



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

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

Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 21, 2021

6:00 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: Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works
 Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services
 Anja Nurvo, Interim Manager of Corporate Services
 Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Helliwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and passed the Chair to Mayor Desjardins to introduce new staff and communicate an acknowledgement as follows:

Acknowledgement of National Indigenous People's Day

Today is National Indigenous People's Day. It is a day to pause and reflect on the significance and value the First Peoples' culture, traditions and knowledge bring to the lives of settlers every day. It is a day to solemnly and respectfully acknowledge the impact colonization continues to have on families and communities across these lands.

As individuals, we need to do more to become good neighbours: learn about the people on who's ancestral lands we live; consider ways to support Indigenous culture; understand Canada's shameful relationship with First Nations; embrace what it means to be an ally and celebrate the values, traditions and knowledge First Nations have to offer.

As the township, we need to listen and learn from First Nations communities so that our actions are rooted in inclusion and a spirit of sincere cooperation.

When we say, "and continues to this day" in our land

acknowledgement, it is because the Indigenous presence here isn't just a part of the past; there exists a vibrant culture that we as settlers are privileged to bear witness to. I thank both Chief Sam and Chief Thomas for their willingness to work with us.

These are early days and there is lots to do. Today and every day, our journey of reconciliation continues.

Introduction of New Staff Members

Steve Knoke - Director of Parks and Recreation

We are happy welcome Steve Knoke as the Township's Director of Parks and Recreation. Steve started with us on Monday, June 14th.

Steve is a dynamic, collaborative leader with a proven track record of community engagement, project management and leading teams to success.

Prior to coming to the Township, for the past seven years Steve was the Manager of Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) Leisure Complex, where he led and implemented SEAPARC's strategic plan including property expansion, asset management, turf field design and development, fitness expansion design, and provided collaborative leadership to SEAPARC to ensure the provision of excellent recreation services. Prior to that, Steve opened and managed the Cowichan Aquatic Centre Complex for five years, and before that he was on the mainland managing Abbotsford's Recreation Centre Pool.

Steve has a Bachelor of Arts in Leisure Service Administration from UVIC, and a Diploma in Recreational Leadership from Camosun College.

Haida Fortier - Assistant Fire Chief

The Township is pleased to welcome Haida Fortier as the new Assistant Fire Chief, taking on the community services portfolio. Haida started with us on June 7th.

Assistant Chief Fortier comes to us as an experienced officer with over a decade of progressive supervision and leadership experience. Assistant Chief Fortier's career started with the City of North Vancouver in 1997 where she filled various roles from Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Captain and Acting Assistant Chief. In 2018 she moved to the District of North Vancouver as their Assistant Fire Chief, Public Safety.

Haida holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration, a Graduate Certificate in Leadership, a Certificate in Local Government Administration, both Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Officer Certificates, she is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist, and in 2020 she received her recertification in Blue

Card Hazard Zone Incident Command.

In addition to her work as an Assistant Chief, Assistant Chief Fortier is a sessional instructor at the Justice Institute of BC where she teaches a variety of courses including Strategic Planning for the Fire Service, Organization Behaviour and Managing Change in the Fire Service, Budget Management, Community and Organizational Leadership, and Company Inspections.

Mayor and Council and Senior Leadership are all very excited to have both Steve and Haida join our team. I would also like to take this time to thank staff for filling in and taking on extra duties while we recruited and filled these two vacancies.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Armour: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

- 1) [21-346](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held May 10, 2021
- 2) [21-347](#) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held May 17, 2021

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Mayor Desjardins: That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held May 10, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held May 17, 2021, be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. ELECTRONIC 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.

There was no electronic public input.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Finance

- 1) [21-259](#) Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw, Staff Report FIN-21-011

Director of Financial Services responded to questions from COTW and comments included:

* Consideration of future areas for revitalization.

* Construction goals along Esquimalt Road as achieved and consideration of phasing out the exemption program.

* Timelines to consider a new program to achieve beautification of existing buildings along Esquimalt Road.

Engineering and Public Works

- 2) [21-335](#) Tipping Fee Increase for Kitchen Scraps and Yard/Garden Contract, Staff Report No. EPW-21-016

Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions from COTW and comments included:

- * Practices of other municipalities in terms of waste collection services.
- * Continuing with status quo as detailed in Option 1 until implementation of integrated resource management.

7. ELECTRONIC 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.

The following speaker requested by email or phone call to be included on the speakers list by providing their name and contact number to the Corporate Officer.

Jim MacMillan Murphy, *resident*, elaborated on his years of service with the military and associated impact.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:09 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS DAY OF , 2021

DEBRA HOPKINS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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