

OCP Review – Looking Forward Forum Survey Results

1. How well does the following DRAFT community vision statement reflect your vision of Esquimalt?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
1 - Does not reflect		4.5%	10
2 - Reflects somewhat		10.4%	23
3 - Reflects moderately		28.5%	63
4 - Reflects a lot		45.7%	101
5 - Reflects exactly		7.7%	17
Prefer not to answer		3.2%	7
		Total Responses	221

2. Do you have any suggestions to improve the DRAFT community vision statement? (Optional)

The 100 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

3. What are your ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 226 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

4. What are your COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 244 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

5. What are your ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 212 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

6. What are your ENVIRONMENT related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 177 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

7. What are your PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 214 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

8. What are your PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 209 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.




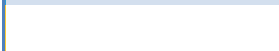
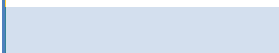
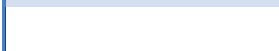

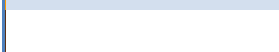

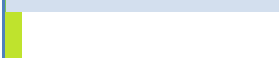
9. What are your TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE related ideas and wishes for the future?

The 284 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

10. Are there any other comments you wish to share with us in regards to the review and updating of Esquimalt's Official Community Plan?

The 78 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

11. Where do you live?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Esquimalt		79.7%	110
Central Saanich		0.0%	0
Colwood		0.0%	0
Esquimalt First Nation		0.0%	0
Highlands		0.0%	0
Langford		0.0%	0
Metchosin		0.7%	1
North Saanich		0.0%	0
Oak Bay		0.0%	0
Saanich		5.1%	7

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Sidney	0.7%	1
Songhees First Nation	0.7%	1
Sooke	0.0%	0
Victoria	3.6%	5
View Royal	2.2%	3
Prefer not to answer	5.1%	7
Other	2.2%	3
Total Responses		138



11. Where do you live? (Other)

#	Response
1.	Former citizens of Esquimalt, I will be back soon.
2.	own 2 homes in Esquimalt. Both family homes
3.	Have home in Vancouver & Esquimalt.

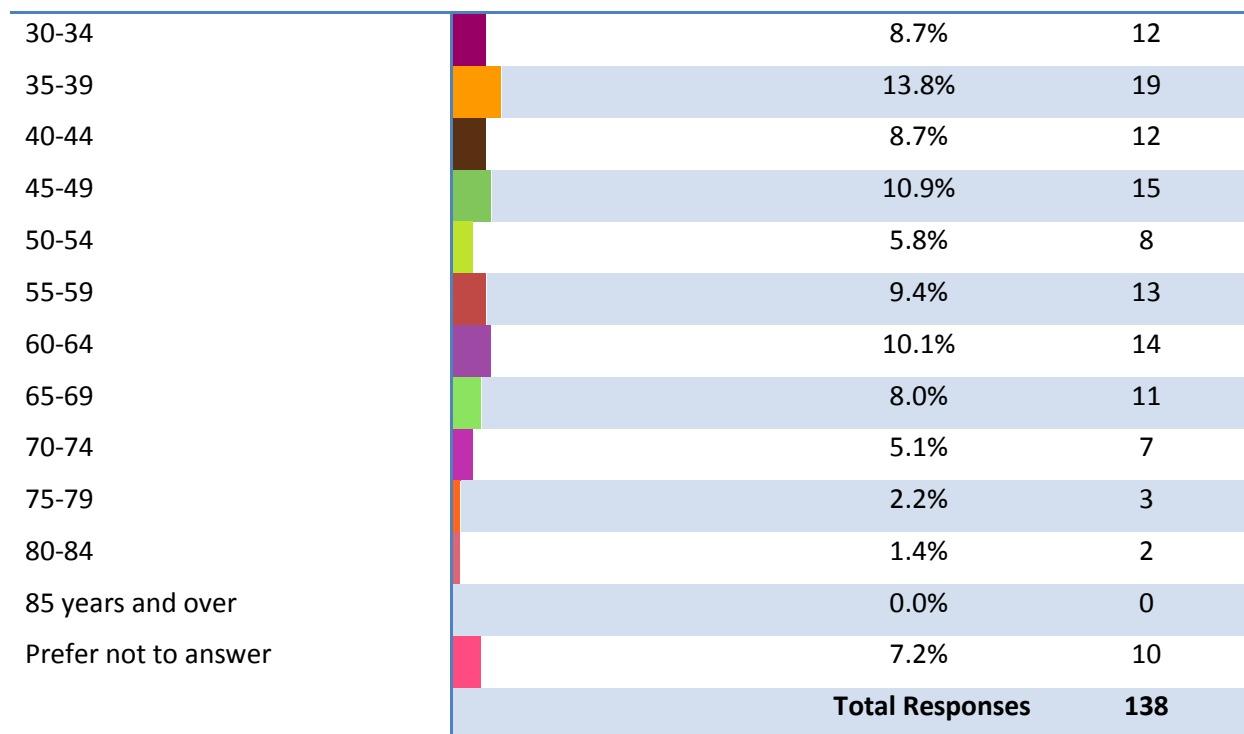
12. What is your gender?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Female		57.2%	79
Male		34.1%	47
Other		0.0%	0
Prefer not to answer		8.7%	12
Total Responses			138

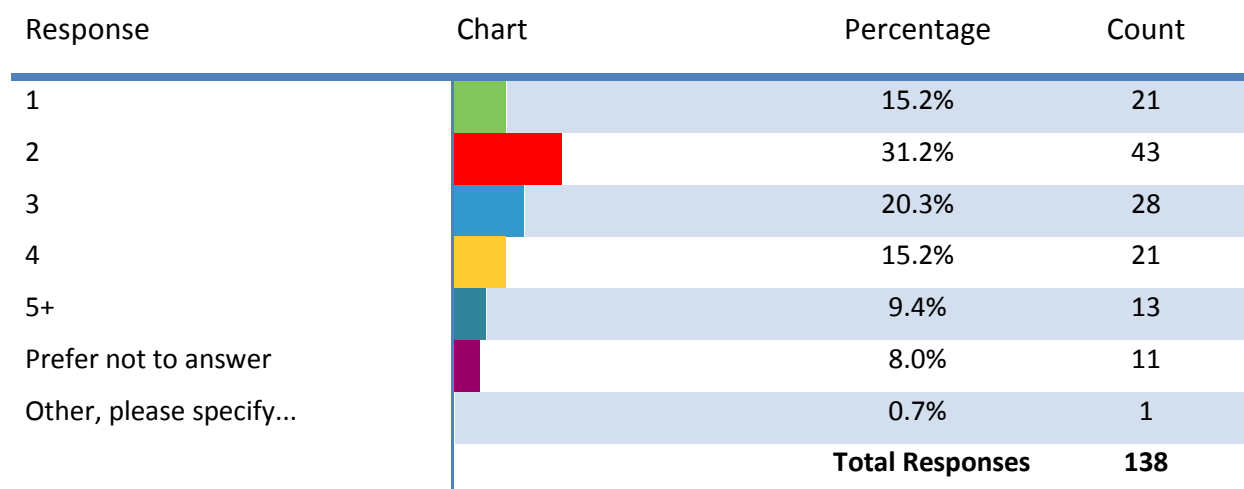
13. What is your age?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
9 years and under		0.0%	0
10-14		0.0%	0
15-19		0.0%	0
20-24		3.6%	5
25-29		5.1%	7

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14. How many people live in your household (including yourself)?





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#	Response
1.	Just me on a regular basis, but I host temporary adult international students coming to Victoria to learn English.



15. What age groups do members of your household belong to?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Children (9 years and under)		40.6%	43
Youth (10 - 17 years old)		14.2%	15
Young Adults (18 - 29 years of age)		19.8%	21
Adults (30 - 64 years of age)		80.2%	85
Older Adults (65 years and over)		17.9%	19
Prefer not to answer		4.7%	5
		Total Responses	106

16. Would you like to receive future updates regarding the official community plan review? (Optional)

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes, please enter Email...		54.3%	69
No		45.7%	58
		Total Responses	127

17. Would you like to be entered in a prize draw for a one month pass to the Esquimalt Recreation Centre? (Optional)

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes, please enter Email...		62.3%	81
No		37.7%	49
		Total Responses	130

Appendix

2. Do you have any suggestions to improve the DRAFT community vision statement? (Optional) |

Response (100)

Community (9)

Looks good! Regarding repetitive word usage of "community", perhaps you could use alternative words, e.g. "warm and caring township" . "Engaged citizens support our vibrant economy."

