



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

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

Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 6 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Jacob Helliwell
Councillor Lynda Hundleby
Councillor Tim Morrison
Councillor Jane Vermeulen

Absent 1 - Councillor Ken Armour

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services
Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services
Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

2. LATE ITEMS

The following late items were added to the agenda:

(1) PERTAINING to Item No. 6 (1): **STAFF REPORTS** -
Private use of Public Land - Docks Update - Staff Report
No. CSS-20-002

- Email received January 12, 2020, from Doug Critchley
- re: Small docks on the Gorge
- Email received January 13, 2020, from Michael Chu -
re: Docks on public vs private property

(2) PERTAINING to Item No. 6 (3): **STAFF REPORTS** -
Planning Tools for Completed and In Progress Work,
Staff Report No. DEV-20-003

- Email received January 13, 2020, from Bruce Cuthbert
- re: Rental Suites & Rental Houses

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. MINUTES

- 1) [20-019](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 9, 2019

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 9, 2019, be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. 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.

Terry Eckstein, *resident*, on behalf of the Portage Protection Society provided details regarding the benefits of the docks on the Gorge Waterway.

Doug Critchley, *non resident*, expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Yasmeen Grant, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the proposed requirements to permit docks along the Gorge Waterway and requested the Township work collaboratively with dock owners to find a solution.

Eva Grant, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks on the Gorge Waterway.

Jon Bulman-Fleming, *resident*, expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Paul Lacterman, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the proposed requirements to permit docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Diana Roger, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks on the Gorge Waterway.

Heather Allen, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks on the Gorge Waterway and expressed support for grandfathering the current docks.

Peter Green, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the proposed enforcement of the docks along the Gorge Waterway.

David Steinberg and Tarita Miller, *residents*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks on the Gorge Waterway and expressed support for grandfathering the current docks.

Dawn Green, *resident*, expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Ben Chow, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks and expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Richard Fleming, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks and expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge

Waterway.

Henry Kamphof, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks and expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Hiuya Tung, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks and expressed support for grandfathering the current docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Doug Scott, *resident*, provided details regarding the benefits of the docks along the Gorge Waterway.

Sean Wheeler, *resident*, expressed support for amending the Zoning Bylaw to allow docks along the Gorge Waterway.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Community Safety Services

1) [20-005](#) Private use of Public Land - Docks Update - Staff Report No. CSS-20-002

Director of Community Safety Services requested COTW provide direction to staff on options to proceed with requirements for docks on private land, docks on public land, and new docks and staff responded to questions from COTW.

COTW comments regarding private docks included:

- * Options to allow existing docks and require permits for all new docks and alterations.
- * Ensuring existing docks are well maintained and not impacting the waterway.
- * Environmental benefits and concerns of older docks on the waterway.

COTW comments regarding docks attached to public land included:

- * Options to mitigate liability for the Township including entering into agreements.
- * Concerns of equitable tax distribution for docks on private vs. docks on public.
- * Options to allow existing docks and require permits for all new docks and alterations.
- * Ensuring existing docks are well maintained and not impacting the waterway.

COTW comments regarding docks attached to public land included ensuring all new docks comply with government regulations.

Engineering and Public Works

2) [20-026](#) Remembrance Banner Program, Staff Report No. EPW-020-002

Director of Engineering & Public Works requested COTW provide direction to staff on the proposed Remembrance Banner Program and staff responded to questions from COTW.

COTW comments included:

- * Concentrating the placement of banners around Memorial Park and along Admirals Road to Naden.
- * Condition and maintenance considerations.

- * Benefits of enhancing the street culture with the program.
- * Interest in options two and three from the staff report.

Development Services

3) [20-022](#) Planning Tools for Completed and In Progress Work, Staff Report No. DEV-20-003

Director of Development Services requested COTW provide direction to staff on the planning tools they would like to consider utilizing and staff responded to questions from COTW.

COTW comments included:

- * Parking and noise concerns and impact to neighbours.
- * Housing needs for the community including additional work force housing.
- * Consideration of a business licence fee for secondary suite rentals.

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*, expressed concerns regarding the option to require business licences for rental properties.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Vermeulen, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 8:44 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020

RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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