



## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

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### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

Introduced: Regular Council – August 28, 2017

From: Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn

**Subject: Meeting with Minister Robinson at UBCM**

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**WHEREAS** on July 18th, 2017 the New Democratic Party (NDP) came to power in the province of BC;

**AND WHEREAS** the NDP created a new Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and moved municipal affairs out of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development;

**AND WHEREAS** local governments must take it upon themselves to make the acquaintance of the new Minister responsible for Municipal Affairs, the Honorable Selina Robinson;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Esquimalt request to meet with Minister Robinson at the UBCM convention in the fall of 2017 to re-iterate the Township's commitment to pursuing further opportunities with respect to service integration with our municipal partners.

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#### **STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:**

We recognize the importance of, and will enhance relationships with our neighbours and other levels of government.

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

During the municipal election campaign of 2014, residents of the Township of Esquimalt were asked to weigh in on two referendum questions pertaining to governance matters with respect to Esquimalt.

The two questions were:

**1. Are you in favour of the Township of Esquimalt exploring options to achieve efficiencies by further sharing some services with other municipalities?**

Results: Yes (3,731), No (578) (87%)

**2. Are you in favour of exploring the reduction of the number of municipalities within Greater Victoria through amalgamation?**

Results: Yes (2,905), No (1,404) (67%)

In the Spring of 2016, Council voted to pursue the option of exploring options for greater service integration with our regional municipal partners. As Minister Robinson represents both a new government, the NDP, as well as a new Minister who will be working closely with municipalities, it is important to establish communication with Minister Robinson and clarify the Township's position on the matter of exploring and enhancing opportunities for further exploration of service integration with our regional municipal partners.