

From: [Barbara Desjardins](#)
To: [Corporate Services](#)
Subject: Fwd: Esquimalt Atom Smashers - we are going to Worlds
Date: March-24-26 9:13:55 AM

For council agenda please

Barbara Desjardins, (She/Her)
Mayor
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tina O'Keeffe <tokeeffe@sd61.bc.ca>
Date: March 24, 2026 at 8:58:32 AM PDT
To: Barbara Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>
Cc: Cheryl Eisler [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Esquimalt Atom Smashers - we are going to Worlds

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Hi Barb

Yes we can come April 13 - let me know and we will be there.

Thank you :)

Tina O'Keeffe
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2026, at 7:25 AM, Barbara Desjardins
<Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca> wrote:

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Tina: our next council meeting is not until April 13, if there is an opportunity. Will that work? I will check with staff as I'm aware

we do not have any local grant funds available.

Barbara Desjardins, (She/Her)

Mayor

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Honoured & privileged to work on the lək̓ʷəŋən traditional territory and respectfully acknowledge the people of the Songhees Nation and Kosapsum Nation. Nətsəmat (We are all One) həy̓x̓ʷəqə.



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From: Tina O'Keeffe <tokeeffe@sd61.bc.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:53:58 PM

To: Barbara Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>

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Hello Mayor Desjardins (Barb -) and the Esquimalt Council,

We're excited to share that our team has recently won the prestigious Impact Award and qualified for the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship in Houston April 29-May 2, 2026. This recognition celebrates the outreach and community impact your support has helped make possible. You can watch our video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWZQi_9jJ3o

Our last trip to Houston, Texas (FIRST World Championship) was in 2018 - 8 years ago, at that time the Esquimalt Council was able to fund the team \$5000.00. We are reaching out again to inquire whether any funds are available to help our students participate in this opportunity. We would be happy to attend a council meeting and give a presentation on how we won this award and

what it means to attend the World-level competition, where we will represent Esquimalt and compete for a World-level IMPACT award.

For additional information on our funding needs and ways to help our team get to Worlds, please check out our webpage at <https://www.esquimaltatomsmashers.ca/fundraising/world-championship-2026>

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