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Township of Esquimalt Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, BC
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To Mayor Barb Desjardins,

As you know, I am disappointed that the Township of Esquimalt was unable to accommodate a temporary move of The Royal Canadian Legion – Esquimalt Dockyard Branch 172 during the construction of a new building at their 622 Admirals Road location. I thought that the Legion Manager's suggestion to use some underutilized space in the Archie Browning Centre for the Legion during this period was a very reasonable idea. The Esquimalt Legion is more than simply a pub. It is deeply important social and civic space that helps create the bonds of community that make Esquimalt vibrant and unique. It is also a direct link between the Esquimalt community and the thousands of civilians and Canadian Forces members that have dedicated their lives to CFB Esquimalt and to our country. It will be a significant loss, even if temporary, to be without this space.

I understand that you have committed to allowing space at the Archie Browning Centre to be used by members of the Esquimalt Legion during important events such as Remembrance Day and other significant occasions. This small measure is vital to commemorate all those who have given so much to our community and our country.

While this is welcome, it will not supplant the decision not to secure stable space during this transitory period. I urge you to work with municipal staff far in advance of these events and give them the prioritization that they deserve. I am particularly concerned that the needs of the Legion be met for Remembrance Day.

Sincerely,

Randall Garrison, MP
Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke