



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

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

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Monday, November 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**Inaugural Meeting of Council of the Township of Esquimalt**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins  
Councillor Ken Armour  
Councillor Meagan Brame  
Councillor Jacob Helliwell  
Councillor Lynda Hundleby  
Councillor Tim Morrison  
Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**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  
Scott Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services  
Vicki Gannon, Director of Human Resources  
Rachel Dumas, Recording Secretary

**Other:** Inspector Jamie Pearce, VicPD, Esquimalt Division  
Deputy Chief Jason Laidman, VicPD

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chief Administrative Officer called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL ELECT**

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced Donald. E. Linge, Barrister and Solicitor to administer the Oath of Office to the Mayor-Elect and each Councillor-Elect.

**3. OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR**

Donald. E. Linge administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Barbara Desjardins.

**4. OATH OF OFFICE - COUNCILLORS**

Donald. E. Linge administered the Oath of Office to Councillors-Elect Ken Armour, Meagan Brame, Jacob Helliwell, Lynda Hundleby, Tim Morrison and Jane Vermeulen.

**5. MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

I would like to acknowledge that we are within the traditional territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples, specifically the Esquimalt and the Songhees First Nations. Let me start the new term with heartfelt thanks.

Thank you to the previous Council for your significant work and accomplishments on behalf of the Township. Specifically I want to thank Olga Liberchuk, Beth Burton-Krahn and Susan Low for their contributions during their one term on Council.

I want to thank Esquimalt staff for the support and work done at Council's direction during the last term. I know it was considerable and ongoing throughout the term! Thank you to the dedicated community members, who participated in furthering the work of Council on committees, and through volunteering at our increasingly popular events, ensuring continued success and ensuring Esquimalt, continues its rise in the regional arts and culture scene.

Your choices for council show a common vision for Esquimalt. A vision of a prosperous and vibrant community; a healthy, caring, and diverse community. These are exciting times for Esquimalt.

The interest in our community is great; both by people wanting to live here and by those who wish to participate in our economy. The years 2018-2022 will be transformative.

For a community that saw a decline in population from 2006 - 2011 to a community that has seen significant growth since then, Council's focus must turn to optimizing this growth, maintaining our diversity, and creating community benefits as we evolve.

Our diversity is our strength; it defines our community. We must use this as a lens to balance housing development for all demographics, both for rental and purchase markets.

We are seeing a significant shift with the influx of young families to Esquimalt. At the same time we have an aging population and must ensure we provide "aging in place" options for the Elders of our community, seeking their wisdom and advice.

There is greater diversity as well, of race, creed and colour; Esquimalt must

celebrate this for the value it brings to the community. There is no room in Esquimalt for the hate and racism that we have seen growing in some corners of the world. Esquimalt is a safe, diverse community.

I would like to see us develop a complete inventory of our housing, from single family homes, condos, rentals, and suites developed, for unit size and cost. I am sure this data is already available and it could provide an understanding for Council so that future development can respond to need and balance. It can help us to vision local areas better and respond both to the residents of the area but also to the opportunity that development can provide.

Another step we can take to understand our planning documents and their impact, as well as to help with future planning, is for Esquimalt to do a development capacity assessment. This can outline, for the community, the reality of what build-out in accordance with the OCP land use designations would look like. It can also be very useful to identify what areas will provide interest and opportunity to develop under the new OCP.

For prosperity, continued economic diversity will be an area of focus for us going forward. Esquimalt has significant regional employers that provide tax stability for the provision of services. The Federal Government, graving dock and DND are important allies within our community and represent a significant market for local businesses.

Our Economic Development Strategy outlines some options to enhance the stay of this local workforce and a strong focus must be given to the EDS for enhanced growth and prosperity. The Economic Development Strategy outlines the strategic relationship between Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce and the Township. This relationship must be nurtured for a win-win opportunity for Esquimalt. We have the ability to be a true Live Work and Play community through strategic economic development.

We must continue to take strong action against climate change. Everyone and every community must do its part. This will be an important portfolio for council this term. We must define the actions we will take to achieve specific goals, and communicate this to the public to urge community action as well. Systematic

change is needed with measurable change targets annually.

I would like to thank John Roe for highlighting the problem of aging storm water infrastructure. The work of repair, replacement and upgrading pipes has been ongoing and will continue through this Council. This includes assessment, determination of, and method and support for correction of private property cross connections, and inflow and infiltration. This work will benefit our whole community and can reduce our overall costs for sewage treatment.

A vibrant community is enhanced through ongoing, consistent and sustainable support of our volunteer based organizations. These groups make a huge difference in the health and liveability of the community, bringing us popular events such as the Farmers Market, RibFest, arts and cultural events, and Buccaneer Days; all celebrating and enhancing our community. Each dollar provided to these groups provides wider community benefits. This is a great bang for our buck and we must ensure continued growth in the arts and culture sector.

