



**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
Minutes - Final**

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

Committee of the Whole

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 7 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
 Councillor Ken Armour
 Councillor Meagan Brame
 Councillor Jacob Helliwell
 Councillor Lynda Hundleby
 Councillor Tim Morrison
 Councillor Jane Vermeulen

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
 Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works
 Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
 Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services
 Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services
 Rachel Dumas, Recording Secretary

Other: Chief Del Manak, VicPD
 Inspector Keith Lindner, Esquimalt Division, VicPD
 Sgt Sean Plater, Esquimalt Division, VicPD
 Mark McIntyre, Director, Community Engagement, VicPD
 Sean Powell, Victoria/ Esquimalt Police Board Member
 Peter Ryan, Former Victoria/ Esquimalt Police Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 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 Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

- 1) [19-113](#) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, January 14, 2019

- 2) [19-114](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole, January 14, 2019
- 3) [19-115](#) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, January 23, 2019

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, January 14, 2019, Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole, January 14, 2019 and Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, January 23, 2019 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

**5. PUBLIC INPUT (On items listed on the Agenda)
Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing.**

Andrew Gage, *resident*, encouraged Council to support climate change and send letters to fossil fuel companies outlining their support.

Marjorie Sandercock, *resident*, encouraged Council to support climate change and CRD proposed climate change emergency declaration.

Colleen O'Neill, *resident*, encouraged Council to support sending letters to fossil fuel companies relating to costs involved with climate action, to address environmental concerns and draft a climate change plan.

Rebecca Wolf Gage, *resident*, encouraged Council to support the climate emergency declaration.

Francois Brassard, *resident*, in support of CRD climate emergency declaration, thanked Council for green initiatives to date and encouraged collaboration.

Sandra Slobodian, *resident*, in support of CRD climate emergency declaration.

6. PRESENTATION

- 1) [19-116](#) Victoria Police Department Quarterly Report - Framework Agreement, Chief Del Manak

Chief Del Manak, provided an overview of VicPD 2018 Q4 Report including community engagement efforts, crime prevention, operational update and emerging issues, presented a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions from Council with Inspector Keith Lindner, Esquimalt Division, VicPD.

Council recessed at 8:09 PM and reconvened at 8:16 PM with all members of Council present.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Engineering and Public Works

- 1) [19-112](#) Signage within Road Corridors at Gateway Locations, Staff Report EPW-19-008

Director of Engineering and Public Works advised the report was brought forward to Council as a result of a request from the Esquimalt Farmers Market and responded to questions from Council with the CAO.

Council comments included (Staff response in italics):

* Only Celebration of Lights community group using Waste Disposal vehicle

signage option

- * Objective is to provide a broader audience for community group events
- * Limited space on boulevard for installation of signage
- * Communication and collaboration of groups towards bus signage options
- * Explore alternate options other than permanent boulevard signage
- * Equity for all community groups
- * Preservation of signage for historical events
- * In-kind support for community groups as outlined in approved local grant allocation

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Brame: That Council not allow permanent or semi-permanent signs on Municipal property for community events. Carried Unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) [19-047](#) Letter from Andrew Gage and Anna Barford, West Coast Environmental Law, dated December 10, 2018, Re: Your Local Climate Change Impacts and the Fossil Fuel Industry

Concillor Veumeulen left the meeting at 9:49 PM and returned at 9:52 PM.

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby:

(1) Whereas climate change has caused and continues to cause immense harm to our planet and our communities;

And whereas the environmental, social and financial costs of climate change are a major concern for our community;

And whereas fossil fuel companies should be accountable for the harm caused by their products that generate considerable profits for those fossil fuel companies;

And whereas local governments and other levels of government are having to address extensive, ongoing costs related to climate change caused by fossil fuels;

Be it resolved that Township of Esquimalt send Climate Accountability Letters to 20 of the world's largest fossil fuel companies, demand accountability and insist that these 20 companies pay a share of the financial costs of climate change;

And be it resolved that the Township of Esquimalt request pro-bono assistance from West Coast Environmental Law in the drafting of these letters;

And be it further resolved that the Township of Esquimalt request pro-bono assistance from West Coast Environmental Law in determining how the Township can accurately track the costs of climate change being incurred by our community;

(2) That Council receive the Letter from Andrew Gage and Anna Barford, West Coast Environmental Law, dated December 10, 2018, Re: Your Local Climate Change Impacts and the Fossil Fuel Industry; and

(3) forward to AVICC and UBCM. Defeated.

