



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

Committee of the Whole

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

Monday, May 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 5 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Ken Armour
Councillor Duncan Cavens
Councillor Jacob Helliwell
Councillor Meagan Brame

Regrets 2 - Councillor Andrea Boardman
Councillor Tim Morrison

Staff: Dan Horan, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation
Sarah Holloway, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy
Corporate Officer
Robbie Young, Manager of Parks
Victoria McKean, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Cavens called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Councillor Brame respectfully acknowledged that we are gathered on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, represented today by the Songhees and X^wsepsəm Nations and recognized their enduring relationship with these lands and that Council is committed to reconciliation and a shared stewardship.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1) [25-155](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 14, 2025

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 14, 2025 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS 6 AND 7

There was no public input.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS***Presentations***

- 1) [25-158](#) Victoria Police Department - 2025 First Quarter Report, Inspector Lawson

Inspector Jeff Lawson, Victoria Police Department, presented the Q1 Community Safety Report Card for Esquimalt Council, including information on calls for service, operational updates, information related to files of note, crime prevention efforts, and community engagement. Inspector Lawson was joined by Cheryl Major, Director of Community Engagement.

Committee of the Whole comments included the following:

- Police presence at Buccaneer Days was appreciated;
- More information related to trends in call for service response times in Q1 would be appreciated;
- Further data on previous years crime rates should be made available on the online portal.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) [25-150](#) Community Dock Consultation, Staff Report No. P&R-25-003

The Director of Park and Recreation and the Manager of Parks introduced the consultants, Andrew Rippington, Archipelago Marine Research, and Hayley Johnson, Christine Lintott Architects, who presented a PowerPoint. Staff and the consultants responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee of the Whole comments included the following:

- This is a project to be cautiously excited about: there are a lot of steps and complexities related to cost, design and implementation, and potential ecological impact that must be carefully considered.
- Exploring the potential to lease the existing dock in West Bay is of interest.
- Concern was expressed regarding potential ecological impact in Esquimalt Gorge Park West.
- Lower cost and lower intervention approaches, such as stairs and ladders, is of interest to explore as part of a larger network of water access points in Esquimalt.
- Esquimalt Gorge Park West seems like a suitable site as it is relatively protected and promotes a wide variety of aquatic activities.

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council receive Staff Report

No. P&R-25-003 for information and direct staff to report back to Council with budget considerations to:

- a. create a network of docks and water access infrastructure with Gorge Esquimalt Park West being the initial location;
- b. provide community educational outreach; and
- c. conduct a wave activity assessment.

Moved by Councillor Cavens, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Main Motion be amended to include:

- d. concurrently with the development of an option in Esquimalt Gorge Park West, explore the options for kayak access in West Bay as well as smaller interventions such as swim ladders in appropriate locations.
- Carried Unanimously.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council receive Staff Report No. P&R-25-003 for information and direct staff to report back to Council with budget considerations to:

- a. create a network of docks and water access infrastructure with Gorge Esquimalt Park West being the initial location;
 - b. provide community educational outreach;
 - c. conduct a wave activity assessment; and
 - d. concurrently with the development of an option in Esquimalt Gorge Park West, explore the options for kayak access in West Bay as well as smaller interventions such as swim ladders in appropriate locations.
- Carried Unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Mayor Desjardins: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025

SARAH HOLLOWAY,
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
CERTIFIED CORRECT