

## Jessica Nichol

**From:** Alicia Ferguson  
**Sent:** June-26-20 12:06 PM  
**To:** Jessica Nichol  
**Subject:** FW: A letter seeking council's approval of signage  
**Attachments:** Dear Mayor Desjardin and Esquimalt Council.docx; ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Ian Irvine  
**Sent:** June-26-20 11:52 AM  
**To:** Alicia Ferguson  
**Subject:** FW: A letter seeking council's approval of signage

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## Ian Irvine

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**From:** Barb Desjardins  
**Sent:** June-26-20 11:34 AM  
**To:** Ian Irvine  
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Sent from my iPad

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lois Blackmore  
**Date:** June 26, 2020 at 11:12:13 AM PDT  
**To:** Mayor and Council <[Mayor.and.Council@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Mayor.and.Council@esquimalt.ca)>  
**Subject:** A letter seeking council's approval of signage  
**Reply-To:** Lois Blackmore

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Dear Mayor Desjardin and Esquimalt Council,

My name is Lois Blackmore, past president of the Victoria Rhododendron Society. I have been involved with the donation of many specialty hybrid rhododendron plants given to Esquimalt Gorge Park. These rhododendrons have been created by one person, Jim Barlup, over a lifetime of hybridizing. There are many more that to be donated over the coming years, as our group has been given permission to add to this collection.

As part of our mission to promote and educate the public about the Genus Rhododendron, we have been working with Rick Daykin who has embraced our gifts and has worked in harmony with our group, providing support and guidance throughout this partnership.

Currently we are working closely with the Horticultural Center of the Pacific. We have paid for and created a grow on area that is managed by members of our society. These new hybrids are in varying stages of growth and will be registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. When registered, they will be donated to the park as well.

Our group believes that this is a unique opportunity for the Township of Esquimalt: to have in one setting an almost complete collection of one man's work developed over a period of 45 years.

“Working within other organizations, the Township of Esquimalt will continue to promote Esquimalt’s visitor attractions.” We believe our partnership seamlessly coordinates with the stated goals of the Township of Esquimalt.

Rick Daykin advised our group that they would need council’s permission for a sign to be placed in the park which displays the name of Jim Barlup. Our choice would be to have a large stone sandblasted with his name on it, and it be placed in the area of his registered plants. The sign would read “Jim Barlup Rhododendron Garden. It would have the Japanese symbol for rhododendron on it, in keeping with the new development that will soon be occurring at the entrance to the Japanese Garden.

This letter is seeking Council’s permission to allow the Victoria Rhododendron Society to donate a large sand blasted stone reading “Jim Barlup Rhododendron Garden” along with the Japanese symbol for rhododendron. We believe it would be an art form adding to the ambience of the garden. It would be placed in the rhododendron garden that we established in April 2019.