In Favour: 2 - Councillor Hundleby, and Councillor Morrison

Opposed: 5 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Armour, Councillor Brame, Councillor Helliwell, and Councillor Vermeulen

- 2) [19-107](#) Letter from Colin Plant, Chair, Capital Regional District Board, dated February 26, 2019, Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby:

Whereas the Township of Esquimalt strives to be a green community and recognizes the great importance of our responsibility in caring for our planet's environment as well as our role in taking all necessary local and regional actions related to ensuring the well-being of our planet; And

Whereas the Township of Esquimalt further recognizes the importance of our relationships within the region in working together with our neighbours in recognizing, responding to and rectifying the harms to our planet as a result of human caused global warming and climate change;

Therefore be it resolved that Esquimalt Council approves the following

1. That the Township of Esquimalt declare a Climate Emergency;
2. That the Township of Esquimalt collaborate with the Capital Regional District and other local governments to work towards achieving carbon neutrality within the region by 2030;
3. That the Mayor write a letter of response to the Capital Regional District that the Township has declared a climate emergency and commits to working jointly within the region towards carbon neutrality by 2030;
4. That the Capital Regional District provide the Township of Esquimalt with detailed information regarding specific actions and resources required to make the Capital Regional District's 2030 target possible;
5. That the Mayor write to the Provincial Minister of the Environment, assert the Township's support to help the Province close the 25% emissions gap in the CleanBC Plan, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the 2030 target possible; and
6. That the Mayor write to the Federal Minister of the Environment, assert the Township's support to help Canada meet its Nationally Determined Contribution target made in the Paris Agreement and call on the federal government to provide the powers and resources to Local Governments to make the 2030 target possible.

Motion No. 2

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Main Motion be amended to add at the end of section 4 "...including the actions and resources required to reach the targets of member communities." Carried Unanimously.

Motion No. 3

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the

Main Motion as amended be amended to add a section No. 7 to read "...That the Township request pro-bono assistance from West Coast Environmental Law in determining how the Township can accurately track the costs of climate change being incurred by our community." Carried Unanimously.

Motion No. 4

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to separate section 1 and defer for discussion until the next Regular Council meeting scheduled for March 18. Carried.

In Favour: 6 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Armour, Councillor Brame, Councillor Helliwell, Councillor Hundleby, and Councillor Vermeulen

Opposed: 1 - Councillor Morrison

Motion No. 5

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to add the the end of section 3 "...and encourages the CRD to move quickly to identify and implement measures to reduce GHG emissions." Carried Unanimously.

Motion No. 6

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Main Motion as amended be amended to separate sections 5 and 6. Carried Unanimously.

Motion No. 7

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Amendment to the Main Motion as amended be amended to remove sections 5 and 6. Defeated.

In Favour: 3 - Councillor Armour, Councillor Brame, and Councillor Helliwell

Opposed: 4 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Hundleby, Councillor Morrison, and Councillor Vermeulen

Motion No. 8

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Main Motion as amended be deferred for further discussion of sections 2 to 7 at the next Regular Council meeting scheduled for March 18. Carried Unanimously.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing. Limit of two minutes per speaker.

Colleen O' Neill, *resident*, encouraged accountability for fossil fuel use and environmental impact.

Rebecca Wolf Gage, *resident*, in favour of taking more action towards climate

change.

Andrew Gage, *resident*, encouraged responsibility and accountability of fossil fuel use and shared costs involved.

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Council meeting be extended until 10:10 PM. Carried Unanimously.

Public Question and Comment Period resumed;

Jeremy Aitken, *resident*, encouraged all levels of government to collaborate and expressed that letters acknowledge the concerns and intent of the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 10:00 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2019

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