Esquimalt has many key stakeholders and partners. One such key partner is the school district. We need to look at joint use agreements for infrastructure projects such as the anticipated Esquimalt High Sport Field and multi-use facility that is being proposed. Our school populations are growing and so is the need for creative partnering solutions. Our new Council will continue with the meaningful work of reconciliation with the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations. Recent economic development work by the First Nations communities provides many benefits to the Township.

The doctor shortage which in December will go from challenging to critical with the closure of the Esquimalt treatment center, means only one clinic within the Vic West/ Esquimalt area; 4 doctors for approximately 25,000 people. Council will require focused advocacy and consultation with Island Health to resolve this for our community and there is also the opportunity for enhancement of other medical services with primary care facilities. I have started this dialogue with Island Health already. Healthy communities require medical practitioners.

Council heard throughout Esquimalt of the challenges because of urban deer within our community. The work of Esquimalt, DND, UWSS, will continue toward a

management solution of balancing population and urban concerns. Traffic and issues related to transiting our community were also a key theme at the doorstep and Council will be looking at ways to mitigate traffic and enhance transit in our community. BC Transit has just completed public input regarding busing in our community and we will work with them for greater options.

We have completed a comprehensive eight-month public engagement process for use of the \$17 million McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds and this input is now being compiled and analyzed. Esquimalt staff will be bringing this information to Council early in the New Year. This is an unprecedented opportunity for the community and, with recommendations from staff, Council will provide direction as to where and how to invest this money within the timelines given by CRD. This work will take focus and significant resources but we look forward to the challenge. These are exciting positive times for Esquimalt. Hold on, participate and enjoy the ride over this next term. You have elected a tremendous Council and we are ready to get to work on your behalf.

## **6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

### **Acting Mayor Rotation:**

November/December	Meagan Brame
January/February	Ken Armour
March/April	Tim Morrison
May/June	Lynda Hundleby
July/August	Jacob Helliwell
September/October	Jane Vermeulen

### **Internal Appointments**

#### **Advisory Planning Commission (APC)**

Councillor Meagan Brame  
Councillor Jacob Helliwell

#### **APC Design Review Committee (DRC)**

Councillor Meagan Brame  
Councillor Jacob Helliwell

#### **Buccaneer Days Liaison**

Councillor Meagan Brame

**Celebration Of Lights**

Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**DND Liaison**

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

**Emergency Executive Committee**

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Laurie Hurst, CAO

Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services

**Environmental Advisory Committee**

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

Councillor Ken Armour

**Esquimalt Farmers Market Liaison**

Councillor Hundleby

**Esquimalt Ribfest Liaison**

Councillor Ken Armour

**Esquimalt Together Against Graffiti (ETAG)**

Councillor Tim Morrison

**Local Grants Committee**

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Councillor Ken Armour

Councillor Tim Morrison

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

Councillor Jane Vermeulen

Councillor Tim Morrison

**School Liaison**

Councillor Meagan Brame

Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Alternate)

**Township Community Arts Council (TCAC)**

Councillor Ken Armour

**Esquimalt High School Sports Field Working Group**

Councillor Meagan Brame

Councillor Tim Morrison (Alternate)

Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Alternate)

**External Boards / Committee Appointments**

**Capital Regional District Board / Hospital Board**

(Two year term: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020)

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Councillor Meagan Brame (Alternate)

**Capital Regional District Arts Commission**

(Two year term: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020)

Councillor Meagan Brame

**Capital Regional Emergency Services Telecommunication (C.R.E.S.T.)**

Councillor Tim Morrison

**Capital Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission**

(Two year term: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020)

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

**Capital Regional Water Supply Commission**

(Four year term: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2022)

Councillor Tim Morrison

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority**

Councillor Jacob Helliwell (Member Representative)

Councillor Meagan Brame (Alternate Representative)

**Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association**

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

Councillor Jacob Helliwell (Alternate)

**Greater Victoria Public Library Board**

Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia**

Councillor Jacob Helliwell

Councillor Lynda Hundleby (Alternate #1)

Mayor Barb Desjardins (Alternate #2)

**South Island Prosperity Project**

Councillor Ken Armour

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

**Te'mexw Treaty Advisory Committee**

Councillor Ken Armour

Mayor Barb Desjardins (Alternate)

**Victoria / Esquimalt Harbour Society**

Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board**  
Mayor Barbara Desjardins

**Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee**

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Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Brame: That Council ratify the Council appointments to External and Internal Committees, Commissions and Boards as recommended by Mayor Desjardins in her Inaugural Address. Carried Unanimously.

**7. RECOGNITION OF PAST COUNCIL**

Mayor Desjardins acknowledged the service of the previous Councillors Beth Burton-Krahn, Olga Liberchuk and Susan Low.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 7:33 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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MEAGAN BRAME  
ACTING MAYOR  
THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018

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CORPORATE OFFICER  
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