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NOTICE OF MOTION

Request for Notice of Motion, Pursuant to Sections 37 and 38, Council Procedure Bylaw, 2715, 2009.

Introduced: Regular Council – April 23, 2018

From: Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Subject: Fibre Optic Network

WHEREAS: Fibre optic network studies in the USA show fibre helps businesses and overall community with new employer attraction, employer expansion, employee retention, and home based businesses

AND WHEREAS: studies also show that additional social and economic innovation enabled telecommuting and reduction of environmental footprints, green technologies, Virtual Augmented Reality and Robots, and retention of knowledge workers

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Esquimalt Council request a staff report exploring the opportunity of fibre optic infrastructure in Esquimalt.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

We continue to enhance the health and livability of the community.

We encourage a resilient and diverse economic environment.

We continue to address the operational and financial requirements of our infrastructure.

BACKGROUND:

In about 2014, Council reviewed information regarding fibre optic network build within Esquimalt. At that time we did not move forward. There are still only about 6% of homes in Canada that have fibre optic network access. However since 2014 North Saanich, Oak Bay, Langford, Colwood, View Royal, Metchosin and Sooke now have fibre optic access. I believe CFB also has access.

Current copper service does not provide the same speed throughout Esquimalt. It is dependent on the distance from the service center. With fibre optic, service distance doesn't matter to speed of the service, it is also much faster than copper. The requirement for high speed for businesses, both current and potential are growing and we have a economic development strategy that we are working on to increase commercial and business sectors.