



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORT

From: Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Council Meeting: June 10, 2019

**Subject: Follow up on correspondence from Songhees Nation re Colquitz/Gorge Watershed Special Management Area**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council support the Protocol Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding governance structure for Colquitz/Gorge Watershed Special Management Area.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Council recently received correspondence from Songhees Nation (dated April 24, 2019, copy attached) to participate in discussions toward a Colquitz/Gorge Watershed Special Management Area Initiative. As Mayor, I and the Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Scott Hartman, attended the first of three meetings which provided information about the area and 6 possible governance structures for consideration. The meetings are voluntary and stated to be discussion only at this time.

Attached is the information regarding range of possible governance/collaboration structures for special management.

The second option, which proposes a Protocol Agreement/MOU structure allows jurisdictions flexibility to control their own assets and decision making but provides agreement on a structured environment to work collaboratively on a multi-jurisdictional concern. This is a common form of governance used with multi-level government participation (i.e. Regional Emergency Management Partnership).

Options 3-6 give decision making to a different body and some jurisdictional autonomy is delegated. It is for this reason I am asking for Council's motion to take forward Esquimalt support for Option 2, Protocol Agreement, MOU.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Attachments