



**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**
Minutes - Draft
Council

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

Monday, March 21, 2016

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present: 6 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn
Councillor Lynda Hundleby
Councillor Olga Liberchuk
Councillor Tim Morrison

Regrets: 1 - Councillor Susan Low

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services
Chris Jancowski, Fire Chief
Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services
Ritchie Morrison, Communications Coordinator
Deborah Liske, Recording Secretary

Others: Del Manak, Acting Chief, Victoria Police Department
Jason Laidman, Victoria Police Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

Mayor Desjardins also acknowledged the special guests in attendance: former Mayor Darwin Robinson; Maureen Sawa, Victoria Regional Library CEO; Del Manak, Acting Chief, Victoria Police Department and Jason Laidman, Acting Inspector, West Division, Victoria Police Department.

2. ESQUIMALT VILLAGE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Desjardins made the following announcement about the Esquimalt Village Project.

The Township has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Aragon Investments Ltd. to proceed with the acquisition and development of the Esquimalt Village Project lands adjacent to Municipal Hall.

This is a very big deal. We view this as the catalyst for development in Esquimalt for years to come. We look forward to working with Aragon as a community development partner in this critical space right next to the hall.

Mayor Desjardins provided a brief outline of features of the project; noting Frank D'Ambrosio of D'Ambrosio architecture and urbanism would also be providing a more precise overview later in the presentation. Mayor Desjardins noted the meeting will recess following Mr. D'Ambrosio's presentation to provide for the opportunity to view the concept panels in detail and for Council, staff and representatives of Aragon Investments and D'Ambrosio architecture and urbanism to respond to comments and questions. .

Mr. D'Ambrosio's firm has designed a concept plan for the project that includes civic, residential and commercial uses. The village will feature a public square and a through-block art walk. In addition, the project includes the proposed relocation of the Esquimalt Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library. Progressive features of the project include alternative management methods for rainwater and energy. The space will be designed for ease of movement for pedestrians and cyclists and will feature inviting spaces for gathering and relaxing.

Green building concepts will be incorporated into buildings and infrastructure. The architect will use an ecological urbanism approach: buildings, spaces and all infrastructure, as well as the user patterns of the community, will be viewed as integrated parts of the ecology of the village.

Our new community development partner Aragon has an impressive background in developments of this nature, including several comparable urban developments throughout British Columbia, Ontario and in California. In all they have worked on 54 development properties in Canada and the U.S.

This will mark a major step forward for the Township and will lay the groundwork for a revitalized Esquimalt that not even the most optimistic of us could have envisioned. Mayor Desjardins expressed her excitement for the opportunities this project represents for economic development.

Esquimalt heritage will not be ignored as we move ahead with development. Heritage trees will be maintained on site as well as the HMCS Esquimalt monument. Artwork located in the through-block art-walk, paid for by the developer at a cost of \$300,000, will reflect both the historic and the contemporary aspects of our community.

This is a very significant project in the community. The process moving forward will include opportunities for the public to view and provide comment on the project design and vision. Mayor Desjardins advised the public to stay tuned for upcoming announcements as the project moves forward.

Next steps - the Township will be working to ready the property for transfer to Aragon. This will include a rezoning process and negotiating a construction and land transfer contract. Construction is expected to commence in the spring of 2017 and be completed within two years.

Mayor Desjardins noted Council is committed to due process and that all aspects of the project will bear in mind the interests of the Township, and of the community. Mayor Desjardins expressed her enthusiasm in seeing a shovel in the ground on this project.

Council unveiled the conceptual illustration of the Esquimalt Village Project.

Mayor Desjardins invited Michael Lowe of Aragon Investments Ltd. to provide an overview of the project.

On behalf of Aragon, Mr. Lowe expressed his appreciation and excitement for having the opportunity to work with the Township on the revitalization and regentrification of the Esquimalt Village.

Frank D'Ambrosio, D'Ambrosio architecture and urbanism presented the design and reviewed PowerPoint images of the project. Mr. D'Ambrosio expressed his gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to work with the Aragon team to showcase exceptional urban design and architecture in the Esquimalt Village project.

