



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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

## Minutes - Final

### Special Meeting of Council

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Monday, November 8, 2021

5:45 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**Present**    7 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins  
                  Councillor Ken Armour  
                  Councillor Meagan Brame  
                  Councillor Jacob Helliwell  
                  Councillor Lynda Hundleby  
                  Councillor Tim Morrison  
                  Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**Staff:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer  
          Vicki Gannon, Director of Corporate Services & HR  
          Deb Hopkins, Manager of Corporate Services / Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Council meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

**2. LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

**4. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That pursuant to Section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter, the meeting be closed to the general public to discuss personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality. Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the open portion of the Special Council meeting be recessed at 5:46 PM. Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the open portion of the Special Council meeting be reconvened at 5:47 PM. Carried Unanimously.

Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief joined the meeting at 5:47 PM.

**5. RISE AND REPORT**

During the *In Camera* portion of the Special Council meeting, Council passed the following Motion:

“That Council appoint Steve Serbic, Fire Chief, and Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, as Officers of the Township of Esquimalt at the Special Council meeting held November 8, 2021

Mayor Desjardins introduced the new Fire Chief as follows:

The Township is pleased to welcome Steve Serbic back as our new Fire Chief, effective today. As many of you know, Steve was our Assistant Chief, Department Services from September 2015 through to May 2019. Most recently, he returned to Surrey Fire as an Assistant Chief of Operations, where he spent the majority of his career.

Steve has over 24 years of firefighting experience and has a passion for health and wellness, empowering others, and building positive relationships. Off duty, he is well known as a mental health advocate and has traveled across North America as a keynote speaker engaging corporations and fire departments.

Steve has expressed that he is both grateful and excited to return to Esquimalt as our new Fire Chief. He is looking forward to working with the team and to the exciting future ahead, and to the journey towards making Esquimalt Fire the best it can be.

Council and Senior Leadership are all very excited to have Steve return to Esquimalt, and we would also like to thank the exempt team at Fire - Neal Widdifield as acting Fire Chief, and Haida Fortier and Chris Buie for all stepping up and leading the department over the past several weeks.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 5:52 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS  
THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

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DEBRA HOPKINS, CORPORATE OFFICER  
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