



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

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

Committee of the Whole

Monday, December 9, 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
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services
Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services
Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services
Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

Others: Chief Del Manak, Victoria Police Department (VicPD)
Deputy Chief Jason Laidman, VicPD
Mark McIntyre, Director, Community Engagement, VicPD
Inspector Keith Linder, Esquimalt Division, VicPD
Charla Huber, Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Brame called the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Acting Mayor Brame acknowledged with respect that we are within the Traditional Territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.

2. LATE ITEMS

(1) Add to Item 7. **STAFF REPORTS:** (4) Review of Lampson Street Cross-Section to Accommodate Bike Lanes, Staff Report No. EPW-19-037:
- Letter from Corey Burger, Policy & Infrastructure Chair, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, received by email dated December 9, 2019, Re: Proposed Bike Lanes for Esquimalt Road and Lampson Street

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the agenda be approved as amended with the inclusion of the late item. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

1) [19-549](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 22, 2019

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Mayor Desjardins: That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 22, 2019, be adopted. Carried Unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION

1) [19-562](#) Victoria Police Department Third Quarter Report - Framework Agreement, Chief Del Manak

Chief Del Manak provided an overview of the 2019 third quarter report, presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included:

- * Monitoring campers in parks.
- * Expansion of the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program .
- * Impact of hospital wait times for mental health emergencies on police resources.
- * Esquimalt's financial contribution for shared policing services.
- * Operational alignment with the framework agreement.

6. PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Address Council on any item included on this Agenda, including Staff Reports and Communications (excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing). Limit 2 minutes per speaker.

Norah Macey, *resident*, in support of proposed modifications for Esquimalt Road and proposed bike lanes along Lampson Street.

Kim Thrift, *resident*, in support of installing cycling infrastructure in the community.

Colin McTaggart, *resident*, in support of cycling infrastructure proposed for Lampson Street.

Elanor Eason, *resident*, in support of protected cycling infrastructure in the community.

Corey Burger, *resident*, in support of installing cycling infrastructure in the community.

Doug Scott, *resident*, in support of the proposed cycling infrastructure and expressed concerns with curb bump-outs as potential safety hazards and impact to street parking.

7. STAFF REPORTS***Community Safety Services***

1) [19-533](#) Deer Management Update - Staff Report No. CSS-19-014

Director of Community Safety Services responded to questions from Council.

COTW encouraged a collaborative approach with other municipalities, organizations, and the Province towards deer management in the community.

Finance

2) [19-508](#) Local Grants Policy, Staff Report FIN-19-020

COTW comments included:

- * Determining best practices of other municipalities.
- * Options for additional evaluation criteria.
- * Options for delegating the approval authority.
- * Discretion to extend and manage reoccurring funding.

The meeting recessed at 8:29 PM and reconvened at 8:35 PM with all members of Council present.

3) [19-522](#) Property Taxation Policy, Staff Report No. FIN-19-021

Director of Financial Services and the CAO responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included allocation of taxes between classifications, business growth targets and incentive options, and the upcoming economic analysis report being prepared by the South Island Prosperity Project.

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That staff be directed to explore options and timelines to amend the Tax Policies and Objectives document to move towards a 2.5 ratio in the commercial property class. Carried.

In Favour: 4 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Armour, Councillor Brame, and Councillor Vermeulen

Opposed: 3 - Councillor Helliwell, Councillor Hundleby, and Councillor Morrison

Engineering and Public Works

4) [19-558](#) Review of Lampson Street Cross-Section to Accommodate Bike Lanes, Staff Report No. EPW-19-037

Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included consideration of Option 2 in Staff Report No.

EPW-19-037 while maintaining turning lanes and some parking spaces.

Consideration of safety concerns, design, and communication of roadway improvements during construction.

5) [19-561](#) Potential Road Cross-Section Modification for Esquimalt Road, Staff Report No. EPW-19-038

Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included options for designated bike lanes, pedestrian safety and consideration of a central island for crosswalks, and visibility enhancements such as lighting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Address Council on any topic that impacts Esquimalt (excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing). Limit 2 minutes per speaker.

Doug Scott, *resident*, encouraged enforcement of traffic regulations for cyclists. Lorne Argyle, *resident*, encouraged Council to consider implementing a single speed limit along Lampson Street.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:46 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS DAY OF , 2019

RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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