



COMMUNITY SERVICES & ORGANIZATIONS

◆ MEDICAL FACILITIES ◆

Tahsis Health Centre

Box 399, 1085 South Maquinna Drive
 Ph: (250) 934-6322 Fx: (250) 934-6404
 Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:24 PM, Monday to Friday
 For after hours assistance not requiring an ambulance, call:
Nurse Pager: (888) 915-5204

The Centre is staffed with a receptionist and 2 full time critical care nurses, on call 24 hours a day. A Doctor is available for appointments on Tuesday and Thursday.



The Tahsis Health Centre has an emergency department, lab services Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Diabetic Clinic once a year, home Registered Nurse care, and offers Public Health Services & Immunizations.

BC Nurse Line: (866) 215-4700 for medical advice
Pharmacare: (800) 387-4977



Tahsis Health Centre

Counseling Services

Two counselors come in each month to the Tahsis Medical Centre to offer counseling for grief, drug & alcohol addiction, conflicts, family issues, and Mental Health issues.

Homecare Services

Ph: (250) 830-2222
 Community Supported Independent Living Program (CSILP) Homecare Services are supplied by referral from your doctor for clients who are capable of managing their self care contract. Services are provided through the CSILP in Campbell River.

Wheelchair Access

The Village of Tahsis has worked to create a disabled-friendly community, and all municipal facilities and most businesses in Tahsis are wheelchair accessible.

◆ EMERGENCY SERVICES ◆

Nootka Sound RCMP

Box 699, Gold River V0P 1G0

Police Non-Emergency: (877) 283-2227

The Nootka Sound RCMP has a detachment in Tahsis. For non-emergency calls, contact the Gold River office on the Toll Free number.



Tahsis Ambulance Service

Ph: (250) 934-6611

The Tahsis Ambulance Service has been established for 32 years. All Ambulance Attendants are volunteers, trained by the B.C. Ambulance Service. The Ambulance Service has an office and one ambulance in Tahsis.

In case of an emergency, the Ambulance volunteers are paged. They bring the patient to the Tahsis Health Centre Emergency Department, which has two critical care nurses on 24 hour call, plus a doctor available 24 hours a day by phone. A doctor is in Tahsis 2 days a week.

If the patient's condition warrants, he/she can be evacuated by road or helicopter to Campbell River Hospital.

Tahsis Volunteer Fire Department

Ph: (250) 934-6666

The Tahsis Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1962. The fully equipped fire station has two fire trucks and a full complement of volunteers. In event of a fire or emergency, 911 will page the volunteers. Response time is less than 10 minutes.



◆CHURCHES◆

Tahsis Christian Church Society

The Tahsis Christian Church Society (formed July, 2004) was first established as a United Church in 1957, with the Reverend Mr. Bill Howie presiding over the congregation — then known as the Tahsis Inlet Marina Mission. Rev. Howie traveled in a 36' Cabin Cruiser mission boat, the *Melvin Swarthout*, to minister to the camps and communities around the inlet. Meetings in Tahsis were held in a residence across from the current Municipal Hall. The church

was built and opened in October of 1959. During the heyday of the Mill operation in Tahsis, the congregation was as high as 80 people. Currently the congregation numbers about twenty.

This classic styled A-frame building overlooking Tahsis Inlet is the largest church in Tahsis, with a recreation hall, community kitchen and thrift store.

The church is frequently used for community group meetings and community events including a Pancake Breakfast served the Sunday following the Great Walk and on Easter Sunday. In fact, prior to the building of the Tahsis Recreation Centre in 1972, the building was a popular location for community events and meetings.



Everyone is welcome to attend the services, which are held Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Tahsis's Roman Catholic Church is a heritage building built in 1948 with a breathtaking view of the Inlet. The residence was added in 1954. Initially St. Joseph's had a full time Priest and Sister, but in more recent years the church has a visiting priest once a month with a full mass, followed by a luncheon. Lay members of the congregation conduct a communion service the rest of the month.

