



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

Committee of the Whole

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

Monday, March 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 6 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Ken Armour
Councillor Andrea Boardman
Councillor Duncan Cavens
Councillor Jacob Helliwell
Councillor Tim Morrison

Staff: Dan Horan, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services & IT
Deb Hopkins, Director of Corporate Services/Corporate
Officer
Victoria McKean, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Morrison called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Councillor Cavens recognized and acknowledged the Songhees Nation and Kosapsum Nation on whose traditional territory we live, we learn, and we do our work.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Armour: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1) [25-078](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 10, 2025.

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Boardman: That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 10, 2025 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEM 6

There was no public input.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- 1) [25-071](#) 2025 Greater Victoria Public Library Budget Presentation
- Shahira Khair, Board Chair and Maureen Sawa, CEO

Shahira Khair, Board Chair, and Maureen Sawa, CEO, presented the 2025 Greater Victoria Public Library Budget and responded to questions from the Committee.

- 2) [25-072](#) Victoria Police Department - 2024 Fourth Quarter Report, Chief Constable Del Manak

Inspector Mike Brown, joined by Chief Constable Del Manak, Deputy Chief Constable Jamie McRae, and the Director of the Community Engagement Division Cheryl Major, presented the Victoria Police Department 2024 Fourth Quarter Report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee of the Whole comments included the following:

- The information related to Calls for Service, as requested previously, is appreciated.
- The Community Action Plan ("zone project") is very exciting and an example of true community policing.
- Concern was expressed around the use of spray chalk in Memorial Park and more education on graffiti was requested.
- Council's decisions made during the budget process are difficult ones, and these decisions do not represent a dissatisfaction with the quality of police work provided by VicPD. The challenge is that VicPD is policing two very different communities, and Council knows VicPD is doing its best to provide the best service to both communities and is grateful for the service provided by VicPD.
- Concern was expressed about the bus stop outside Tudor House liquor store at Esquimalt Road and Admirals Road. An increased police presence is of interest to address undesirable behaviour witnessed at this location.
- Council is interested in receiving more updates on the status of School Liaisons and would appreciate invitations to future gang awareness presentations to youth and parents.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Boardman: That the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 14 DAY OF APRIL, 2025

DEB HOPKINS,
CORPORATE OFFICER
CERTIFIED CORRECT