

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF MOTION

From: Councillors Lynda Hundleby and Meagan Brame

Introduced: Council Meeting – December 6, 2021

Subject: Daycare and School Facilities for Esquimalt Children and Youth

WHEREAS: The Township of Esquimalt has been working with developers and owners to create new residences that attract families and, especially, families with young and schoolaged children;

AND WHEREAS: we know that parents desire the best educational opportunities for their children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Esquimalt Mayor and Council, as Committee of the Whole OR through another process, engage in some discussion to determine how best to advise/alert/communicate/discuss with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (and perhaps Childcare BC) as well as School Districts No. 61 (Greater Victoria School District) and No. 93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie Britannique) in order to provide the best possible educational opportunities for Esquimalt families.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

- Advocate for voice and equity in regional services.
- Advocate with intergovernmental entities to promote issues affecting Esquimalt.
- Continue working with government and school district stakeholders to promote positive relationships and advance issues impacting the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown.

BACKGROUND:

Several residents have raised the issue of sufficient space in local daycare facilities and in local schools in School District 61 to accommodate new students.

School District No. 93 is also mentioned since we are aware that some French-Canadian families move to Esquimalt to be closer to Ecole Brodeur.