I appreciate and agree that the vision should reference special interests (including first nations), economy and environment but I think it should have more emphasize on the citizens of the community. The only words that reference citizens is community (3 uses) and we/stewards (1 use). that seems insufficient for 45 words.

'Community' appears 3x. Is there a way to omit one ?

Something about being fun, and close knit. Our engaged community supports more than just our economy, it creates relationships and ties that make this a great place to raise families and make friends and have great neighbours!

It says we get along with the first nations, we deal with the base, and we care about the environment. Says nothing about the people who live here who arent in those two groups. Its just a bunch of fluffy buzz words.

Empowerment of the people who live here, for to long we have been a dumping ground for the rest of Victoria, let us stand for us.

I would like to see something about a community that fosters a sense of social belonging and inclusion.

What is community - is it both residents and businesses, and the 17000 people that come here every day to work? if so how is each group "engaged"?

What is meant by engaged community - 5-10 people come to council meetings

Diversity (8)

The word "caring doesn't quite fit and I would like to see diversity and arts/culture more reflected in the statement.

The municipality could do a better job of promoting that diversity. There isn't a lot of information out there about our relationship with either the First Nations community nor that of the Muslim community even though there are community centers within Esquimalt.

In the previous Vision statement, you mentioned "diverse community". I think it's better, because It's larger than First Nations, Naval and regional neighbours. You can keep First Nations, Naval and regional neighbours in the Vision statement but you have to add the word "diverse" also. Thank you!

Something about diversity welcomed. E.g. diverse, welcoming community, people from across Canada + the world.

At times, it feels like there is to much emphasize on the Naval community. It would be great to

add something about embracing all cultures.

Would be nice to see it highlight the community's diversity, specifically.

I would like to add something that reflects the generational diversity of Esquimalt. One of our greatest strengths is that we have active and involved groups of every generation. This should be emphasized, encouraged and boasted about!

Focus more on inclusiveness

Economy (14)

How far in the future can you realistically predict or plan. When will we be ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT?

How vibrant is our economy, and how do we measure being more vibrant?

Focus more on encouraging innovation and economic development

Would love to hear that the city wants to support small businesses. There is nothing in the statement directed towards the small business community.

I'm also not sure that we have a 'vibrant economy' quite yet, but we're getting there.

I suggest that the word vibrant should be changed to inter-dependent and must blend and coexist with surrounding municipalities' economies. Sharing resources and helping one another will lead to a better economic future for everyone.

I would also like to see a vision that strives that a resilient local economy supporting local businesses.

Keep Esquimalt small and the same but more stores.

Yes get some shops in Esquimalt. No where for shoes, socks, clothing; always talking but no doing.

"Vibrant economy"? Why is this important and is it even true?

20-30% of CFB Esquimalt and Seaspan staff should be involved in OCP or vibrancy will always be a challenge

"We welcome and invite new business to locate in Esquimalt. Our Council is dedicated to reducing red tape to make it easier for new businesses to locate here."

As a family that has lived in Esquimalt since 1956 the family would love to see something done with the shops that are on Esquimalt Road at the corner that houses a thrift store etc. It is such an eyesore as it is next to the Fire Hall, Library and Offices of the Mayor. This area really needs some work and clean up.

Not sure I would classify our "downtown core" as vibrant. We need to get moving on development with density to assist in affordable housing. Townhouse developments, rezoning for purposes other than single family. Our advantage is proximity to downtown. We should be a magnet for people of all ages to find housing they can afford. Aging in Esquimalt will depend on age appropriate dwellings. Demographics will dictate the kind of services the private sector will contribute. Right now we shop in Saanich and View Royal.

Environment (8)

What does stewards of our environment mean?

I believe we should be leaders, not only stewards. As a coastal community, we are committed to protecting our environment and act as leaders towards a sustainable future.

The use of coastal in this context almost sounds like this in only focused on water and not land and air issues

"Stewards of our environment" would NOT allow the largest, healthiest Arbutus tree in all of Esquimalt to be compromised!! (The now compromised Arbutus tree is at 519/521 Foster Street.) The same applies to Esquimalt's Neanderthal "Meat Festival".

I also would like to see a commitment to climate adaptation and mitigation and a low carbon community

Esquimalt should thrive to be a progressive community leading efforts for a carbon neutral and low ecological impacting economy.

I'd like to see more emphasis on environment and green space

Note to last sentence: As a coast community, we are stewards of our environment? What is the link between coast community and stewardship? All communities need to be stewards of the environment. If you use coastal community maybe specify stewardship of ocean and land (or water + land).

First Nations (10)

I also hesitate on grouping First Nations as neighbours, because they are part of our community, not just next to us. A vibrant community founded on a rich past, we honour all contributors : First Nations, Naval and ... ? We value a strong local economy from innovation, to production to excellent service.

Strengthen the environment, coastal community aspect with a strong relation to natural "scapes". "Esquimalt is a coastal community with strong naval history, that values and cares for it's people by being stewards of our environment while respecting our past, present and future. Our vibrant economy is strengthened by ensuring a strong, welcoming community while fostering relations with our First Nations peoples and Military."

Would our First Nations people in Esquimalt say we have a strong relationship with them?

mmm...I think if Esquimalt had a strong relationship with First Nations the bicycle path would be completed through their property and E&N trains up and running again. It appears a bicyclist forced to travel down Admirals road will have to be run down before any progress occurs.

I think Esquimalt should be more specific about its relationship with First Nations and acknowledge that Esquimalt is First Nations traditional territory.

More advertisement when it comes to local First Nations programs and local involvement and activities. Maybe have more information given to local elementary schools such as which First Nations groups reside in Victoria and how to respect their lands and customs. Also make it illegal to sell sexual versions of "indian" costumes and head dresses. Allow without question for First Nations students to wear feathers and ceremonial items for graduation + other important events. Help find missing 1000 aboriginal women.

Not intended, but 'our First Nations' reads like ownership. Edits- "Esquimalt is a caring and welcoming township with strong relationships with First Nations, Naval and regional

<p>neighbours. Our vibrant economy is supported by an engaged community. As a coastal community, we are stewards of our environment and value our past, present and future."</p> <p>Note to 1st sentence: ... community that values good relationships with...("strong" will hopefully become a correct statement in the future - however as to First Nations I don't think we are (soon) there yet) - maybe by next revision of OCP?</p> <p>What is the relationship with First Nations, Naval & Regional neighbours? CFB and Seaspans just drive in/out each day. I do not understand how their employees are linked to Esquimalt.</p> <p>What is strong about relationship with First Nations? What do we actually do with them and them with us?</p>
<p><u>Lengthy</u> (2)</p> <p>Seems a bit long. Vision Statement: (Desired End-State) A one-sentence statement describing the clear and inspirational long-term desired change resulting from an organization or program's work.</p> <p>This statement seems too broad and simple to be used as guidance for developing strategic goals and priorities. I would suggest either a) a very short vision/mission statement with a more detailed list of priorities; or b) a more detailed vision statement with priorities more prominently highlighted.</p>
<p><u>Naval</u> (4)</p> <p>Naval needs to be changed to military as it was not only the Navy that is historic nor at the moment – all arms of the military are represented in Esquimalt...I have already mentioned this – it will be interesting to see if it is respected in this regard.</p> <p>Military is presently important and it's past is critical to Esquimalt, but it is not all Esquimalt is, and therefore shouldn't lead our statement. Military is what Esquimalt supports.</p> <p>Replace 'naval' with 'military'.</p> <p>I have no personal interest catering to the military in a vision statement for Esquimalt. I recognize the economic contribution that the naval forces make to the municipality, but that doesn't mean I have to like it or personally support it.</p>
<p><u>Neighbours</u> (2)</p> <p>Replace 'regional neighbours' with 'sister cities'</p> <p>A sentence on Esquimalt relationship + the wider social region.</p>
<p><u>Negative</u> (6)</p> <p>The bits about regional neighbours and environment should be removed and phrase about being childish should be inserted. I own a home in Esquimalt and am really disappointed with how obstructionist and small minded residents and council have been about having a sewage treatment plant here. On a piece of out of the way industrial land, no less.</p> <p>Esquimalt represents self-centered NIMBYism at its worst.</p> <p>Discard it. Meaningless.</p> <p>It is very "politically correct", but really doesn't say much in "real world" terms</p>

Not as catchy. Doesn't make it feel family oriented or much to draw one in. There isn't much here and it reflects more of that.

