



MUNICIPAL & REGIONAL INFORMATION

◆ MUNICIPALITY OF TAHSIS ◆

Village of Tahsis

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◆ VILLAGE OF TAHSIS COUNCIL ◆

Tahsis has a mayor and 4 councillors, elected every 3 years. Council is responsible for development of Village Operational Policy and Procedures, Village Strategic Planning and Land Use, and Bylaws. Council sets the direction for Economic Development Initiatives.



The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Village, and represents the Village of Tahsis at the monthly meetings of the Regional District of Comox/Strathcona.

◆ PUBLIC WORKS ◆

The Village of Tahsis employs two full time Public Works employees, and several casual and part-time employees for the Recreation Centre, Government Dock, and to cover general Public Works duties.



Public Works Yard

Treatment, Sewer Plant management, and all general maintenance duties within Municipal Boundaries such as Road Maintenance and Snow Removal.

A fully serviced recycling centre is beside the Public Works yard at the intersection of McKelvie and North Maquinna. The recycling station also has a bin for household waste.

◆ TAXES AND UTILITIES ◆

Residential taxes range from \$1,000 to \$1,200 annually, reduced by the Homeowner Grant if the Tahsis property is the homeowner's primary address. Water, sewer and garbage utility fees for residences are currently \$403.55 annually. Commercial taxes and utilities vary depending on usage. Council has endeavored, during the mill-closing transition, to keep the commercial taxes down to stimulate business growth and relocation to Tahsis. Phone the Village office for information on your potential rates and taxes.

◆ ZONING & COMMUNITY PLANNING ◆

The Village is in the process of updating its Official Community Plan with the assistance of Regional District planning staff. The OCP was last prepared in 1996. Public meetings are being held this winter and local residents are participating in the planning process.

As a part of this process the Village will be reviewing municipal boundaries and zoning, and updating the zoning

maps. Upon completion, the Village of Tahsis zone information and maps will be available as a digital file for the general public on the Village Website. Currently zoning information and maps are at the Village office.



◆**BUSINESS LICENSES**◆

Business licenses range from \$10 to \$50 per year, and include a listing on the Village website. Display ads on the Village website are \$40 per year.

◆**WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY**◆

All houses are connected to the sewer system and water system. Municipal water is supplied from

glacier fed McKelvie Creek. McKelvie creek is a pristine watershed, doubly filtered as the water comes from the glacier, goes underground, bubbles through the ground and comes up in the creek, where it is taken into the municipal water system and lightly chlorinated to meet Provincial Government standards before being dispersed to the town.

The Village of Tahsis water system capacity can easily handle a population in excess of 2,500. The sewage system has two treatment plants. The second treatment plant was established in anticipation of additional subdivisions, so the Village sewage system has capacity for future growth.

◆**POPULATION**◆

Full time residents 650, summertime residents and visitors 2,000

◆**REGIONAL INFORMATION**◆

Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC)

115-396 Nimpkish, Gold River V0P 1G0
Ph: (250) 283-9260 Fx: (250) 283-9270

In 1997 the Ministry of Forests granted a community forest license to the municipalities of Tahsis, Zeballos and Gold River.

The NSEDC was formed to manage the license. The non-renewable forest license was for 40,000 cubic metres harvested annually for 15 years. The shareholders are the 3 municipalities, and they appoint one member from each municipal council and two local representatives — a total of 9 board members.

Currently, the Ministry of Forests has reduced the total allowable cut for the Strathcona Timber Supply Area, and the current cut for the NSEDC license is now 35,766 cubic metres.

The Corporation holds a portion of the proceeds from timber sales, and dividends are paid to the shareholding municipalities on an annual basis. 12,000 cubic metres of the annual allowable cut is

made available for local use, and over the years a number of small manufacturers in each community have made use of the available fiber, usually cedar and cypress of premium grades.

◆**GEOGRAPHY**◆

The Nootka Sound area is rugged coastal rainforest over volcanic rock, with a thin topsoil and



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steep and the inlets resemble the fjords of Norway. The long winding inlets, scattered islands and steep mountains combine to create sheltered waterways; Nootka Sound, Esperanza Inlet and Tahsis Inlet are consequently protected from the full force of the Pacific winds and waves.

