



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

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

Special Meeting of Council

Monday, March 30, 2020

5:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Councillor Brame, Councillor Helliwell and Councillor Hundleby by conference phone.

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
 Vicki Gannon, Director of Corporate Services and Hr
 Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services / Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Council meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY ADDRESS RE: COVID-19

Thank you for staying involved with our council meetings. We are very glad we are able to offer this webcast as well as the ability for residents to participate remotely. Things have changed very rapidly in the past few weeks. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the sense of community and helpful nature of Esquimalt residents and businesses. I want to acknowledge the businesses in our community and their efforts to continue to provide services in our community. Also a huge shout out to medical, health personnel, and first responders like VicPD and Esquimalt Fire for your work in this time. Many of you are continuing to support our local businesses and looking for ways to assist your neighbours in addition to fielding the disruptions in your own lives. For that, we thank you.

Our gratitude and thanks also go out to municipal staff who are working to keep the parks open, phones answered, garbage collected and sewers functioning. Please extend your thanks when you see them. They deserve nothing less. Many of you are also continuing to enjoy our stunning parks. We want to keep these parks available to the public but we can only keep them open if everyone uses them responsibly. When visiting our parks, please respect the orders given by our health authorities to practice social distancing and remain 2 meters apart. 2 meters apart is not easy, but it is a must to change the path of this virus. Anyone

not following is putting themselves and others in harm's way, I know that is not your intention. The fact remains that we need to follow all advice and official orders from the Provincial Health Officer to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are in a crucial time and we cannot be anything less than 100% commitment to doing what's needed to combat this disease. Township updates regarding COVID-19 are added to our dedicated page, [Esquimalt.ca/covid19](https://esquimalt.ca/covid19). Residents are encouraged to sign up for Esquimalt Alert to receive significant updates like advisories, services changes and emergencies right to their phone or computer. The Township also uses Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to relay communications and connect with the public.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. ELECTRONIC PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Address Council on any item included on this Agenda, including Staff Reports and Communications (excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing). Limit 2 minutes per speaker.

There was no public input.

5. BYLAWS

- 1) [20-155](#) Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2715, 2009, Amendment Bylaw [No. 5], 2020, No. 2995 - For Adoption

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2715, 2009, Amendment Bylaw [No. 5], 2020, No. 2995 be adopted. Carried Unanimously.

6. ELECTRONIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Address Council on any topic that impacts Esquimalt (excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing). Limit 2 minutes per speaker.

There was no public input.

7. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That Council convene In Camera pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter to discuss:

- Labour relations or other employee relations.

In accordance with Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter, and that the general public be excluded. Carried Unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Armour: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 5:07 PM. Carried unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS DAY OF , 2020

RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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