Does not really define what the future may consist of.

New Words (10)

I'd love to see "hard-working" in there somewhere. Seems like a lot of the people of Esquimalt are often the working class people of the CRD (the ones who actually do the real work and get stuff done!). :)

I'd also like some thing that speaks to innovative (though I dislike that word) to suggest we are open and embrace a world which is always changing.

Diverse, equitable, socially sustainable, environmentally responsible

Need to include community support – Esquimalt has a healthy "under served" community of support in its churches and soup kitchens.

Vibrant feels like the wrong word to describe economy. I would like to see the addition of words such as resilient and diversity (i.e. Nelson's OCP)

Add vibrancy and fun as ideas. We want to attract young families

I'd like to see more if an emphasis on families, work/life balance (live/play/work)

Maybe about how we strive to make it a community that attracts others to visit and live

"Esquimalt is a caring and welcoming community and a safe harbour for all ages ..."

It needs to mention about family and people of all ages. We need to ensure safety of our kids and to make sure Esquimalt a safe and secure place

Past, Present and Future (2)

Last sentence could read : "Living along the coastline, we are stewards of our environment. We value our past, our present and our future" Emphasis on 'past, present & future' are important Values deserving a separate sentence.

Have last part of sentence stand as a separate sentence (value of past, present + future).

Positive Feedback (5)

If this is our GOAL & so something we are AIMING at attaining – then I think it's bang on. We are still working towards things like 'vibrant economy' and 'strong' relations with the First Nations but every year, I see that growing.

A vision is what we can strive for. I don't think is embodies the current state of Esquimalt. There needs to be more economic development and job opportunities.

No, I like it as is.

I believe the statement is a very good synopsis of Esquimalt.

I believe the statement is the right vision

Re-wording (7)

Work on the wording of the second sentence: 1. "We are dedicated stewards of our coastal environment and value our historical roots and our collective future." 2. to avoid any

paternalistic impression could you change it to: "our Naval, First Nations and regional neighbours"

"Esquimalt is a caring and welcoming community that has strong relationships with our neighbours. Our vibrant economy is supported by an engaged community. As a coastal community, we are stewards of our environment and value our past, present and future."

The wording is somewhat awkward and does not flow very well.

The line that is the least appealing to me is "our vibrant economy is supported by an engaged community" maybe something like "Esquimalt is home to a vibrant community and economy"

"Esquimalt is a caring and welcoming community. As a coastal community, we are stewards of our environment and value our past, present and future." Is how it would read better. The community gets broken into groups of First Nations, Naval and other and there is a subliminal division.

I would omit that it has strong relationships with our First Nations, Naval and regional neighbours. As a Naval member and a resident of Saxe Pt. park area it gave me an instant sense of just being an outsider... Not sure why... Just a feeling I had reading it.

I also don't think the word 'vibrant' should only be referring to the economy, but to other aspects of the community as whole. When I think of a vibrant community I think of social vibrancy and social spaces that have energy and are welcoming. Maybe this can be wordsmithed a bit?

Welcoming (2)

I'd like to emphasize the welcoming statement- that we are welcoming to new residents, immigrants, etc.

"Esquimalt is a welcoming community that has strong relationships with our First Nations, Naval and regional neighbours. We're working towards a vibrant community that's supported by an engaged community."

Miscellaneous (11)

I actually live on Victoria side of border but come here for work, shopping, etc. Plan is generally good overall.

In general, it is ok, I would like to see [my questions] answered.

I find that Directors and Executive who live in a Municipality seem more helpful to improving the municipality that they live in.

I would like to see quarterly report cards from CAO and each of Directors published on progress.

How does this vision clean up / revitalize / redevelop Esquimalt Rd? How does it do the same for those neighbourhoods that need a refresh and development? How does it resolve the speeding on residential streets?

Can't think of anything at the moment...

Nothing that I can think of!

None

No

Nope

N/A

3. What are your ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE related ideas and wishes for the future? |

Response (226)

Arts & Cultural Funding (19)

General (8)

Arts and cultural funding x 2

Continued arts & culture funding

Arts & Cultural funding is about right now.

Grants for more free library boxes

Encourage all arts and cultureimprove venues, provide some funding.

Arts, Culture and Heritage funding for citizens of ALL ages - children to seniors.

That our Rec Centre always be well supported on a financial, programs and staffing level

Events (2)

I appreciate the Sculpture Splash and Music in the Park, the Ribfest and Community Market, Buccaneer Days and Arts Festival. All worthy of funding. It was good when the Earth Day event took place at the English Inn and if that needed funding to take place again it would be worth it.

I have noticed an improvement in recent years in the number of community events such as outdoor movie nights and the weekly summer market. I would love to see this type of thing continue to grow and for the municipality to support it either through direct organization or indirect financial support such as waiving fees or providing space free of charge.

Local Artists (3)

More funding/profile for local artists doing local projects.

We should encourage artists to live her...perhaps we could provide a property tax incentives for art based residential and commercial - artists typically make their surroundings more aesthetically pleasing so why not encourage that here?

Support artists and the arts with affordable gallery and studio/working spaces and living arrangements.

Township Community Arts Council (TCAC) (4)

Support Township Community Arts Council, if they can keep it running...

The TCAC is doing a great job providing a variety of arts activities... let's make sure we support

them via grants through our budget.

More funding for the concert in the parks

Continue concerts in Memorial Park.

Public Art (2)

I would love to ensure that there is Art and Cultural funding that would allow for Public Art.

Trackside art gallery has unfortunately deteriorated due to lack of funding, something must be provided before it is beyond repair.

Arts & Cultural Venues (16)

Fine Art (7)

A community art gallery.

Is there a Public Gallery for Art & Cultural displays ? On the wish list ?

Space that can be used to create music and art should be freely shared.

A smallish art gallery

Likewise for artists - it would be nice to see some of the warehouse space become artist's spaces (when I lived in Shanghai there was a whole building dedicated to having working studio space for traditional artists [of many different media] and it was open to the public some parts of the day to come and see the artists working on their craft).

It would be great to have an Art Studio tour like other communities have.

REALLY pleased to see what's happening with the Inn -- hope that grows & perhaps becomes a cultural training centre.

Performance Arts (3)

Small theatre

Performance centre

A more comfortable venue for concerts (i.e. where you can see the musician too not just hear) and might also be used for plays.

Municipal Facilities (4)

Bandstand in Memorial Park, Picture rail in rec centre for art shows. more room for archives, ...studio at Rec Centre. Theatre/performance venue in Esquimalt.

Have art shows/exhibits at Archie Browning Centre to promote culture

Community center that is used by community groups that includes an art center.

Youth (2)

It would be so awesome if Esquimalt had a children's museum - people from all over Southern Vancouver Island would come!

Schools, especially High Schools, students and staff need to be better integrated into our community. Schools used to be open as community centres and still are in many areas. We subsidize the schools so let's use them and the grounds more effectively.

Community Identity (22)

General (13)

Community Identity x 8

Community Identity - Really play it, express it, do not be ashamed

Community identity. This might involve renaming Buccaneer Days into something that has more of a link to Esquimalt's culture and history.

Drive more people to the township website of course and provide more inter-active sites directly with community arts and culture organizations.

As a community, we are at a tipping point. The 'old' image of Esquimalt as a rough neighbourhood is passing, as more and more people realize that our location, recreation facilities, beaches and parks make us a highly desirable and still somewhat affordable place to live. The decisions we make in the next few years will shape the 'new' Esquimalt.

Community identity and neighbourhood character are areas that need improvement. we need to reform our main "strip" (from Lampson street East) to be more welcoming and presentable. xmas light that aren't burnt out, store fronts that don't have trash, with new paint, mowed lawns and signs. like what has taken place around city hall.