◆CLIMATE◆

The central west coast of Vancouver Island — from Brooks Peninsula to Estevan — is classified as a temperate rainforest, and has the mildest weather in Canada with a mean annual temperature range of 9 degrees Celsius. Summers are temperate and sunny, with the peak temperature occurring in August. Winters are mild with some snowfall during the winter months, mostly at higher elevations.

Rainfall is strongly seasonal with peak rainfall occurring October to December and minimum rainfall occurring June to August. Total rainfall averages 3,000 to 4,000 mm per year, the highest in Canada.

Fog is relatively common along the coast, with most fog occurrences from October through February, with a secondary peak in August.

◆FIRST NATIONS◆



Yuquot — Friendly Cove dock and lighthouse

The present day Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation has the closest connection to Tahsis and the Nootka area, and own reserve land beside the Leiner Estuary. Present day population numbers between 500 and 600, with 170 band members residing in Tsaxana near Gold River, the rest residing in other locations on Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation own Nootka First Nations Forest Products Ltd, and operate the Ahaminaquus Tourist Information Centre, Gift Store, Cabin rentals and guided tours at Yuquot (Friendly Cove). Mt. Leighton is a silviculture operation also owned by the band.

There is a cordial communications channel between the Village of Tahsis and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, and many of the long range goals for the region are common to both.

The Nuchatlaht people number about 127 members with about 40 band members living in Ocluje on Espinoza Inlet. The Ehattesah have about 240 Band Members, 90 of them living in Ehatis near Zeballos, and the rest in Campbell River and western Canada.

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations

Box 459, Gold River V0P 1G0

Office location: 100 Ouwatin, Tsaxana

Ph: (250) 283-2015 Toll Free: 1-800-238-2933

Website: www.yuquot.ca

Nuu chah nulth Tribal Council

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council represents the chiefs and membership of 14 first nations on the West Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula north of Kyuquot to Sheringham Point south of Port Renfrew.

Membership includes the Ehattesah, Ka:’yu: k’t’h/Che:k’tles7et’h’, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Nuchatlaht people of the North area of Vancouver Island.

Nuu chah nulth Tribal Council and Community and Human Services

5001 Mission Road

PO Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2

Ph: (250) 724-5757 Fx: (250) 723-0463

Website: www.nuuchahnulth.org/main.htm

Nuu chah nulth Economic Development Corporation

7563 Pacific Rim Highway

PO Box 1384, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2

Ph: (250) 724-3131 Fx: (250) 724-9967



Ha-shilth-sa Newspaper

The Ha-shilth-sa Newspaper covers the events and issues happening throughout Nuuchahnulth. The newspaper is available in PDF format online:

www.nuuchahnulth.org/hashilth.htm

◆ GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ◆

To find a government agency, use Enquiry BC:

Toll Free: 1 800 663-7867

Email: EnquiryBC@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Land and Water British Columbia Inc.

Service Centre - Nanaimo

501-345 Wallace St, Nanaimo BC V9R 5B6

Ph: (250) 741-5650 Fax: (250) 741-5686

Website: www.lwbc.bc.ca

Shellfish Business Unit

501-345 Wallace St

Nanaimo BC V9R 5B6

Ph: (250) 741-5650 Fax: (250) 741-5686

Land and Water British Columbia manages the allocation of Crown land and water resources for the provincial government for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and recreational use.

LWBC assists communities with local development issues, and makes crown land available to support sustainable economic growth. Land and Water BC is an essential first step for entrepreneurs seeking to use crown land and waters for business or recreational purposes.

Ministry of Forests (MOF)

370 South Dogwood Street

Campbell River, BC, V9W 6Y7

Ph: (250) 286-9300

Website: www.for.gov.bc.ca/dcr/

The Ministry of Forests issues licenses and permits for using or transporting crown timber.

Regional District of Comox-Strathcona (RDCS)

600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC, V9N 3P6

Ph: (250) 334-6000 Fx: (250) 334-4358

Toll Free: 1-800-331-6007

Website: www.rdcs.bc.ca

Comox-Strathcona Regional District



The RDCS governs rural residents and represents Comox-Strathcona municipalities on regional issues. The RDCS governs land use outside of municipal boundaries in the Comox-Strathcona region.

The RDCS also provides detailed GIS (Geographical Information Services) Maps on their website:

Website: www.imap.rdcs.bc.ca/imap/onpoint

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