



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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

Minutes - Draft

Committee of the Whole

Monday, May 9, 2022

6:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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

Staff: Ian Irvine, Acting Chief Administrative Officer /
 Director of Financial Services
 Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation Services
 Rick Daykin, Manager of Parks and Facilities
 Deb Hopkins, Manager of Corporate Services / Corporate Officer
 Sarah Holloway, Deputy Corporate Officer / Recording Secretary

Others: Deputy Chief Cst. Jason Laidman
 Inspector Mike Brown, VicPD Esquimalt Division

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Helliwell called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Chair Helliwell acknowledged with respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the Township stands and the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

1) [22-230](#) Late Items
There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the agenda be amended to move Item 7.2. - Tree Protection Bylaw Review ahead of Item 7.1, and approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

4. **MINUTES**

1) [22-229](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting

held April 11, 2022

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held April 11, 2022 be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- 1) [22-228](#) Victoria Police Department - 2022 First Quarterly Report, Chief Del Manak - Presented by Deputy Chief Cst. Jason Laidman

Deputy Chief Cst. Jason Laidman and Inspector Brown provided an overview of the Victoria Police Department 2022 Q1 Report - Community Safety Report Card, including trends in calls for service, an operational update, and the community engagement efforts through a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions from Council.

Council requested that a tracking report on the number of repeat offenders be included in the next quarterly report.

6. PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Francois Brassard, representative of Esquimalt Climate Organizers (ECO), spoke in support of the current tree protection bylaw, informed Council of the ECO's tree protection and enhancement survey, provided the survey for information, and questioned if the application attached to the report as Attachment A, will form part of the proposed bylaw.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation

- 1) [22-195](#) Tree Protection Bylaw Review

The Director of Parks and Recreation introduced the report and with the Manager of Parks and Facilities responded to questions from Council.

Council discussion included:

- Clarification was made that Significant Trees, as listed in the Tree Protection Bylaw, refer to trees on both Municipal and private land.
- The value of a tree is set by the Townships certified arborist with the minimum value being \$300.
- Updates on the Urban Forest Master Plan should be included as part of the period reports.
- Staff to report on the carbon value of trees to encourage developers to consider native trees in their plans.
- Staff to consider a tree reserve fund for tree replenishment when a developer can not replace the trees to the same value. The Township would benefit from the replenishment of the tree canopy and not be limited to one

location.

Finance

2) [22-098](#) Revitalization Program Options, Staff Report FIN-22-004

The Director of Financial Services introduced the report and responded to questions from Council.

Council commented:

- The Commercial Facade Beautification program is supportable.
- Approach the Chamber of Commerce to form a partnership to ensure adherence to Section 25 of the Community Charter. If the Chamber is not in support, find an alternative community not-for-profit organization.
- The Economic Development Officer should be involved in the Commercial Facade Beautification program.
- Focus the Beautification program primarily on Esquimalt and Craigflower Roads but consider other areas as well.
- Staff to outline funding options and provide a list of other municipalities that offer a beautification program.
- Staff to provide a timeline with options for Council's consideration to discontinue the Revitalization Tax Exemption program.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Roger Wheelock, resident, expressed support for the Urban Tree Strategy and the Commercial Beautification program but requested that it be an open process and to outline specific direction for which trees should be selected by developers.

Lindsay Beale, resident, spoke in support of tree valuation and carbon sequestration, and suggested Council consider BC Healthy Communities and Building Resilient Neighbourhoods as partners for the beautification of the Township.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:34 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS DAY OF , 2022

DEBRA HOPKINS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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