Everyone is welcome, visitor or local, to attend the church on Sunday at 11:00 AM, and to attend the monthly potluck lunch following the service. Special services are held during Christmas and Easter.



Tahsis Ambulance Crew

◆COMMUNITY SERVICES◆

Recreation Centre

Box 519, 285 Alpine View, Tahsis BC, V0P 1X0

Ph: (250) 934-6443

Monday to Friday 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

The Tahsis Recreation Centre was built in 1972 and functions as the community recreation centre and community centre. Facilities include a 5-pin bowling alley, climbing wall, gymnasium, community room, community kitchen, childcare room, indoor swimming pool & sauna, weight room and Internet café, as well as several meeting rooms.



The community kitchen has service window access to an outdoor plaza suitable for large gatherings. The Recreation Centre has modest user fees for individuals and families, and for community groups. See the Event Facilities page at www.tahsis.ca for photos and hourly rates of the Recreation Centre amenities. Outside facilities at the Recreation Centre include a children's playground and baseball field.

Vancouver Island Regional Library, Tahsis Branch

977 South Maquinna, Tahsis BC

Ph: (250) 934-6621

Tues & Thurs: 2:00 to 4:30 PM.

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Wed: 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

The Tahsis library is part of the Vancouver Island Regional Library. Located on the upper floor of the Municipal Offices, the well-stocked library houses computers with High-Speed Internet and access to online library resources. A librarian is available for assistance.



◆EDUCATION◆

School District 84

Box 100, Gold River BC, V0P 1G0

Ph: (250) 283-2241

School district 84 encompasses Gold River, Tahsis, Zeballos, and Kyuquot. All four communities have Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools, and Gold River has an Elementary and a Secondary School. There are 5 trustees on the School Board, two from



Gold River and one each from the other three communities. School Trustees are elected during Municipal Elections for each community. The Board office is the

Administrative Headquarters, with the Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer, and Human Resources Supervisor and support staff for the School District. The Board Office is also Head Office for the Technology Department, Maintenance Department and District Resource Centre.

Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School

Box 460, Tahsis BC, V0P 1X0

Ph: (250) 934-6305

CMESS was built in 1972, and the Elementary Wing was added in 1976. CMESS has a full regulation basketball court/gymnasium, 2 computer labs, a home economics room, library, science lab, and five classrooms. There is an Elementary playground and a full size softball and soccer

field. In the Elementary Wing there are six classrooms. Currently five full time teachers and the Principal comprise the teaching staff, with some additional volunteers from the community offering extra-curricular activities. CMESS is a focal point for community events as well as the education centre for Tahsis.

CMESS covers Kindergarten to Grade 12 with small class sizes and provides a full graduation program for grades 10 to 12. Many of our graduating students go on to higher education, with various bursaries and awards to help them defray costs.

Parent's Advisory Committee for CMES

The Parent's Advisory Committee (PAC) works with the CMES School Principal and Teachers to improve conditions for students, and to raise funds for student supplies and extra curricular activities. PAC also provides the school lunch program.

◆COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS◆

Tahsis Art Society

The Tahsis Arts Society formed in 2002 with the mandate to encourage the arts in Tahsis, and began by putting on several local Art Walks. Since 2002 more artists and musicians have moved to Tahsis: there are now over two dozen artists; painters, crafters, musicians, authors, carvers, sculptors, theatre people and woodworkers.

The Tahsis Art Society holds an annual Tahsis Art Trail and CoffeeHouse on the July long weekend and hosts musical events for Tall Ships visiting Tahsis. The Tahsis Art Society also hosts regular musical events and Open Mic evenings at the Sacred Grounds Coffee House, open to local and visiting musicians.



Doug Edward, carver

Tahsis Chamber of Commerce

Chamber/Info Centre
Box 278, Tahsis BC V0P 1X0
Ph: (250) 934-6667

Founded in 1979, the Chamber is one of the most active community service organizations in Tahsis, and organizes or assists many of the community events in town including: the Great Walk, Tahsis Days, the Hallowe'en Festivities, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and other Christmas festivities.