The plan centerpiece - a new town square of approximately 17,000 square feet, will include the retention of the two Garry Oak trees, with a green space "pocket-park" underneath, a public open-space in a front and centre position on Esquimalt Road, and a six storey building with commercial on the ground floor and rental apartments above in the western corner. To the south a five story terraced building will house the new branch library with a two storey frontage. Institutional and commercial office space, with a major anchor tenant, will complete that building. The project will also include a walkway linking Esquimalt Road with Carlisle Avenue through the heart of the town centre. Two residential buildings along Carlisle Avenue will add to the approximate 148,000 square feet of construction. In addition to 30 - 40 surface parking spots behind the town hall, approximately 160 vehicles parking spots will be available underground. Approximately 35 of the residential units will be rental accommodations with the remainder being owner owned apartments or condominiums.

Mayor Desjardins acknowledged the work of staff with all stakeholders, including the community, to move the project forward.

The meeting recessed at 7:23 PM and reconvened at 7:47 PM.

3. LATE ITEMS

Item 6. (2) PRESENTATIONS - Brian Burchill, Association for Responsible and

Environmentally Sustainable Sewage Treatment, Re: McLoughlin Point was removed from the agenda and rescheduled to April 18, 2016.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Burton-Krahn, seconded by Councillor Liberchuk: That the agenda be approved as amended with the removal of item 6(2). Carried Unanimously.

5. **MINUTES**

- 1) [16-121](#) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, February 22, 2016
- 2) [16-122](#) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 7, 2016
- 3) [16-123](#) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, March 7, 2016
- 4) [16-124](#) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 14, 2016

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, February 22, 2016, Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 7, 2016, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, March 7, 2016, and Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 14, 2016 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1) [16-125](#) Municipal Archives - Gregory Evans, Municipal Archivist
Greg Evans, Municipal Archivist, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the history, objectives and purpose of the Esquimalt Municipal Archives.

Mr. Evans also provided information on the scope and size of the collection, including examples of both the collection and of the public enquires received. Staff consists of a part-time Archivist position and many volunteers. Volunteers contributed 1,894 hours in 2015. The Municipal Archives retain memberships in several historical associations and has been the recipient of several awards and is a valued participant in local heritage and historical events. The collection continues to grow through the generous donation of a vast array of documents, photographs and historical items.

Mr. Evans also provided an overview of the Past Perfect on-line collection of photographs available through the municipal website.

Mayor Desjardins encouraged donations of materials to the Archives.

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

Sherri Robinson, *resident*, suggested renaming the 1300 block of Esquimalt Road to Day's Close to recognize the historical significance of Esquimalt resident and entrepreneur, John Day, whose home is located there rather than St. Paul's Place as it has no historical connection to the church.

Robert Buckle, *resident*, lives in the 1300 block of Esquimalt Road, is one of the residents suggesting the name change to St. Paul's Place as it would make it easy to find due to it's location close to the church. A name change is of utmost importance for locating the addresses during emergencies.

Muriel Dunn, *resident*, the Archives needs to be moved and what needs to be done to get it moved to better quarters?

8. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- 1) [16-120](#) Updated Strategic Priorities 2015 - 2019, Staff Report ADM-16-009

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Burton-Krahn: That Council approve the updated Strategic Priorities 2015 - 2019 and Operational Strategies as presented in Staff Report ADM-16-009. Carried Unanimously.

Finance

- 2) [16-117](#) 2016 Revenue, Tax, Budget and Financial Sustainability Policies and Objectives, Staff Report FIN-16-003

The Director of Financial Services presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included (Staff response in italics):

* Number of revitalization tax exemption program applications received to date and eligibility? *Have received a number of enquiries, no formal applications received to date. Any and all applications will be accepted and assessed against the criteria in the bylaw.*

* Decrease in casino revenue - structure of agreement or decreased revenue of casino? *Decreased revenue of casino over the last few years.*

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That Council approve the 2016 Revenue, Tax, Budget and Financial Sustainability Policies and Objectives as attached to Staff Report FIN-16-003. Carried Unanimously.

Engineering and Public Works

- 3) [16-010](#) Speed Control on Alley Backing onto Foster Street, Staff Report EPW-16-003

The Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions from Council.

