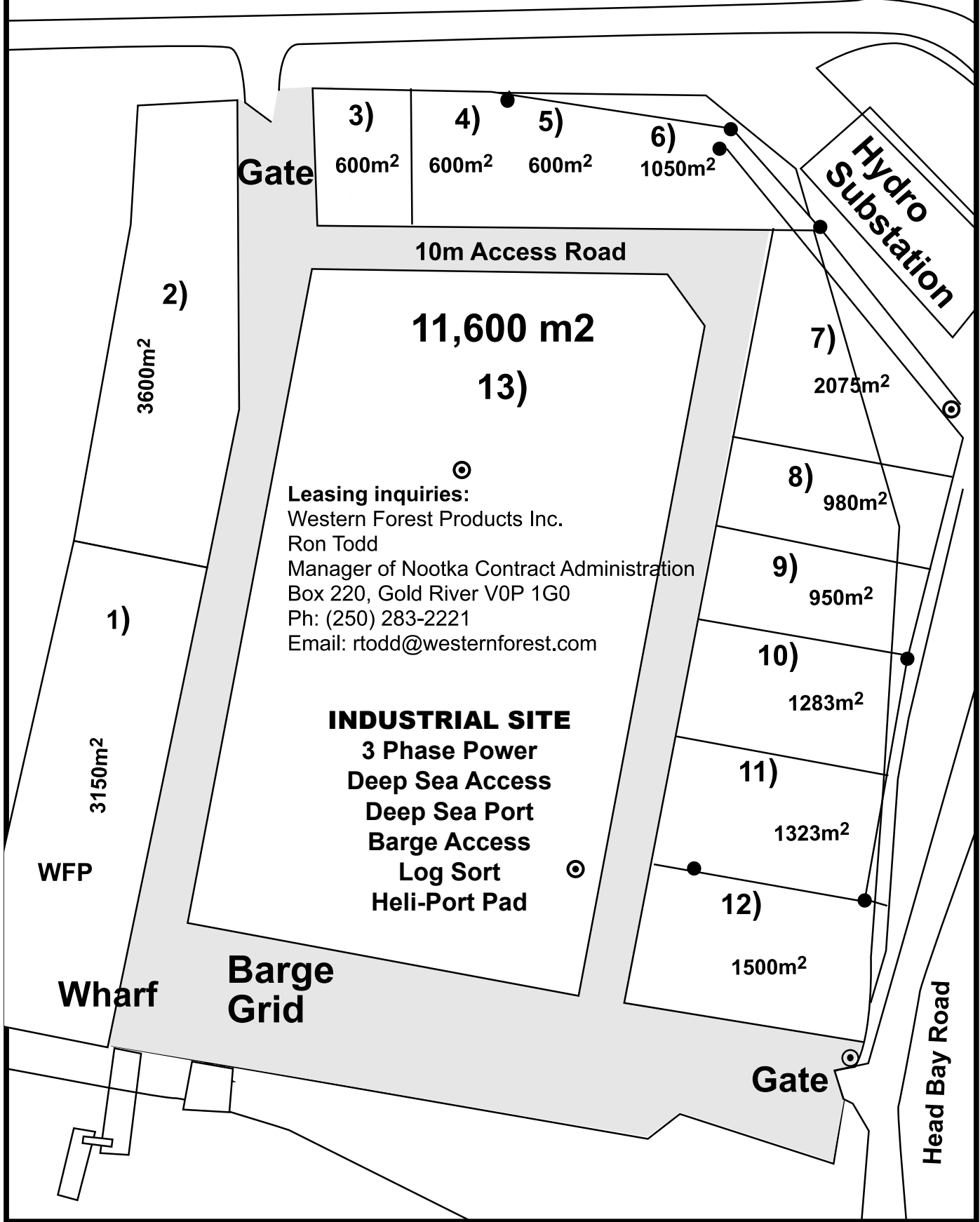
CMESS and School District 84 are receptive to hosting a program for International Students, and would be willing to work with an independent operator