Branding (3)

Continued use of the "e" (graphic "e" that is used in-front of Archie Browning) - this is excellent branding and a GREAT improvement over our usual logo - it signifies athletics, growth and hope.

Promote the "e" brand (used in-front of Archie Browning) - it clearly states to me a new image, promoted around health.

As a person who was raised in Esquimalt and have lived there after I find the term "E Town" offensive. It gives the community a negative and poor community. We have to change attitudes on what's on the other side of the Johnson St Bridge. We have to change of image and not have people look down at you when you say you live in Esquimalt. This is why the sewage issue is being forced on Esquimalt. Even Nils Jensen puts Esquimalt down.

Promotion (2)

Promote positive adverts for Esquimalt to change people's view of our community, and strengthen our own.

Our Trend Esquimalt video needs to be sent around the world... we also need to set the community on a path of regional identity -

Signage (4)

Thought. Please redo the Welcome to Esquimalt signs. They are outdated and not welcoming. We can do much better than that

Banners that are uniquely Esquimalt

It would be great to have a marquee along Esquimalt road to announce events (like this community plan review) to help people know what is going on. The Carlton Club's marquee does not portray a positive image of Esquimalt and their jokes about drunkenness does not do our reputation any good.

A minor random thing - our street signs, the small white ones, they look "cheap" in comparison to other parts of the region - replacing these over a few years with our "e" logo and a modern font would give the community a more aesthetically oriented sense.

Cultural Diversity/Language/ Events (15)

General (11)

Cultural events.

More cultural events or events involving culture

Diverse people - their culture, art, their history, etc. vital part of the community.

I think it would add to the community to provide an event that featured the diversity of the community.

Arts and Culture exhibitions throughout the year - community and out of community resources

I hope the Heritage Dance Fest will be hosted in Esquimalt in the future.

We don't have all that much for culture except surrounding the navy.

Please be careful to have authenticity emphasized in our cultural background.

It would also be nice if there was more cultural events that include not only the area First Nations but also the Muslim community. **It's my understanding that there is a Muslim centre in the old Bank of Montreal building on the corner of Esquimalt and Grenville but I have no idea as to what they do in there.** Having an open house or a cultural event would go a long way in providing information about their history and culture instead of this vast vacantness.

Work with Greater Victoria School District to support a broader range of programs offering education and bi-lingual programs in heritage languages, the arts, First Nations culture, drawing students and helping to integrate our community.

Non-First Nations language courses,

French (4)

It would be wonderful to see a recognition and celebration of the bilingual nature of Esquimalt

and the strong Francophone community that is here due to the naval base and evident in the growing Victor-Brodeur school.

More French language events for children through the rec centre and library.

More French language events for children through rec centre and library would enhance this.

Connecting to Brodeur School - use of French in community needs to be encouraged.

Events (36)

General (11)

Keep doing festivals, markets, etc. to bring vibrancy and other people to our beautiful municipality.

Bring even more to Esquimalt for family events.

There should be more Art in the Parks demonstrations where artists can sketch and paint different images of Esquimalt. Several artistic scenes could be voted on via email/Facebook and put on display. Three cash prizes could be offered ... Later, the artwork could be put up for a silent online auction and proceeds go toward a community project or event. There are many talented Emily Carrs in Esquimalt waiting to be discovered.

Maybe have a bulletin board in the Rec Centre for community events - not just Parks and Rec programs

Support events in the Esquimalt Village area.

Parent and toddler events that are during evenings or on weekends so working parents can attend would also be great.

More events that showcase and celebrate the region's artists - visual, literary, and performing.

I have liked all the events I have seen advertised, although I don't make it out to as many as I would like.

Continued community engagement by municipal support of local festivals, music and gathering (market).

More open air events.

I would like to see a continuation of Esquimalt's vibrant arts and culture events and have more events for young adults.

Buccaneer Days (3)

Please stop the buccaneer days "wakey wakey" thing. I am considering contacting city hall to make a noise complaint.

At etown events, like buccanner days have artists do live demonstrations.

*** Re Esquimalt Buccaneer Days, were there ever any pirates in historical Esquimalt?**

Concerts (7)

Live music

Any and all of the above plus music

Music events that appeal to a younger demographic (20s-40s)

At the Festival of Lights have child appropriate music rather than loud "old rocker" music...come on, - it's for the kids!!

I am a musician/artist. I would like to see musician and artists paid for work and have work offered on a regular basis. Have live music instead of piped in music in malls/shopping plazas.

Keep up the music in the park evenings! (enjoy bands of different ethnic groups)

The concerts in the park are great - keep those up as they bring the community together in a fun and entertaining way.

Events (8)

Community events

Public events

Love the community events.

Love the sculpture festival

Love that we have some many festivals and celebrations

The outdoor movies, concerts, events, etc.. are great - please keep that up !

We enjoy the events held in the community e.g. Buccaneer Days, Rib Fest, Parades

Last year our favourites were Lutenient's Nun of the Fringe Festival in MacCauley Park and also Sculpture Splash. This attracts the Greater Victoria area to Esquimalt and to our beauty.....we need to promote this.

Markets (3)

Markets

Continue to support community events. We especially like the farmers market.

Keep building on the good things already going on. The Market is an excellent event - would love to see it grow and evolve.

Ribfest (4)

Love Ribfest

No more Meat Festival.

Stop hosted the Meat Festival -- it is a glorification of unhealthy lifestyle choices.

Ribfest was awesome this year! Would love to have this kind of festival every month in the summertime - great way to get locals together but also showcase our community to the Greater

Victoria residents. Perhaps a children's related festival, and multi-cultural festival (smaller version of FolkFest - RIP).

First Nations (10)

General (4)

Embrace native culture in the area,

More waterfront development might support cultural heritage development where First Nation traditions could be explored and experienced by all

I am a member of the Lekwungen Traditional Dancers of the Songhees First Nation, and I love how our group seems to be embraced by the city of Esquimalt and I look forward to working with it closely in both the near and long range future.

I would like to see more of the First Nations involvement with the 'regular' citizens of ESQ

Events (2)

Strengthen the 1st nations relation by shared community events, places for people to watch carvers (for example) or other. There is a long history of our coast line and 1st nations peoples - share it, and invite the 1st nations to share in stories, cultural events and other - on Esquimalt lands (as opposed to IR).

I would love to see more community events that involve First Nations culture and heritage and grow a sense of partnership with the Songhees First Nation. More First Nations public art would also be great. A few years ago Vancouver ran a program to improve cultural understanding between immigrant newcomers and First Nations - perhaps Esquimalt could look at doing something similar.

Recognition (4)

Utility totem poles,

First Nations language signs.

Work with First Nations to celebrate the culture in place names, art (traditional and contemporary.)

Give a First Nations name to the part of Esquimalt Gorge Park that is called Sherwood Forest (reminds one of England and Robin Hood!).

Heritage Feature Conservation/Recognition (45)

General (8)

Heritage

We need to incorporate heritage of Army, Navy, First Nations and Ship Building and Repair.

Tribute center

Place the Archives in an accessible and interactive space

Heritage days in school and program to help young children understand other religions +

customs. (Ex. why hijabs are important)

Revitalization of the Heritage Advisory Committee with members from the University & High Schools

Re-evaluating some of the racist art + 'heritage' activities in Esquimalt. (i.e. statues of the dead white dudes who did important (read: 'colonial') stuff around here.

There should be memorable marker in Memorial Park for any veterans like Commander Rowland Bourke VC + SCO and Lt. Hampton (Hammy) Grey VC + DSC and for any future veterans.

Conservation (6)

Heritage feature conservation x 4

Provide support for preservation of heritage residential buildings (if not already done)

Keep our heritage houses and heritage commercial buildings where they still look close to when they went up and the buildings are still in reasonably good repair, and owners are willing.

Development & Heritage (3)

Avoid heritage conservation and recognition as it fosters a "do nothing" attitude and impedes participation in the modern, real world.

Heritage protection should complement and not prevent a more sustainable built environment and practices

I think Heritage recognition is important but we need to build a positive, growing neighbourhood.

God's Acre (2)

I would like to see "God's Acre" protected always and more done to educate people about it.

