

Excerpt from June 28, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

RE - Regulation for Fences in Esquimalt, Councillor Meagan Brame - For Consideration Council

Comments included options to reduce impact of deer on food security through exploring differentiating fence heights, the contraception study as not an immediate solution to mitigate the impact of deer, and exploring fence regulations of other municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen:

WHEREAS: Esquimalt's current bylaw regulating fence heights does not address issues of deer in yards, desecrating gardens;

WHEREAS: Esquimalt's Official Community Plan's section 14.2 Urban Food Production supports the establishment of allotment gardens, community gardens, edible landscapes, food bearing trees and other types of food production activities;

WHEREAS: Esquimalt has yet to receive permission from the Province to move forward with the immunocontraception of deer and even once permission is granted it will take several years for the deer counts to lower;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Council direct staff to draft a staff report for consideration and discussion at a Committee of the Whole meeting regarding fence heights and design. The report should briefly explore ways to increase fence heights along with guidelines to allow for esthetics of the neighbourhood. Carried Unanimously.