



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Request for Notice of Motion, Pursuant to Sections 37 and 38, Council Procedure Bylaw, 2715, 2009.

Introduced: Regular Council – April 9, 2018

From: Mayor Barbara Desjardins and Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn

Subject: First Nations Reconciliation - Next Steps

WHEREAS: Council passed the following resolution on November 6, 2017:

WHEREAS: in 2008 the Federal Government and the members of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as part of a comprehensive response to the abuses inflicted upon Indigenous Peoples through the residential school system;

AND WHEREAS: the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report in December of 2015 along with 94 Calls to Action to further the possibilities of healing between parties (Indigenous Peoples and Settlers) through acts of reconciliation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Township of Esquimalt explore the Calls to Action in partnership with both the Esquimalt First Nation and the Songhees First Nation in a dialogue of mutual respect so that the Township can honour the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in actions;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that out of the dialogue with both the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nation we can enact actions that truly foster healing based on actions that come out of that dialogue rather than any one act arbitrarily and unilaterally decided by the Township alone.

AND WHEREAS: as Mayor I met with Chief Sam of Songhees First Nation and Chief Thomas of Esquimalt First Nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that a small working group be formed with representation from Songhees Nation, Esquimalt Nation and Township of Esquimalt community plus an Esquimalt Council representative, and be given a budget of \$5,000 for 2018;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the working group, modeled on the “City Family” of the City of Victoria, provide guidance and recommendation to Esquimalt Township Council regarding reconciliation initiatives, and to bear witness when initiatives have been determined, and that Council to Council meetings will be sought to present this initiative and to develop further understanding of what the working group goals are with relation to our communities.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

This Notice of Motion is relevant to Council’s Strategic Priority that we recognize the importance of, and will enhance relationships with our neighbours and other levels of government.

BACKGROUND:

See the attached for additional background materials:

Attachment 1 - Notice of Motion from Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn and attached document by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities “Pathways to Reconciliation”, considered by Esquimalt Council at its November 6, 2017 Council meeting; and

Attachment 2 - Information from the City of Victoria regarding its initiatives for the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force.