Don't forget places like God's Acre (it belongs to CANADA) and the Memorial Park -- like it or not, the military is part and parcel of who we are.

Macaulay/Work Point (3)

To recognize the Macaulay area - the Park and the Fort - as historic areas - and to lobby for it to become a national historic park- and to ensure that we honour our commitment to this area as stewards - it needs to be protected... also set up story boards up at the Macaulay area to tell the military story of the area as well as Work Point -

Macaulay Point park could do with a cleanup of brush and could also do with a heritage facelift to help make people aware of the Army heritage. I do not understand why there is so little information on Macaulay and Work Point heritage. All I see is information on environment. If our vision recognizes our past, then it should...

For Macaulay Point, historic naval gun emplacements are similar to those on other side of harbour at Fort Rodd Hill. It would be difficult to incorporate this disconnected site into National

Park but there is some potential to develop tourism for the area.

Museums (4)

I would like to see an expansion and focus on the Esquimalt Naval Museum. I have lived here for 3 years and have never visited it. It needs to be well marketed and featured in our identity.

A museum of Esquimalt history ... railways , street cars .. garbage dumps ...

Maritime museum is still looking for a location - DND property - either Work Point or Dockyard could be a possibility. Also a potential for artist studios is building space is underutilized.

Maritime Musuem - with Esquimalt's naval history and connection could Esquimalt offer a solution for the beleaguered maritime museum?

Recognition (13)

Heritage recognition x 5

Heritage feature designation

Heritage recognition is important.

I'd like to see more heritage recognition such as signage that outlines the history of the area and the how the area has moved forward.

Historical plaques to engage visitors in rich history of Esquimalt and celebrate and honour our past and community.

I like the 'wraps' on several utility boxes reflecting the history or current beauty of the area.

I really like seeing the archival pictures of Esquimalt on hydro boxes and other areas of view.

Signage for 100 year old homes brings attention to them. Signs can be utilized from year to year.

All I can say is that I like that Esquimalt is hosting more and more events now, that the heritage is reflected in the beautiful murals/pics on Archie Browning, more care and time is being spent on beautification in the area - all good!

Tours (6)

Develop a heritage walk.

A Heritage House tour would also bring awareness of the Heritage in our community.

Perhaps the etown app could have a walking tour to historic, cultural and other sites? a heritage designation would be great.

I think it would be amazing to have installations throughout the community that reflected Heritage and established a Community Identity.

More recognition for the long history of Esquimalt and its diverse community members. Perhaps more of the photos on the hydro boxes of the past, plaquards of historical facts located throughout Esquimalt. Perhaps incorporated into a walking tour.

Are there any architectural features on houses where we could have a walking tour pamphlet such as those in James Bay and Fairfield areas which the Victoria Heritage Foundation produces? Those pamphlets encourage people to walk in those neighbourhoods with a purpose - to learn about the typical home styles. I don't know if there are areas in Esquimalt with enough architectural features within a close walking area to do this. I think the Victoria walks are about a 2 hr walk time.

Neighbourhood Character (15)

General (7)

Neighbourhood character x 3

I love the walking tours that are promoted by Sheri Robinson.

More neighbourhood B and B's to add character

We do not have our neighbourhoods defined, and some people do not want them.... I do, the only one that is active is West Bay. Other municipalities support their neighbourhoods to develop associations. we don't. At a minimum, there should be one community association that is supported with council members like SCAN and VCAN. Esquimalt has close to no actual involved support by council for Associations compared to Victoria and Saanich. even if it is only one. I find it very difficult to hear that Esquimalt has an engaged community when there is no active supported Community Association. A few people have tried a few times, but without active real support of their Municipality council and staff it has not been Sustainable, though it seems to be a Vision priority for many years.

"Work the Vision" Define and then review each neighbourhood. a.how vibrant is it now? and what should it be? how "engaged" are the residents and businesses?

Block Parties (2)

Block parties could be encouraged to promote good neighbourliness;

Funding for neighbourhood block parties

Neighbourhood Design (6)

I like neighbour character with public art

More aesthetic consciousness in making streets more attractive.

We need neighbourhood building guidelines commensurate with a waterfront municipality.

I wish there was more little community library boxes.

Neighbourhood Character: what makes a great neighbourhood are public spaces for neighbours to come together and socialize, create things together and take ownership over. For example, community gardens/orchards, cafes, public games areas. These spaces should be beautiful and cared for.

Revitalization of neighbourhood character, not necessarily with a focus on heritage but a focus on inclusiveness and those features of the community that will lift community spirit facilitate more

interaction of neighbour's and spark a spirit of beautification and better maintenance

Public Art (23)

General (14)

Public art x 5

More public art x 2

Public art displays

Establish installations of art in public parks, especially near the water

I think a focus on Public Art would enhance quality of life and could be a draw for others to visit and invest in our community. It could be inter-active art (sculptures and images that highlighted historical locations and/or culture). It could be community art (maybe an installation near the library/market space, where community members were invited to "make their mark" (perhaps decorating tiles that could be fired and used as a community focal point). Everything is better where there is art!!!

I would like to see even more celebration of our township and more interactive art.

Purchasing outdoor artworks to beautify areas.

Pubic Art: have some funding available to commission some public art pieces that are interesting and engaging.

Permanent placement of Sculpture Splash pieces would be fun in our many parks!

Street Art (9)

My son suggested painted telephone poles 2 yes ago to increase the amount of visible art, with heavy first nations and naval influences .

I think people should be encouraged to paint telephone poles after submitting their ideas to an art committee. The city could prime the poles to encourage this.

Community art on telephone poles

More public art spaces. I really love the evolving art of the wildfire bakery on Quadra. More beautification projects of all art styles :)

Street art on the sides of buildings (i.e. Quadra Village)

Painted sidewalks (i.e. Blanshard & Fort, Broad St)

Funky bicycle racks

Public art - maybe more murals by local children, teen, first nations or other artists (may help reduce graffiti and beautify some of the older buildings (ie plaza), trash cans, utility boxes etc.

Also, it would be great to see Esquimalt Rd beautified with public art.

Quality of Life (12)

General (9)

Quality of life x 4

Emphasize the good in Esquimalt - as an affordable, convenient, fun, safe place for all groups to live in.

Life without bullies all ages.

Make Esquimalt more viable to live in: good shops, restaurants, bring back the old tudor house with good food.

Good restaurants, low prices only

Give poor people things for free no vending merchants

Parks, Trails and Recreation (3)

Quality of Life: many of the the playgrounds in esquimalt could use an upgrade. We have such a great rec centre, but there are not outdoor splash parks for kids or outdoor pools for kids.

For quality of life, green spaces are essential. More playgrounds, walking trails, community parks, beach areas would all be great

Quality of life need cafeteria at Esquimalt Rec Centre to provide light meals that are healthy. vending machines are an embarrassment. do not offer people a place to gather, socialize. There is already a kitchen, many washrooms, seating area

Miscellaneous (13)

All of the above x 2

I will think about it and I will back to you.

I think we need to celebrate Esquimalt more. Make sure that all residents of Esquimalt know when these activities are happening so that we can all participate not just a select few.

That we take a concerted effort to think about these things - i was recently in kamloops and it is quite evident that they haven't.

Transitioning away from money will make everyone wealthier.

All of the above but also include a regional co-ordination perspective.

Arts + culture is important. Show how creative we are.

More women + people of colour represented in Arts + Culture.

Arts and Culture and more openness towards people of different backgrounds have helped to make Esquimalt friendlier (This is a positive comment from somebody who returned here after over 20 years absence).

Keeping ahead of growing with population and community

None

N/A

4. What are your COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY related ideas and wishes for the future? |

Response (244)

Age-friendly (37)

General (10)

Age-friendly x 7

Age-friendly for all

Age friendly – recognizing that the demographic is split between young families and elderly.

Multi-age friendly, bringing community across the age spectrum together, with a lifelong focus on health.

Accessibility (5)

Accessibility

Handicap friendly

More wheelchair access would be great and other disabled services.

Continued dedication to wheelchair accessibility

Under age-friendly and inclusiveness, the second floor of the gym at the Rec. Centre is only accessible for people who can mobilize stairs. It should be accessible to all. I often thought that the equipment on the first floor right under where the free weights and Crossfit equipment is should be on the second floor since older adults use 2nd floor equipment. It would improve accessibility for that age group.

