



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 30, 2023

FILE: 0550-04 Board

TO: Chair and Directors
Regional Board

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: DAMAGE TO TLOWITSIS FIRST NATION PROPERTY

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider recommendations from the First Nations Relations Committee with respect to destruction of property at the Tlowitsis First Nation village site in Electoral Area D.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached correspondence was considered at the June 28, 2023 meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee at which time the following recommendations were passed:

Vonesch/Dahl: FNRC 43/23

THAT staff work with local First Nations in a press release supporting development and welcoming growth.

Colborne/Dahl: FNRC 44/23

THAT staff reach out to the Tlowitsis First Nation with the offer of a partial financial contribution towards site safety to be paid for from the Growing Communities Fund.

The actions below are offered in support of the Committee's recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT the Regional District work with local First Nations on a press release supporting development and welcoming growth.
3. THAT the Regional District reach out to the Tlowitsis First Nation with an offer of a partial financial contribution towards site safety to be paid for from the Growing Communities Fund.

Respectfully:



Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment: Copy of June 17, 2023 news release from RCMP



Campbell River RCMP are seeking information from the public regarding recent destruction of property

bc.rcmp.ca/newsroom

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The Campbell River RCMP are actively investigating a recent event of vandalism on the construction site of the new Tlowitsis First Nations Village. Police were notified of the damage on June 15th, 2023 and are looking for help from the public in order to identify the people responsible.

Racist graffiti and damaged construction equipment was located the morning of June 15th, 2023 in the 200 block of Henry Road. The equipment such as light stands, generators, and excavators had windows and glass smashed. The graffiti left behind was predominantly illegible, but one racist term was clearly prominent, the "N" word.

"Damages at the construction site are substantial and will be approximately \$25,000 to repair," said Cst. Maury Tyre. "At this point, it's too early in the investigation to determine whether the actions of the vandals were simply a senseless crime of opportunity or whether it was a targeted act."

If any member of the public has any information regarding this incident, we ask that you contact the Campbell River RCMP at 250-286-6221 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Released by

Cst. Maury Tyre

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