The Chamber organizes the advertising insert for The Record newspaper, manages the Tahsis Chamber of Commerce website www.tahsischamber.com, produces the Nootka Sound Area Map, supplies brochures on Tahsis to the Village and to Vancouver Island Info Centers, and operates the Visitor Info Centre. The Tahsis Chamber assists in promoting the village and village businesses, and arranges for various BC Chamber discounts for members.

Tahsis Economic Development Society (TEDS)

TEDS was formed in 2002 to develop new economic activity in Tahsis. Since its formation TEDS has worked on proposals and sought funding for projects. Currently TEDS is working with the Village of Tahsis to build the Leiner River Boardwalk during the winter to be ready for public use in summer of 2005. Past successful projects include the Village of Tahsis website www.villageoftahsis.com.

Tahsis Food Bank

The Tahsis Food Bank is a volunteer organization that provides food for lower income families and individuals in Tahsis, and provides for the school lunch program at CMES.

The Tahsis Heritage Society

The Tahsis Heritage Society is primarily responsible for the Museum, and shares the same heritage building as the Tahsis Chamber of Commerce Info Centre. Society members are active in collecting archive information and artifacts, and conduct group tours of Tahsis and the museum.

The Tahsis Heritage Society and the Tahsis Economic Development Society jointly developed a local Heritage Walk brochure featuring historical sites, available at the Tahsis Recreation Centre and available online in the



Paul Fletcher and heritage display
guides section of the Village of Tahsis community profile website: www.tahsis.ca/guides

Tahsis Hospital Auxiliary

The Tahsis Hospital Auxiliary was founded in 1972 when the original hospital was built. The Tahsis Hospital Auxiliary continues its non-profit work of fundraising to buy equipment and patient comfort items for the new Tahsis Health Centre, first opened in 1998. You can see the Auxiliary members out in

the community volunteering for the Great Walk, putting on a bake sale table at the Christmas Bazaar, and sponsoring the Tahsis Days Duck Race.



Tahsis Hospital Auxillary members volunteering for kitchen duty during the Great Walk.

Tahsis Lions Club

The Tahsis Lions Club has been active for over 30 years raising money for charity and contributing to the community and community events. The Great Walk is the Lions' major fundraiser, and raises in excess of \$100,000 for a wide variety of charities. Walkers donate the money they raise to their charity of choice.



Tahsis Lions' Kitchen at the Polar Bear Swim

The Tahsis Lions run their portable kitchen for community events such as the Great Walk, Hallowe'en, the Christmas Tree Lighting and Polar Bear Swim. They also provide a yearly \$1,000 bursary for CMESS for post secondary education.

Tahsis Rugged Mountain Rod & Gun Club

The Tahsis Rugged Mountain Rod & Gun Club has been active in Tahsis since the 1950s. In 1995 the club established a shooting range near the Leiner River Bridge. They have completed a long bore range, and are adding an archery range, 50 yard range, and a trap shooting range. Access to the range is limited to members and guests.

Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Society

Each year the Tahsis Salmonoid Program releases from 250,000 to 500,000 fry (80% Chinook 20% Coho) into the Tahsis and Leiner Rivers. The program is staffed 100% by volunteers with the assistance of a coordinator from Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Currently the Society is asking for Tahsis community groups to raise funds for the Salmonoid Program, to upgrade the water supply system.



Male salmon waiting to be milked by a Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Society volunteer.

Tahsis Volunteer Fire Department

In addition to the primary firefighting duties, the TVFD is active as a service organization, and monitors public bonfires such as at Hallowe'en. The Department also works with the Tahsis Lions to take Santa around town to give out candy and presents and provide an escort to the Children's Christmas party.

The Department has a Christmas party and summer picnic for all past and present volunteers, and has a reunion every 10 years. The Fire Department also works to raise public awareness with an active Fire Prevention Program including: 'Fire Chief for a Day' for children, a general education program for the School, and Fire Prevention Week. They also raise money for Muscular Dystrophy year round.

