



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

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

Special Committee of the Whole

Monday, July 10, 2017

5:45 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 6 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
 Councillor Meagan Brame
 Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn
 Councillor Lynda Hundleby
 Councillor Olga Liberchuk
 Councillor Susan Low

Absent 1 - Councillor Tim Morrison

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
 Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
 Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services
 Deborah Liske, 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 Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT (On items listed on the Agenda)**

Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing.

Mayor Desjardins called three times for public input and there was none.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Development Services

- 1) [17-286](#) Discussion of Advantages and Disadvantages of removing medians in commercial nodes (Downtown Precinct and Head Street Precinct) along Esquimalt Road, Staff Report

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Director of Development Services provided an overview, supplemented by a Powerpoint presentation, of the advantages and disadvantages of removing medians in commercial nodes of the downtown precinct and Head Street precinct along Esquimalt Road. The Director of Development Services responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included:

- * Tree / plant height blocks sightlines - change to smaller trees / lower plantings
- * Request for background information from decision making process for installation of medians
- * Medians provide safety elements - traffic calming / speed reduction / pedestrian safety
- * Bury utilities to increase room on sidewalks
- * Consider obtaining frontage instead of removing medians when redevelopment takes place
- * Engage stakeholders for input / roundtables to determine competing demands
- * Median removal / aesthetics will lack uniformity (piece-meal effect) if done as redevelopment takes place
- * Medians provide ambiance
- * Consider alternates to removing medians to obtain additional space
- * Cannot decrease on-street parking / need to increase on-street / commercial parking

6. 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 for public input and there was none.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Burton-Krahn, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:21 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS date DAY OF month, 2017

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