



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, B.C. V9A 3P1

Environment, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

6:30 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 6 - Chair Shona Redman
Member Jesse Baltutis
Member Ilee Cabrera
Member Lee Mauro
Member Kyler Nurmsoo
Member Kayan Panthaki

Regrets 3 - Vice Chair Nathanael Jones
Member Elyse Norgaard Kituri
Member Jamie Proctor

Council Councillor Duncan Cavens
Liaisons: Councillor Tim Morrison

Staff: Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation
Robbie Young, Manager of Parks
Dan Henderson, Facilities Manager
Victoria McKean, Committee Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Redman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and acknowledged with respect the Songhees and Xwsepsem Nations on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Member Mauro, seconded by Member Nurmsoo: That Item 6. Staff Reports be moved before Item 5. Staff Liaison Updates, and the items be renumbered. Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Member Mauro, seconded by Member Baltutis: That the agenda be approved as amended. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

- 1) [25-433](#) Minutes of the Environment, Parks, and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on June 25, 2025

Moved by Member Nurmsoo, seconded by Member Baltutis: That the minutes of the Environment, Parks, and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on June 25, 2025 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) [25-432](#) Ocean Networks Canada - Oceanographic Radar at Saxe Point Park

Ocean Networks Canada presented a PowerPoint to the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee comments included the following:

- Exploring other locations for the radar was suggested as the proposed location is a beautiful vista and the public may not be in support of obstructing the view;
- Support for the initiative was expressed;
- Educational signage containing information about what the radar is, why it is there, what it is accomplishing may be a benefit to enhance public interest.

Moved by Member Nurmsoo, seconded by Member Baltutis: That Council direct staff to collaborate with Ocean Networks Canada to evaluate potential locations for oceanographic radar at Saxe Point Park or surrounding areas. Carried Unanimously.

- 2) [25-434](#) Membership Update

Departing Members Mauro and Jones were recognized and thanked for their years of volunteerism to the Township.

- 3) [25-436](#) CO-PLAY

This item was received for information.

5. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

The Director of Parks and Recreation Services provided the following updates:

- A grant for the turf field was applied for this summer;
- A consultant is being sought for the Recreation Strategic Plan;
- The Community Dock Project is scheduled to be before Council in December;
- Work on the Climate Action Plan, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway, and Building Condition Assessment, is still underway and about 80%

complete;

- A Facility Planning Report is underway, led by Engineering, which focuses on the life cycle of Township facilities;
- The Development Capacity Report, led by Development Services, is underway and will help the Township understand pressure on parks, trees, and amenities;
- An update on the Pavilion Art Program was provided.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Mauro, seconded by Member Baltutis: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 PM. Carried Unanimously.

SHONA REDMAN, CHAIR
ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

VICTORIA MCKEAN
COMMITTEE COORDINATOR
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