



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

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

Special Committee of the Whole

Monday, August 24, 2020

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

Councillor Brame, Councillor Helliwell, and Councillor Hundleby attended the meeting by conference call.

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:46 PM.

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

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: 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 electronic public input.

Councillor Armour recused himself from the meeting at 5:47 PM due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item as he will be working in a personal business capacity with the South Island Prosperity Partnership in the near future.

5. PRESENTATION

- 1) [20-398](#) Dallas Gislason, Director of Economic Development, South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP), Re: Business Investment Roadmap 2020

Dallas Gislason, Director of Economic Development, SIPP, attended the meeting via conference call, provided an overview of the Business Investment Roadmap and responded to questions from the COTW. Highlights of the overview included key initiatives for community prosperity, collaborative partnerships to strengthen the community, options for next steps including implementation and recommendations for performance measurement.

COTW comments included determining businesses that the community is currently lacking and creating incentives to grow these businesses, benefits of fibre optic technology for community competitiveness and the decentralized work trend, impact of the COVID pandemic on the local economy and strengthening the community's position of recovery by implementing an economic strategy.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- 1) [20-399](#) Draft Business Investment Roadmap 2020, Staff Report No. ADM-20-021

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the COTW receive Staff Report No. ADM-20-021 for information and direct staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration on the logistics and costs of establishing a Business Development function in order to implement the Business Investment Roadmap. Carried Unanimously.

7. 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 electronic public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:47 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS DAY OF , 2020

RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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