



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF MOTION

From: Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Introduced: Council Meeting – Dec 7, 2020

Subject: Membership with Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS: The municipalities of Victoria, Saanich, View Royal and Colwood are currently members, which reflects the regional impact of The Chamber.

AND WHEREAS: Esquimalt supports the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce and its local business representation.

AND WHEREAS: The greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce work with local Chambers and take a regional approach to their work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Township of Esquimalt become a member of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce for 2021.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Build and Enhance Partnerships: Work with governments, school districts and stakeholders to enhance relationships and advance issues impacting the community; and Healthy, Livable and Diverse Community: Support the arts, culture and heritage community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$1110 annual membership fee plus a one-time administration fee of \$65.

BACKGROUND:

Over half of the Greater Victoria Chamber members are located outside of Victoria including 37 located in Esquimalt, including CFB Esquimalt and Seaspan Victoria Shipyard. Through their membership and size they are able to host regional topics of discussion which include Mayor's round tables, Ministers and the Premier discussions that members are able to attend. Membership here would provide value for Esquimalt to hear of regional business challenges as well as provincial and federal input to the region.

Respectfully Submitted
Mayor Barbara Desjardins