Housing (See Planning & Development – Senior's Housing)

Pedestrian Friendliness (7)

The crosswalks near seniors home on Esquimalt Rd are dangerous. Crosswalks by the Cambie Pub are well lit and have controlled crossings while those for our elderly are very unsafe. After years of asking , still unsafe.

At 1188 Esquimalt the cross walk should have crossing lights this is outside a Seniors Living Facility these persons are tiny slow and need to know when the cross the traffic is warned

Focus on more pedestrian friendly features

I will soon be 60 so think a lot about Senior friendly community.....pedestrian friendliness.

Within the public spaces & walkways it would be nice if there was more benches that were in shaded areas. If you've ever walked along Westsong Way on a warm sunny day, then you know that it gets very hot down there. Most of the seating is out in the open with no shade. As a senior, I find it very frustrating when I get to the end near West Bay Marina and find no shaded area to

sit down and have a rest.

Wheelchair accessible right. If I move off the pavement on concrete my chair dives into the grass and your lawn is designed to drain which is too soft for the front wheels and I'm always getting stuck it is worse when we've had some rain. There used to be one at the s/w corner of the current park but it has been leaning on the container for months now even after I've been to the office and mentioned it. Nothings been done. I hope this is the new Esquimalt way of things.

Age friendly, improved sidewalks to support mobility issues for aging population.

Public Spaces (2)

Focus on more gathering places that will facilitate neighbourhood interaction, improved healthy lifestyles and child friendly play areas.

Need to continue to work at luring seniors out of their homes and into the community – this is how the community starts to come together – the market at the library helps in the summer – maybe more arts at the Inn in the winter will continue that trend.

kid-friendly neighbourhoods with green parks (as in lots of greenery/trees, etc, rather than surrounded by pavement and chain link fences).

Recreation (5)

more in depth Seniors programs x 2

Continued support for programs and services provided for ALL ages at Esquimalt Rec Centre/Archie Browning/Parks Spaces – encouraging healthy and active lifestyles at community facilities and community spaces.

Rec Centre Seniors + family programming gets a Gold Star!

-- I would like to see seniors being 'more at home' in the community – there are many communities where they seem to be more visible in rec centres, etc. (i.e. James Bay) –

Transit (3)

Age-friendly, e.g. Seniors and Bus Transportation

Would Esquimalt please approach BC Transit for more bus shelters and benches along Craigflower Road, There are already cement pads in many of these places (no benches though!). Seniors catch the buses into town or to the Hospitals and it is miserable for them waiting out in the open when the weather is bad. It is also uncomfortable to stand when there are no benches.

Advocacy and support for better transit including bus stops that feel welcoming and safe.

Young Families (5)

Services for families will also become increasingly important, as more and more people realize the many benefits of living in Esquimalt, and it's relative affordability.

Another fenced park for kids who aren't street wise yet (like Paradise Park).

Age friendly - ALL ages support - children, youth, adults, seniors - schools and child care facilities
- attract younger families to the community and supports for military families.

Continue to encourage places for young people including kids + teens

Create more safe spaces for teenagers that are welcoming. The bottom of the recreation centre is a depressing place to put teenagers who are going through a challenging time.

Bicycling Safety (see Transportation & Infrastructure - Cycling)

Bylaw Enforcement (7)

Increase BYLAW efficiency and street presence over VicPD - Bylaw is local, community focused and can add a face to enforcement that is local.

Yards need to be maintained. This is getting better. Some rental properties are maintained well, others are not and do need attention. Without licensing, it is very challenging to follow-up.

There may be some business running out of homes as well in non-zoned areas. Cars can be parked in strange ways on the street. All of these things make Esquimalt less attractive.

Noise bylaw for noisy vehicles (motorcycles, cars, trucks with non standard mufflers) does need to be enforced.

Please if we have any marijuana stores makes these 3000m or more away from schools or public buildings,

Better building bylaws protecting against leaky condos that keep occurring - this is corrupt.

Policy that deals with unsightliness commercial stores who place their products out front of their stores and/or on public property. There should be no difference between a residential, commercial or industrial property owner on what the property looks like especially from the front street.

Emergency Services (22)

General (6)

Emergency services x 2

Emergency services go without saying.

New emergency services building for fire and police services – visual and functional

Better integration, coordination and cost effectiveness of community safety services. Look at how many firehalls are in and around Esquimalt...

Emergency services are very efficient - police, fire, etc. With particular concerns we have with growing homeless population.

Emergency Preparedness (6)

As a former member of ESS, I believe that we are in good hands in an emergency situation and although I was over-volunteered in too many directions, I would still definitely come out and help whenever needed.

I think we need to do more in terms of Emergency Preparedness for earthquakes. I am also concerned about our school buildings.

Survivability ie. Infrastructure, community preparedness and emergency services response and long term recovery resulting from a major natural disaster event.

Continue to promote emergency planning with a focus on earthquake and fire emergency planning.

As I drive to the Western communities a fair deal, I can't help but notice the decorative rock wall recently installed on the four mile hill and question the logistics of having something like that along one of the primary routes of emergency routes.

And I am so glad that the city of Esquimalt hasn't put something that could prove to be hazardous to the emergency route.

Fire (1)

Also fire rescue needs to be cognizant in terms of the fire risk at Macaulay Pt. area all the way to the top (there was a serious fire risk last year in that area) – to ensure that all of the plant material that becomes fire hazards and to be harvested to mitigate that fire hazard...all fire rescue staff should take a walk around the familiarize with the area – I believe it would take longer than 3 minutes to access the area in the event of a fire call as the trucks have to open the gates at Clifton and then to the affected areas...

Police (9)

Emergency services seem to be quite good. Esquimalt Division of Police seems to be very supportive here in Esquimalt.

I have noticed an improvement in policing in recent years, with the VicPD seeming much more present and engaged in Esquimalt – keep up the good work in this area!

A regional police force is only a matter of time. The Victoria P.D. is serving us well.

I like the idea of cops on bikes (day and night) to provide a friendly presence in Esquimalt.

More enforcement + quicker response time related to legitimate noise complaints.

More police patrols in neighbourhood - especially on weekend evenings - police patrols in library at night would be appreciated.

Continued support/expansion for Esquimalt/Victoria Police services- safety for people/property.

Stop talking about Policing - work to strengthen our relation with VicPD but do not make it the focus of "all that is happening in Esquimalt".

In general, the region is over policed and resources should be diverted from the stop and frisk mentality to social services that actually help homeless and mentally ill.

Healthy Built Environment (4)

Healthy built environment

Continued dedication to healthy built environment
Encourage complete streets/communities
More developed community appearance that signals safety

Library Services (23)

General (11)

Library Services x 4

Library services seem to be quite good.

Library services are critical

The library is a great resource I use regularly.

Libraries should have individual cubby rooms with a desk and closable door where people can read + work in silence. Libraries are too noisy + chaotic.

Library is a good facility with ample stations for internet access for those of us who don't have it at home.

Having completed six years of university I've spent hundreds of hours in libraries. Esquimalt's library board has obviously embraced a "welcoming" approach to patrons in part by removing the expectation of quiet. Adults and teens hold lengthy conversations at a volume normally heard in pubs. Children scream, cry and otherwise loudly express themselves without any parental discipline. However, the loudest characters are the library staff themselves. One can clearly hear their conversations at the front desk from the magazine section! Instructions to computer and copier users are conducted in the same manner. In its description of libraries, Wikipedia states, "libraries often provide quiet areas for studying..." Indeed, it is very difficult to concentrate on weighty subjects such as contained within "Investors' Digest" in the midst of a cacophony. Obviously the new library needs a quiet reading room insulated from the usual hubbub. I hope those who actually pay for this service (taxpayers) will be respected in this fashion.

Police patrols in library at night would be appreciated (COPY)

Expansion (8)

Expand Library

Fully support the expansion of the library.

A bigger library.

Larger library collection.

I love the library and am happy it is part of new village plan.

The library is terrific -- only problem is parking when the council is meeting.... small lot.

I love the library and its staff and am excited to hear of its expansion plans. It will be great for community groups to have access to space to host events.

