

Mayor Barbara Desjardins  
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Re: **"Defence on the Dock"** / Royal Canadian Navy

Dear Mayor Desjardins,

I write to you to bring awareness to an important event hosted in September at Ogden Point and to express my appreciation for an incredible experience that my family experienced thanks to our local Canadian Armed Forces, specifically the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Esquimalt.

"Defence on the Dock" was hopefully the first of many years to come where organizations from around the base came to show the public the incredibly-broad array of activities that go on at CFB Esquimalt. This included the opportunity to tour vessels, maritime helicopters and other important vehicles, but more importantly provided the opportunity to meet and converse with the very engaging and professional members of their crews. Furthermore, it highlighted many of the lesser-known aspects of base activities, including environmental stewardship and historical preservation efforts, the importance of civilian integration in countless base operations, as well as numerous specialized units that help make our Royal Canadian Navy one of the most well-trained and professional navies in the world.

My four-year-old son, Cole was the grand prize winner of the "Defence on the Dock" day at Ogden Point in September 2018. With my deepest gratitude to Captain Jason Boyd, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt and his Executive Assistant, Lieutenant Riley Monsour, Cole became the "Base Commander for the Day". We were fortunate to experience the adventure of a lifetime for a young child, meeting incredible members from many sections of the base, and taking direct participation in some of their operations. These included the CFB Esquimalt Fire Service, Base Logistics' Transport and Electrical Mechanical Engineering division, the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, as well as crew members of the submarine HMCS Chicoutimi and the firefighting tugboat, CFAV Firebrand.

The historical connection of Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, the Royal Canadian Navy and the city of Esquimalt and the Capital Regional District have been, and still remain to this day, intimate. I believe that "Defence on the Dock" is an unbelievable opportunity to preserve and further strengthen this long, crucial relationship between the citizens of this region and its navy. It is my hope that in writing to you that I may help to further promote this wonderful initiative.

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Finally, I would also like to bring awareness to the many great career opportunities that exist in the Royal Canadian Navy. For someone with ambition, the leadership and career challenges are endless, as is the organization's commitment to the development of each of these individuals.

I am incredibly proud that these are the people who are our ambassadors to carry the Canadian flag abroad. Thank you for your support in helping to make possible this wonderful community engagement of our fellow Canadians, and more specifically, fellow local citizens in uniform!

Sincerely,



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