



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

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

**Advisory Planning Commission**

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**Present:** 7 - Chair Nathaniel Sukhdeo  
Vice Chair Kelsey Tyerman  
Member Ally Dewji  
Member Sean Pol MacUisdin  
Member TJ Schur  
Member Mark Seebaran  
Member Zak Zawaduk

**Council**

**Liaisons:** Councillor Tim Morrison

**Staff:** James Davison, Manager of Development Services  
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services  
Victoria McKean, Committee Coordinator/Recording  
Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Victoria McKean, Committee Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and acknowledged with respect the Songhees and Xwsepsem Nations on whose traditional territory the Township stands.

**2. LATE ITEMS**

[26-037](#) Committee Discussion Regarding Potential Joint Meeting with Esquimalt Council

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Member MacUisdin seconded by Member Schur: That the agenda be approved with the inclusion of the late item. Carried Unanimously.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Moved by Member MacUisdin, seconded by Member Schur: That Nathaniel Sukhdeo be elected Chair of the Advisory Planning Commission. Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Chair Sukhdeo, seconded by Member Dewji: That Kelsey Tyerman be elected Vice Chair of the Advisory Planning Commission.

Carried Unanimously.

Chair Sukhdeo assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## 5. MINUTES

- 1) [26-032](#) Minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held on November 18, 2025

Moved by Member Dewji, seconded by Member MacUisdin: That the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held on November 18, 2025 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

## 6. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

There was no update.

## 7. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) [26-004](#) 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule, Staff Report No. APC-26-001

This item was received for information.

- 2) [26-018](#) Development Variance Permit - 640 Lampson St - Staff Report No. APC-26-002

The Manager of Development Services introduced the item and the applicant, who presented a PowerPoint to the Commission. Staff and the applicant responded to questions from the Commission.

Commission comments included the following:

- From a design perspective access from Fernhill Road makes sense but from a technical perspective this may pose challenges;
- It can be reasonable to expect that homeowners will tend to access their property from Lampson Street, especially when cycling;
- The justification for the requested variance is not clear;
- The proposed variance may pose a risk for the Township, and is inconsistent with other frontages on Fernhill Road;
- There are grading, maintenance, and liability issues that are of concern;
- The variance request supports housing and environmental character;
- There may be other ways to preserve trees while orienting the frontage of the property towards Lampson Street.

Moved by Chair Sukhdeo, seconded by Member Seebaran: That the Esquimalt Advisory Planning Commission recommends that Council deny the Development Variance Permit Application for 640 Lampson Street that proposes to permit staff to provide an alternate development standard for the frontage works and services along Fernhill Rd for the development at 640 Lampson Street, as outlined in Staff Report No.

APC-26-002, as it is not consistent with the environmental standards or character of the neighbourhood. Carried with Member Dewji opposed.

- 3) [26-022](#) Development Variance Permit - 884 Lampson St - Staff Report No. APC-26-003

The Manager of Planning introduced the application and responded to questions from the Commission.

Commission comments included the following:

- Support was expressed for the application;
- The applicant was encouraged to provide an updated engineering report when this application is before Council.

Moved by Chair Sukhdeo, seconded by Member MacUisdin: That the Advisory Planning Commission recommends that Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the parking ratio for required residential vehicle parking per unit, at 884 Lampson St within the CD No. 155 Zone, from 0.92 to 0.73, as outlined in Staff Report No. APC-26-003, with the condition that an updated engineering report be provided to Council as the proposal complies with the updated Parking Bylaw. Carried Unanimously.

- 4) [26-037](#) Committee Discussion Regarding Potential Joint Meeting with Esquimalt Council

The Director of Development Services informed the Commission that a Special Joint Meeting of Council and the Advisory Planning Commission is scheduled to be held on February 9th, 2026 at 6:00 PM, as requested by the Commission, to facilitate a workshop-style discussion on the Commission's structure and mandate, legislative and regulatory frameworks, and the relationship between the Commission and Council.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member MacUisdin, seconded by Member Tyerman: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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NATHANIEL SUKHDEO, CHAIR  
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION  
THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

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VICTORIA MCKEAN  
COMMITTEE COORDINATOR  
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