Keep up and if possible increase library services they do an great job,

Hours (4)

Expansion of our library including operating hours.

Library Services: open Sundays September 1 - May 31st

Longer hours for library till 8 pm.

Parent and tot events at the library that are at a time when working parents can attend (e.g. after work hours or on weekends.)

Pedestrian Friendliness (29)

General (12)

Pedestrian friendliness x 7

Implement pedestrian friendliness

Pedestrian friendliness needs to be encouraged.

yes be pedestrian friendly,

Have more rest areas (benches) on major routes.

Enhancing walking access to downtown Victoria should also be a priority.

Connectivity (2)

More walkways to connect the Craigflower area to the naval area. Right now you have to go around everything, and it would be nice to have some pedestrian green areas.

Advertise what is available within a 5km radius of the core to demonstrate walkability (Esquimalt is one of only a few truly sustainable communities with a downtown centrally located, and accessible by foot from X% of Esquimalt). This would be a benefit to Esquimalt people as well as those people looking from outside.

Crosswalks (3)

Safer crosswalks!

Enjoy and appreciate the numerous pedestrian crosswalks on Esquimalt Road near attractions!

Also... crosswalks. I would like to see some active enforcement against car drivers that ignore crosswalks. First and foremost, Esquimalt is a VILLAGE to its residents. It has a great walkable scale, but car drivers seem to think that they rule the roads between 3 and 5pm.

Pedestrian Ways (5)

Pedestrian friendly environment (i.e. pedways)

To have a pedestrian friendly town centre is great.

Bring forth greater use of pedestrian ways in the down-town core (sidewalk cafe's, art events etc)

to promote walking.

Esquimalt should strive to create pedestrian friendly streets (similar to Barcelona), where car access is more limited. Some streets should be turned into greenways with bicycle and footpaths linking major centres of the community.

Foster healthy built environments and pedestrian friendliness by creating a vision and strategies for densifying the town core through more innovative walking friendly development. Currently, it's a big strip mall with a road running through it. Sure, you can walk to shops, but you don't get a sense of community from it. There's not street level (sidewalk level) shops, cafes, etc. the core areas of Esquimalt have been developed around huge parking lots (e.g. Shoppers, Country grocer, etc.) What makes people want to walk/bike are developments like Oak Bay, Fairfield and Fernwood where there are hubs of street/sidewalk level shops and amenities.

Sidewalks (7)

Sidewalks

Sidewalks big enough for walkers, strollers and pedestrians,

A walkable street here + there.

It is a safety issue that streets don't have sidewalks - I have seen the plan and our block on Bewdley isn't even on the plan to get sidewalks for the next 5 years. Both the elderly and children are walking among the cars.

More sidewalks for easier and safer walking.

Reworking of sidewalks to make them user friendly for handicapped, kids or seniors (NO more stairs!).

When the Access Awareness Committee was in place, we did a list of sidewalks that needed filing or fixing as curbs had a lip that were dangerous. I saw some improvements when that committee was still together but I know that there are still curbs that have not been looked at.

Places of Worship (2)

Churches seem to be challenged to get attendees.

Esquimalt United Church and Rainbow Kitchen which provides valuable assistance to all.

Public Health (7)

Air Quality (2)

There is a lot of idling in Esquimalt. A travesty in the sight of climate change. This makes our air quality suffer and negatively affects our health.

Keep the fumes from DND and SeaSpan restricted or better -- non-existent. Make sure ALL people round about are aware if fumes are 'loose'. People who live on the base are citizens of ESQ too!

Health Services (3)

More doctors

Nurses + doctors

Introducing programs for new mothers, baby groups led by a facilitator/nurse. When VIHA cut funding to this program at the Fraser Street Health Unity, I felt this was a loss for our -indeed any healthy community. New mothers need such support and resources.

Wi-fi (2)

Finally it is important to look at the increase of wireless technology and consider a precautionary principle approach, especially when it comes to parks, rec centres and public schools in our communities. Until more research is done, and more is known we should be limiting the amount and the strength of waves emitted and cell phone towers erected in our community. If we are not careful, we may regret it later.

I wish we could have gone smart meter and wifi free...but the education did not happen before the implementation...so now new Dell towers in residential areas with bylaws so challenging and expensive like Oak Bay they don't happen. Cell towers so many km's away from schools.

Public Spaces (18)

General (14)

Public spaces x 5

Continued dedication to public spaces

Public spaces need to be cleaner and more inviting.

Smoke free areas in all public places. This is a definite health issue here.

More traffic-free areas. More multi-use public areas suitable for picnics, outdoor play, community gardens, busking, etc.

I think spaces that promote community engagement and interaction are important.

Create inviting public spaces through placemaking and public art/street art.

Preservation and maintenance of public spaces including buildings, parks, schools, homes.

Public spaces and places where concerts can be held indoors and outdoors.

RE: EVP - Lots of public spaces and security of these spaces to feel comfortable to enjoy them.

Greenspace (4)

New as well as updated green spaces.

Greenspace is critical to health so I place utmost importance on the increase, improvement, and maintenance of green spaces (built and natural).

Saxe Point Park - Gazebo construction where home removed.

Our greatest assets are our beaches, parks and recreation facilities, coupled with our proximity to downtown Victoria. Focusing on protecting and enhancing our public spaces and public facilities

is therefore key.

Safety in Parks (8)

Safe parks where kids can play.

Also make sure dogs are on leashes in parks - have more signs in strategic places.

Overall the area is pretty great for parks. The boardwalk still experiences a lot of vandalism. There is definite areas avoided at night. More safety on the board walk at night.

Pass any necessary bylaw to discourage camping in parks.

I would like more of a focus on public safety in public places, specifically Highrock/Cairn Park, and the Matson Lands. I have encountered squatters/campers in the park, and evidence of drug use and fires. In light of Victoria's so called tent 'city', I hope it's not spreading to Esquimalt.

Keep working. Parks are nice, pretty but not safe for elderly people.

Keep our parks free from the dangers of cigarette and pot smokers...fires and other's health.\

We have great parks but need them to be safe.

Safety for People (30)

General (10)

Safety for people x 6

Health and safety of people

Safe and secure for residents.

New bylaw restricting pools (above and below ground) and trampolines on any size to fenced back yards

Not sure what's happening with emergency services -- now that I'm retired -- I feel vulnerable in my home -- at work, I knew where to go for help.

Crosswalks (5)

Better lighting on crosswalks.

Safer crosswalks!!!! near retirement home! or parks!

More cross walks and speed bumps. We are a small community; there is no need to go so fast. A much needed crosswalk with flashing light where Paradise crosses Head St to the West Bay Walkway

The cross walk paint needs to be refreshed more often - sometimes they become faded and are hard to see from the road... the cross walk near the Serious Coffee is a hazard especially seniors and I have seen some put themselves at risk because some vehicles do not stop there...the cross walk is a blind spot.

The police need to focus less on hassling homeless people and more on the real threat to safety in downtown Esquimalt and Victoria - drivers that do not yield at cross walks and for walk signals.

Cycling (2)

Keep our street speed limits slow and work with the City of Victoria to create safer bike lanes so that people feel safe biking between Esquimalt and Victoria.

Another area of danger is the E&N trail crossing on Intervale as it is impossible for cars to see cyclists from the stop sign. That one intersection should be a 4 way stop. The cyclist lobby wants that one to be smooth sailing but they are the ones who will suffer the most injury in a collision. Also cyclists should be educated about using turn signals as one came up from behind while I was waiting at the light on Admirals southbound at Esquimalt. When the left turn arrow came on, he cut right in front of me, without signalling, even though I was going straight through and not turning. That lane used to be left turn only, with the right lane for straight or right turns, In the recent road upgrade, that was changed to have the left lane for left turn and straight and the right lane being for right turn only. That change has created a dangerous situation for cyclists. The cyclist yesterday gave me the finger for beeping as I narrowly avoided hitting him. If he had signalled, I would have known his intention and could have given him space but who technically has the right of way in that situation? I don't think anyone knows enough of about the rules of the road in those kind of situations. Was any thought given to cyclists when the lane configuration was changed?

Drugs (2)

Control on drugs

Needle place because people will have drugs no matter what, but they can get needles safely.

