



**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**  
**Minutes - Draft**  
**Special Meeting of Council**

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

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Monday, April 28, 2025

6:30 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**Present**     4 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins  
                     Councillor Duncan Cavens  
                     Councillor Jacob Helliwell  
                     Councillor Tim Morrison

**Regrets**     2 - Councillor Ken Armour  
                     Councillor Andrea Boardman

**Staff:**             Dan Horan, Chief Administrative Officer  
                     Deb Hopkins, Director of Corporate Services/Corporate  
                     Officer  
                     Sarah Holloway, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy  
                     Corporate Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Cavens: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILLOR ELECT**

Mayor Desjardins introduced Councillor Elect, Meagan Brame.

Meagan Brame was first elected to Esquimalt Council in 2008. After serving three terms, she stepped away from Council but remained deeply committed to the community.

A proud wife, mother, grandmother, and long-time resident, Meagan has called Esquimalt home for over 30 years.

During her decade on Council, she was a passionate advocate for the community by:

- supporting local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce;
- championing arts and culture on the CRD Arts Committee;
- helping to organize beloved events like the Celebration of Lights and Buccaneer Days.

Even after leaving Council, Meagan continued her advocacy and community involvement with the same dedication and spirit.

As a small business owner for more than 30 years, Meagan brings a wealth of experience in community service and local leadership.

We are thrilled to welcome her back to the Council table following her re-election in the recent by-election.

#### **4. OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Desjardins introduced the Honourable Justice Gareth Morley who administered the Oath of Office to Councillor Meagan Brame.

#### **5. RECOGNITION OF PAST COUNCILLOR**

Mayor Desjardins recognized past Councillor and now current MLA Darlene Rotchford.

Darlene Rotchford was elected to Esquimalt Council in 2022, where she dedicated herself to serving the residents of Esquimalt, listening to their concerns, and actively participating in the many wonderful events that bring our community together.

A proud Esquimalt resident, wife, and mother, Darlene was honoured to serve her community as a Councillor.

Throughout her career, Darlene has been a passionate advocate for people. On Council, she championed housing initiatives, and as President of the Victoria Labour Council, she stood up to powerful interests, fighting for fair wages and better working conditions for working families.

Professionally, Darlene has taken on some of society's toughest challenges, working in mental health and addictions to ensure individuals receive the care they need to recover and thrive.

While we are disappointed that Darlene is no longer serving on Esquimalt Council, we know the residents of Esquimalt-Colwood can rely on her steadfast advocacy and commitment to the issues that matter most.

Darlene - thank you for your continued service to our community. Esquimalt is in good hands with you.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT TO RECEPTION**

Moved by Councillor Boardman, seconded by Councillor Cavens: That the Special meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:37 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS

THIS DAY OF , 2025

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CORPORATE OFFICER  
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