



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
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Special Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

5:45 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 7 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
 Councillor Ken Armour
 Councillor Meagan Brame
 Councillor Jacob Helliwell
 Councillor Lynda Hundleby
 Councillor Tim Morrison
 Councillor Jane Vermeulen

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
 Scott Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services
 Chris Jancowski, Fire Chief
 Rick Daykin, Manager of Parks and Facilities
 Rachel Dumas, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:48 PM.

Mayor Desjardins acknowledged with respect that we are within the Traditional Territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

The following late item was added to the agenda:

(1) Add to Item 6. **STAFF REPORTS:** (1) McLoughlin Amenity Fund Criteria, Staff Report P&R-19-003:

 * McLoughlin Amenity Funds - Round 2 Engagement Report, prepared by Whistler Centre for Sustainability (Revised January 23, 2019)

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the agenda be approved as amended with the inclusion of the late item. Carried Unanimously.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

1) [19-052](#) Tsugio Kurushima, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, Re: Japanese Tea House at Esquimalt Gorge Park

Tsugio Kurushima, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, provided an overview of the Japanese Tea House initiative proposed at Esquimalt Gorge Park.

- 2) [19-053](#) Jordan Stanger-Ross, UVic Landscapes of Injustice, Re: Japanese Teahouse at Esquimalt Gorge Park

Jordan Stanger-Ross and Kaitlin Findlay, UVic Landscapes of Injustice, provided a historical overview of the former Japanese Teahouse and rationale for proposed initiative of a Japanese Teahouse at Esquimalt Gorge Park.

5. PUBLIC INPUT (On items listed on the Agenda)
Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing.

Dan Armstrong, *resident*, suggested Gorge Park is under utilized and in favour of the proposed Japanese Tea House initiative.

Judy Whytock, *resident*, expressed financial concerns with the proposed Japanese Tea House initiative.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation

- 1) [19-049](#) McLoughlin Amenity Fund Selection Criteria, Staff Report P&R-19-003

Director of Parks and Recreation provided an overview of selection criteria process including, selection criteria, weighting values and voting options, and introduced Shannon Gordon.

Shannon Gordon, Whistler Centre for Sustainability, provided an overview of Round 2 of the community engagement process. She advised of 3 revisions to the report pertaining to questions 5, 9 and 13 and added that staff will use the data to evaluate and create a shortlist of the projects to be brought forward to Council for review.

Selection criteria presented included:

1. Funding implications
2. Strategic alignment
3. Addresses diverse community needs
4. Environmental impact
5. Project connections/ efficiencies
6. Cost-benefit analysis
7. Public Support

Staff responded to questions and Councillor Vermeulen left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Council comments included:

Amending criteria selection as follows:

- * No. 3: Add Future to title and include ages and incomes
- * No. 6: Include feasibility
- * All selection criteria to be weighted equally

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Committee of the Whole:

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1. Receive Staff Report No. P&R-19-003 for information, provide any additional direction to staff as the COTW considers advisable, and direct staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration.
 2. Direct staff to apply the Committee's selection criteria to the eligible projects and provide recommendations to Council in March. Carried Unanimously.
- 7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**
Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing. Limit of two minutes per speaker.
- Jordan Stanger-Ross, *resident*, in support of residents given priority for input however the views of non-residents are also valuable as we live in an integrated community.
- Lee Mauro, *resident*, encouraged Council to consider options other than a Japanese Tea House for Gorge Point Park.
- Maggie Ruth Thompson, *resident*, in support of the Japanese Tea Garden and encouraged more gardens in the community.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
- Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:36 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS date DAY OF month, 2019

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