



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 Illee 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 it 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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