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From: Boon Argyle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January-12-26 10:54 AM
To: Barbara Desjardins
Cc: Council
Subject: Re: 2026 Property Tax Increase

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Hi Barb,

Thanks for replying to my letter.

I think reviewing rec center hours of operation is a great idea.

Another item that I had read about somewhere is proposed new EV stations. Is this really a must-have right now?

I'm thinking along the lines of what are necessities for living vs. what are extras that could wait or should be scrapped for the time being.

I really know nothing about the Arena floor replacement project, but the same question...is it absolutely necessary? But maybe that ship has already sailed.

Is a bigger increase from PILT a possibility?

As I look at the 2025 budget book, I'm seeing things like \$50,000 for Reception Desk Enclosure. That seems like an astronomical amount for a relatively small project. Are things like this being analyzed? All the little things add up!

Thanks for your consideration!

Boon

Kimberly (Boon) Argyle

On Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 10:01 AM Barbara Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca> wrote:
Kimberley

Thank you for your email. I appreciate your input. Council will discuss the various levers we have to reduce the tax increase which includes service delivery reduction. I would really appreciate your thoughts on this for example reducing rec center hours from 10 pm to 8 pm. I have no basis for those numbers just wanted to illustrate what a service reduction might be

Barbara Desjardins, (She/Her)
Mayor
Lekwungen Territory

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



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On Jan 12, 2026, at 9:36 AM, Boon Argyle [REDACTED] wrote:

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Please find my letter to council attached regarding one of tonight's agenda items:
2026 Draft Budget

Thanks kindly,
Kimberly (Boon) Argyle
<Letter to Council re Property Tax Increase Jan.12.2026.docx>