



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

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

Special Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 11, 2016

5:45 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 7 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
 Councillor Meagan Brame
 Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn
 Councillor Lynda Hundleby
 Councillor Olga Liberchuk
 Councillor Susan Low
 Councillor Tim Morrison

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
 Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
 Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services
 Marlene Logoa, Community Development Coordinator
 Rachel Dumas, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Mayor Desjardins acknowledged with respect that we are within the Traditional Territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

Development Services

- 1) [16-104](#) Community Vision Statement Review, Staff Report
 DEV-16-022

Community Development Coordinator provided an overview of Community Vision Statement Review, current Township Mission and Vision statements, presented a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions from Council. Official Community Plan review is a two year, 7 Phase Project, with projected completion by Fall 2017. The revised Vision Statement will be presented at the May 4, 2016 OCP review "Looking Forward" Forum.

Council comments included:

- * Use common language
- * Unique to Esquimalt
- * Key words included vibrant, dynamic, diverse and urban
- * Revise presentation of Vision with use of visual aid, similar to the District of Saanich
- * Cultural heritage and coastal community
- * Quality of life and welcoming community for families and businesses

Council Suggestions included:

- 1) Esquimalt's Vision is to be a dynamic and vibrant Community, valuing diversity, opportunity and partnerships, which fosters a healthy environment where individuals and families choose to live.
- 2) Esquimalt's vision is to be a progressive and efficient Local Government, which through innovation, teamwork and respectful dialogue enhances Township services making our Community the ideal place to live, work and play.
- 3) Esquimalt's Vision is to be a welcoming and caring Community. A Community that respects the land, air and water, as stewards of the environment; that values our past, present and future, using these values, along with Community dialogue to help guide our decisions; that develops and values strong relationships with our First Nations, Naval and Regional neighbours.
- 4) Esquimalt is an inclusive Community where sense of Community, health and wellbeing are strong. Thriving on our unique position surrounded by coastline, Esquimalt has been a strong part of regional history and will through its relationships and connections with our neighbors , First Nations and our Navy, continue to play a strong role in the economic development of the region. A strong focus of environmental, social and economic benefit for now and future residents of our Community. This Community is its people and the value they bring through strong participation within their community is and will be the greatest strength.
- 5) Esquimalt is an inclusive, dynamic and vibrant Community. We practice environmental stewardship and preservation of our parks and outdoor spaces. We encourage smart growth and support diverse commercial economic opportunities that benefit residents. We value a local living economy and embrace recreation, heritage, arts and culture.
- 6) We respect the land, water and air, and we are stewards of the environment.
- 7) Esquimalt is a diverse and inclusive Community, a desirable place to live and an integral member of a larger region. We support citizen involvement in Community affairs. We encourage and promote sustainable economic opportunities. We embrace sports, recreation, arts, culture and a healthy lifestyle. As we achieve the Vision, we enhance our quality of life as a caring Community, enjoy health and safety, maintain and build on our cultural heritage, revitalize our Community and protect our natural environment.
- 8) Esquimalt is the ideal place to live, work and play.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing. Limit of two minutes per speaker.

Mayor Desjardins called three times and there was no public input.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Liberchuk, seconded by Councillor Low: That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:50 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS DAY OF , 2016

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