CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, to allow the public to make representations to the Municipal Council respecting matters contained in the following proposed bylaw:

Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2018, No. 2922 which repeals and replaces Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2006, No. 2646 as amended.

The Official Community Plan Bylaw will apply to all lands in the Township of Esquimalt.

The purpose of the Official Community Plan Bylaw is to provide a statement of objectives and policies, including map designations, to guide decisions on planning and land use management, within the Township, respecting the purposes of local government.

Highlights of the Official Community Plan Bylaw include, but are not limited to:

- An updated regional context statement given the Capital Regional District's new Regional Growth Strategy bylaw;
- Inclusion of a "Present Land Use Designation Map" which represents existing land uses;
- Inclusion of a "Proposed Land Use Designation Map" which represents the desired future land uses:
- Land use designations for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational and public utility land uses, including mixed-use designation and introducing a new "Neighbourhood Commercial Mixed-use" land use designation;
- Fifteen development permit area designations, including: form and character
 designations for commercial, industrial, multi-family residential, intensive residential,
 and revitalization of an area in which a commercial use is permitted; site-specific
 designations at McLoughlin Point, Town Square, and English Inn; a new "West Bay"
 development permit area; Township wide development permit areas for the "protection
 of the natural environment", "energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction", and
 "water conservation"; and a new "protection of development from hazardous conditions"
 development permit area.
- Updated "Temporary Use Permit" and "Development Approval Information" provisions;
- A detailed analysis of proposed housing needs and residential development, including new policies to allow suites in duplexes, and to allow detached accessory dwelling units (aka garden suites, granny flats, coach houses, etc.) subject to appropriate zoning;
- Setting a target of a 38 percent reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 based on the 2007 baseline;
- Setting a target of zero net community greenhouse has emissions by 2050;
- Chapters on "Parks, Recreation and Trails", "Transportation", "Infrastructure", "Environment, Energy and Climate Change", "Urban Agriculture", "Arts, Culture & Hentage", "Economic Development", and more; and
- Additional Maps regarding the "Roads Network", "Sewer Network", "Water Network", "Public Parks and Facilities", "Public View Corridors", "Cycling Network", and "Development Permit Areas".

Please review and consider the Township's proposed new Official Community Plan Bylaw. All persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaw may make representations to Council at the public hearing or submit a written submission, prior to that date, to the Municipal Hall at the address noted below or via email to corporate.services@esquimalt.ca.

AND FURTHERMORE TAKE NOTICE that copies of the proposed Bylaw and relevant background documents may be inspected at the offices of Development Services, Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, B.C., V9A 3P1 anytime between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from May 16 until May 28, 2018, inclusive [excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays].

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Personal information contained in communications to Council and its Committees is collected under the authority of the Community Charter and Local Government Act and will be used to assist Council members in decision making. Please note that your comments relating to this matter will form part of the Township's public record and may be included in a public agenda and posted on our website. Questions regarding the collection of personal information may be referred to the Corporate Officer at corporate.services@esquimalt.ca.