* Neighbours have requested speed limit and children playing signs be erected on the laneway? *The laneway is a municipal roadway and signage can be erected.*

* Cost of installation of speed humps? *Approximate cost of \$1000 and could be*

accommodated in the operational budget.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That Council not require the Developer of 519 Foster Street to supply and install a speed hump(s) in the lane way, but for staff to install appropriate signage. Carried Unanimously.

- 4) [16-080](#) Stancombe Place Traffic Order 1212, Staff Report No. EPW-16-008

Moved by Councillor Burton-Krahn, seconded by Councillor Liberchuk: That Council approve the implementation of Traffic Order 1212. Carried Unanimously.

- 5) [16-119](#) Request for Name Change for Esquimalt Road (1300 Block), Staff Report EPW-16-012

The Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions from Council.

* Are there any other streets or roads named St. Paul's Place in Greater Victoria?

A check was completed and no other locations were identified. Helpful that Esquimalt has the distinction to be identified as Esquimalt (through Canada Post) and not Victoria as is the case for other municipalities in the Capital Region.

* From a safety standpoint requires revision.

* Length of process to complete change? *Same procedure for creation of subdivisions will be followed for updating records; with the creation and installation of signage being approximately 2 weeks.*

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That Council approve the representative of the residents to address Council. Carried Unanimously.

Robert Buckle provided Council with background and an overview of the request for a name change. Mr. Buckle noted the historical significance of St. Paul's Church and also of the many significant historical figures of Esquimalt that have resided on the street. Mr. Buckle further noted the residents of the part of the street to be renamed collectively chose the name of St. Paul's Place from a wide assortment of suggestions. Work on the process has been going on since 1998 and provided the request to the Township in June of 2015.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That Council approve the name change of Esquimalt Road (side street) to St. Paul's Place. Carried.

In Favour: 5 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Brame, Councillor Hundleby, Councillor Liberchuk, and Councillor Morrison

Opposed: 1 - Councillor Burton-Krahn

9. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 1) [16-127](#) Councillor Meagan Brame, CRD Arts Update

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That

Councillor Brame's CRD Arts Update report be received. Carried Unanimously.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) [16-128](#) Letter from Brent Reems, Capital Regional District, dated March 2, 2016, Re: CRD Bylaw No. 4058, Capital Regional District Climate Action and Adaptation Service Establishment Bylaw, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2016

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That Council give consent to the adoption of CRD Bylaw No. 4058 in accordance with Section 346 of the Local Government Act. Carried Unanimously.

- 2) [16-129](#) Letter from Liz Cornwell, District of Central Saanich, dated February 26, 2016, Re: Take the Pledge for Parity

Moved by Councillor Liberchuk, seconded by Councillor Brame:

WHEREAS: 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of women's first right to vote in Canada; and

WHEREAS: International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity; and

WHEREAS: The World Economic Forum predicted in 2014 that it would take until 2095 to achieve global gender parity. Then one year later in 2015, they estimated that a slowdown in the already glacial pace of progress meant the gender gap wouldn't be closed entirely until 2133.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Township of Esquimalt will take the Pledge For Parity at <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/Pledge> to:

- Help women and girls achieve their ambitions
- Challenge conscious and unconscious bias
- Call for gender-balanced leadership
- Value women and men's contributions equally
- Create inclusive, flexible cultures.

Carried Unanimously.

- 3) [16-130](#) Email from Jackie Powell, dated March 8, 2016, Re: Letter of Support for a Clubhouse International

Moved by Councillor Burton-Krahn, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That Council endorse a letter of support for a Clubhouse International in Greater Victoria. Carried Unanimously.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

- 1) [16-103](#) Councillor Brame - Dangerous Dog Legislation Amendments, For Introduction

This Notice of Motion was referred to the April 4, 2016 Regular Council

meeting for discussion.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing. Limit of two minutes per speaker.

Marilyn Day, *resident*, insulted by the recent handling of the local police issue by the media. Esquimalt has a great police force.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Burton-Krahn: That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 8:52 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS date DAY OF month, 2016

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CERTIFIED CORRECT