



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

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

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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
 Scott Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Rick Daykin, Manager of Parks and Facilities
 Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services
 Tricia deMacedo, Planner
 Alex Tang, Planner
 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

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

- 1) [19-439](#) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 16, 2019
- 2) [19-438](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, September

16, 2019 and the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 16, 2019, be adopted. 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.

Francois Brassard, *resident*, in support of climate action planning initiatives and, on behalf of the Esquimalt Climate Organizers (ECO), encouraged collaboration with the Township.

Marjorie Sandercock, *resident*, in support of climate action planning initiatives and encouraged Council to support options to expedite the implementation of these initiatives.

Francis Litman, *resident*, in support of climate action planning initiatives and offered to work collaboratively with the Township to expedite the implementation of these initiatives.

Patrick Slobodian, *resident*, in support of climate action planning initiatives and provided details referencing BC Medical Journal articles.

Sandy Slobodian, *resident*, in support of climate action planning initiatives.

Tim Marks, *President, Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club*, in support of using McLoughlin Amenity Funds for a dock on the Gorge Waterway for kayak/canoe access.

John Rogers, *Victoria Waterways Loop Representative*, in support of using McLoughlin Amenity Funds for a dock on the Gorge Waterway for kayak/canoe access.

Alan Campbell, *non resident*, in support of using McLoughlin Amenity Funds for a dock on the Gorge Waterway for kayak/canoe access.

Morley Eldridge, *non resident*, in support of using McLoughlin Amenity Funds for a dock on the Gorge Waterway for kayak/canoe access.

Marjorie Sandercock, *resident*, in support of using McLoughlin Amenity Funds for a dock on the Gorge Waterway for kayak/canoe access.

Patrick Slobodian, *resident*, encouraged Council to support options to expedite the implementation of climate action planning initiatives.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation

- 1) [19-482](#) McLoughlin Amenity Funds: Waterfront Parks - Public Engagement Results, Staff Report No. P&R-19-010

Stefan Schulson and Michaelangelo Pico, Stantec Architecture Ltd., presented a PowerPoint Presentation and provided an overview of the public engagement results and responded to questions from Council.

Director of Parks and Recreation Services responded to questions from Council regarding the following five Options:

1. Does Council wish to proceed with a proposed facility at Esquimalt

- Gorge Park and if so which is the preferred design?
2. Does Council wish to proceed with a proposed fenced dog park at Esquimalt Gorge Park and if so which is the preferred design?
 3. Does Council wish to proceed with a proposed boardwalk at Saxe Point Park?
 4. What alternative projects does Council wish to move forward with utilizing the Waterfront Park allocation?
 5. Does Council wish to transfer funds from the Waterfront Parks to either Downtown Recreation Facilities or Public Safety Building allocation at time?

COTW comments for Esquimalt Gorge Park included:

- * Incorporating aspects of both building proposals to achieve the concept of Option 1 with the outdoor greenspace design of Option 2.
- * Options to minimize impact to greenspace.
- * Options to mitigate parking concerns.
- * Landscaping options to blend the building and soften the parking area.
- * Preference for the three-zone dog park proposal.
- * Ensuring green building features.

COTW comments for Saxe Point Park included:

- * Concerns of a boardwalk detracting from the natural ruggedness of the trail.
- * Increasing accessibility and safety for the enjoyment of all users.

COTW comments included:

- * Determining costs before finalizing options; consideration of budgetary restrictions and prioritizing options.
- * Support for installing a dock in Esquimalt Gorge Park to support future uses.

The CAO recommended that Council consider Options 4 and 5 at a future meeting once cost estimates have been provided for Options 1-3.

The meeting recessed at 8:21 PM and reconvened at 8:25 PM with all members of Council present.

Development Services

2) [19-291](#) Climate Action Planning Project, Staff Report DEV-19-055

Planner provided an overview of the project, presented a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included options for 2020 deliverables based on public consultation, best practices of other municipalities and utilizing the expertise of community members to assist in developing and expediting climate action initiatives.

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Armour:

1. That the Committee Of The Whole receive Staff Report No. DEV-19-055 and the Climate Action Progress Report (Appendix A) for information, provide additional direction to staff as the COTW considers

advisable, and direct staff to prepare a request for proposals (RFP) for the Climate Action Planning Project as outlined in the Terms of Reference (Appendix B);

2. That the COTW recommend that Council endorse the proposed target to reduce corporate emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 as recommended by the IPCC in order to immediately achieve Milestone 2 of the Partners for Climate Protection five milestone framework; and

3. That the COTW recommend that Council commit to Esquimalt becoming a 100% renewable energy community by 2050. Carried Unanimously.

3) [19-463](#) Housing Inventory, Staff Report DEV-19-093

Planner provided an overview of the project, presented a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included options to further breakdown the housing inventory in terms of rental, purchase and affordability for clear delineation of stock, the dominance of single-family dwellings without suites in the community, and the relationship between the age of houses and cost.

Engineering & Public Works

4) [19-476](#) Township Guide to Boulevard Modifications, Staff Report EPW-19-033

Councillor Brame declared a conflict of interest due to fiduciary reasons and left the meeting at 9:11 PM.

Director of Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the project and responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included various options for boulevard modification and availability of staff resources to monitor.

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the Committee of the Whole (COTW) receive Staff Report EPW-19-033 for information direct staff to prepare a report for the implementation of Option 2 for Council's consideration. Carried Unanimously.

In Favour: 6 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Armour, Councillor Helliwell, Councillor Hundleby, Councillor Morrison, and Councillor Vermeulen

Absent: 1 - Councillor Brame

Councillor Brame returned to the meeting at 9:25 PM.

7. 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.

Francis Litman, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the loss of trees in the

community, support for incorporating green building features with the proposed building for Esquimalt Gorge Park and limiting the building's impact on the park. Francois Brassard, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the impact that other levels of government have on the environment with a desire to influence change.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:33 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019

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