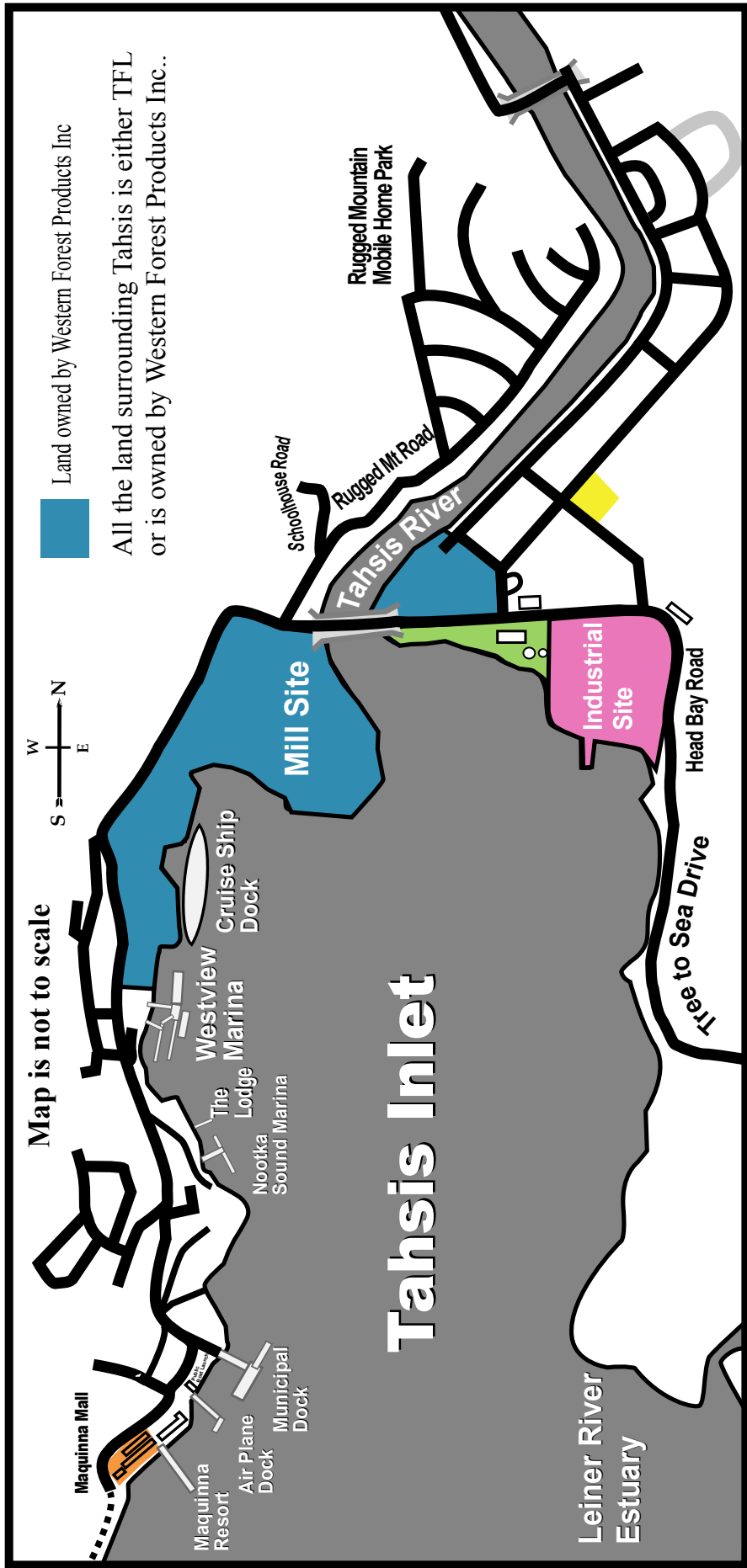
interested in setting up such a program as a business.

Interested parties may contact CMESS:

Ph: (250) 934-6305

Schedule A





- Industrial land available for lease from Western Forest Products Inc..
- Municipal land & Heliport
- Double commercial lot for sale by Raj Sharma (Tahsis Supermarket)
Contact Raj Sharma (250) 934-6232
- Commercial and retail space for rent in Maquinna Resort
Contact Keith Nichol (250) 934-6367

Commercial and Industrial space available in Tahsis

The Village of Tahsis has zoning that allows small business operations and cottage industry in homes in the residential section. Currently the Village of Tahsis is working with Western Forest Products Inc. and on their Community Plan to make commercial and industrial lands available for purchase.

◆ FUTURE OF TAHSIS ◆

The Village of Tahsis is in the process of updating its Official Community Plan with the assistance of Regional District planning staff.

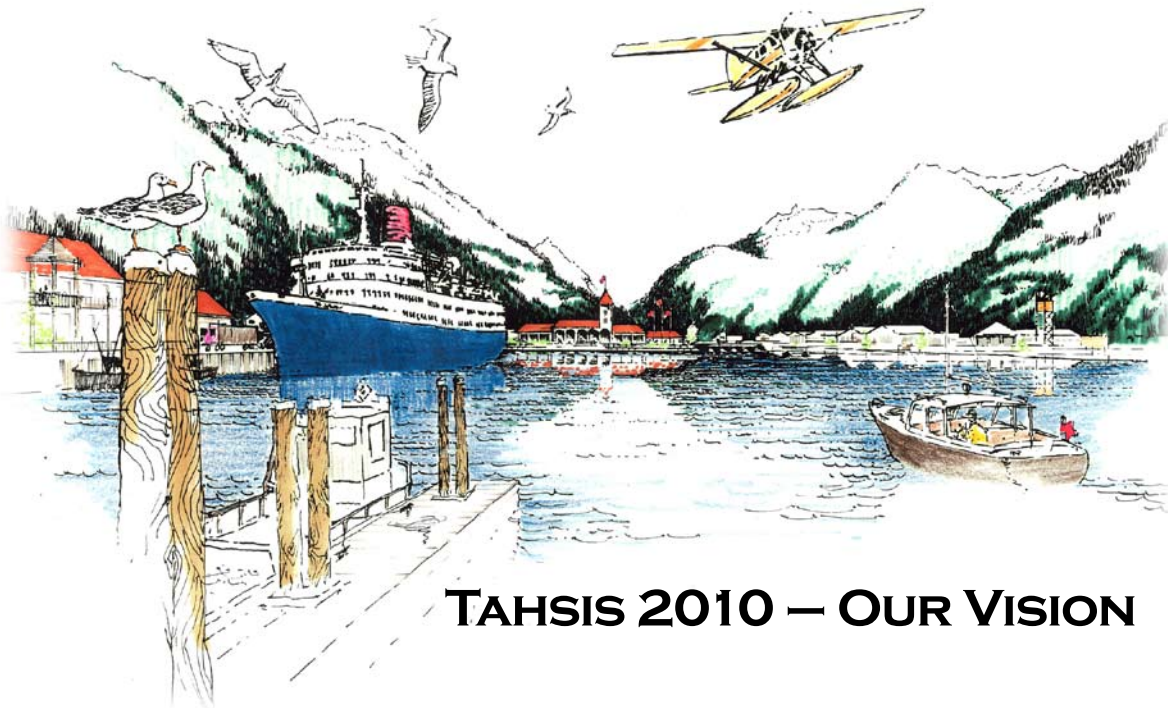
The Community Plan was last done in 1996. Public meetings started in early September 2004, allowing residents to participate in the planning process. As a part of this process the Village will be reviewing its zoning, zoning maps and municipal boundaries.

This process will allow the Village to grow in a controlled manner, with a strong emphasis on

sustainable growth, environmentally friendly businesses and industries, sound economic impact, and a future for our young families.

The Tahsis Village Council and Mayor have a vision of Tahsis that was developed in the summer of 2003. This vision was presented to Premier Gordon Campbell during the Convention for the Union of BC Municipalities in the Fall of 2003.

Vision 2010 is providing inspiration for the 2004/2005 Community Planning process.



TAHSIS 2010 – OUR VISION

◆ OUR ASSETS ◆

- Spectacular former mill site on tidewater
- Deep sea dock, visited by cruise ship in 2003
- Expanded heli-port
- High Speed Internet service
- Existing and emerging local businesses
- Aquaculture
- Logging
- Charter fishing
- Kayaking, surfing and other adventure tourism

◆ OUR GOAL ◆

- Revitalized Village centre on the former Doman Industries mill site with Cruise Ship Dock, park and green space, service and retail
- Renewal of our natural resource economy through eco-tourism, adventure tourism and light industry