Streets (11)

Safety for people.. Light on tillicum and gosper

Speed limits that are easier to follow and are enforced,

More bright street lights.

Better street lighting and markings.

Have crossing guards from dusk til dawn.

Be sure stop signs are not covered by overgrown trees.

The medians looks nice on Esquimalt Rd. Esquimalt Rd is a challenge for emergency vehicles with medians. Trees and bushes in the median will need significant ongoing trimming to ensure safety of vehicles and pedestrians.

Please not so many flowers, etc. in the MIDDLE of main streets. It's so DIFFICULT for EMERGENCY VEHICLES to get by -- I don't know why the emergencies don't get escalated because of the delays involved in just getting thru the areas. Some of the bushes, etc. are so tall, it's very hard to see over them if you are making a turn into a main street for example -- is there traffic coming from that area or not? Can I turn into the street yet? Etc. etc.

CFB and Shipyard traffic should not be speeding in residential neighbourhoods. This seems to have increased with medians and bike lanes. It can be a challenge to get across Lyall Street during the "afternoon rush hour". Drivers speed up rather than slow down to let residents across side

streets. CFB and Seaspan should be requesting their staff be more considerate. 10-20 more speed tracking signs like those on Craigflower are required. They could be paid for by CFB and Seaspan as part of their community outreach. How often do CF and Seaspan have community outreach meetings and events. Seaspan has a budget for this...

We have a lot of neighbourhood streets where the speed limit is 30 km and where that limit is flagrantly ignored. Every day at 4 pm I see numerous cars speed out of the SeaSpan parking lot, often with gravel flying, and who speed up to 50 or higher by the time they reach the houses on Lockley. Other offenders have Naden and Dockyard stickers, and in the evenings there are still cars speeding west to Admirals so they are likely residents from farther up Rockheights.

If there is a left turning lane there should be a light for that turning lane.

Schools and Child Care Facilities (19)

General (5)

Support family services and supports.

Not so much schools (enrollment is shrinking), but the homeschooling community is getting bigger at a very fast pace, especially in Victoria. Catering more to that community would bring in revenue and promote healthy engagement in the community, even from people that live in other communities

Continued dedication to school and child care facilities

Schools and childcare facilities for baby- grade 12 IN Esquimalt

Community use of school spaces e.g gymnasiums. classroom during evenings; and schools use of recreation facilities during the day e.g swimming, skating etc; AT NO COST to either.

After School Program (2)

Seems to be a requirement for more after school and evening programs for teens to help keep them and community safe and involved.

We do need more out of school care at the elementary level. I am fortunate that my son attends OSC at Rec Centre but particularly this year. I have heard of many families who cannot find a spot.

Childcare (2)

We used to use Esquimalt Neighbourhood House (child care) could use more child care facilities.

Support quality non-profit child care facilities connected with the community centre and our parks.

Safety (3)

I admire the people who are street guards for the children near Macaulay school - they should be recognized and rewarded by the Town.

seismic upgrading for macaulay,

I am also concerned about our school buildings (earthquakes).

Schools (7)

Schools also is huge with the # of families

One public elementary school that is full? How does that encourage family locating here!

More elementary school places for our students.

Schools: Teachers paid more than politicians they are worth more.

School that are highly rated rather than at the bottom of the education scale.

Would love to see something to improve the image and reputation of Macaulay school but have no ideas or suggestions.

Work with Greater Victoria School District to support a broader range of programs offering education and bi-lingual programs in heritage languages, the arts, First Nations culture, drawing students and helping to integrate our community.

Security for Property (18)

General (6)

Security for property x 4

Safety for property

Safe and secure for property.

Apartments/Vacation Rentals (2)

All apartments should require CPTED and Crime Free Multi-Housing certificates. Why is this an option rather than mandatory if we actually want to make the apartments safe and clean up problem buildings with unsupportive managers/owners. This has been going on for years.

Actively restrict AirBnB/other short-term vacation rentals in residential zones. This can be extremely disruptive for neighbours; can lead to conflict, vandalism, and safety concerns.

Incidents (4)

I am sometimes dismayed by the vandalism in Memorial Park.

Security for property - we have been vandalized and our car broken into 3 times total in our two years of residence here (and we live in PMQs).

I actually feel very safe in Esquimalt - whether walking, driving or shopping. Motorists are very careful of pedestrians for the most part. The police are very visible and things feel secure. The only problem I experience is one cyclist who frequents the areas of Lampson/Dunsmuir/Wollaston. The police caught him in my back yard with assistance from their dog team a couple of years ago, but not before he defecated in my carport. He next was

caught by us at my next door neighbour's house, in the backyard stealing a large bag of pop bottles she was saving for the scouts. He routinely breaks into vehicles and has been removed by the police on occasions, but is there something else we can do?

The by-law regarding trees on private lots may lead to fire danger when we are not allowed to remove large trees that get exceedingly dry in the summer and they are directly beside houses. The answer was that 3 trees would have to replace it and there isn't even room for 3 trees on the lot. Common sense should prevail with the higher risk of fire we are facing.

Maintenance of Property (4)

I think inspiring and supporting people to care for their properties and spaces would instil a sense of pride in the community and inspire people to want to visit and invest.

All businesses should be encouraged to clean up around their establishments - (garbage and refuse) that make the streets and areas unkempt - if all businesses and residents created a well kept face - perhaps there would be less vandalism... Tims and Shoppers at Esq. and Head are good examples of an unkempt area..

Clean up the area and the stigma around the cambie and carlton club.

For corner properties, reward or incent home owners who plant their yards - an example of this is the house at the corner of bewdley and munro, across from saxe point - it is stunning, and i believe owned by an elderly couple - it is as much the "gate way" to the park as the park entrance - if the next owners did not take care of it like this, the entire curb appeal of the road would change.

Rainbow Kitchen (2)

The Rainbow Kitchen needs to ensure safety for the neighbours cross the street. If necessary security cameras need to be put up. Neighbours should not have to worry about being threatened or having property stolen. Why are there so many vehicles for the Rainbow Kitchen if it is to support the local neighbourhood. It seems people are driving in from all over Victoria.

Community safety, security of property: removal of Rainbow Kitchen from residential area; and gentrification of lower Constance area.

Volunteer (2)

Am interested in volunteering in the community, but haven't found a good resource to showcase the options that are available to me in Esquimalt (everything from one-off events to long-term commitment like on a board.

Well educated people involved in the community instead of bleeding hearts.

Miscellaneous (18)

All of the above x 2

All of the above and also add a regional perspective.

All Ok

Ok now
Satisfactory as is.
I am happy with everything.
I think its all pretty good in this area.
I think we are already very strong in this area.
We already do a great job in all these areas, and should continue to focus on them as we move forward.
Not enough action and all talk.
Respectful community.
I believe all of the listed policies would be important to a healthy, vibrant community.
To make our community a place that is not attractive to the criminal mind...
From my limited knowledge these areas are present although I'm not sure about Security for Property.
Treating the homeless as human beings that have gifts to give just like everybody, and not as criminals, would help immensely.
I will think about and I will back to you.
None

5. What are your ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT related ideas and wishes for the future?

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Response (212)

Business (Attraction, Expansion and Retention) (51)

General (16)

Business

Business attractions, expansion and retention x 2

Business expansion/attraction.

Business expansion

We need more business

We need more businesses that bring people in and keep them.

Promote business that invites the public to it (as opposed to just serving), and improves the vibrancy of our downtown.

More business attraction for Esquimalt

Let more people know about Esquimalt either by flyer

Need people with disposable income to bring businesses in.

To market Esquimalt as open for business, ensure that the Chamber is doing its part in attracting businesses...

Attracting a more diverse business community - to compliment our recreation area - to make available continued education opportunities,

Relying on business attraction from outside investors is not compatible with building a healthy resilient community.

Avoid moral judgements on business applications. Competition serves the consumer best.

Strong bylaws and high taxes for pot shops

Arts (3)

Attraction of people involved in the arts (film, theatre, dance, music)

I think that creating business retention and attracting others to our community could be done by creating a unique character for the community - perhaps one that focused on the arts, sustainable living and opportunities for community engagement.

Again, we seem to have some empty spaces and empty warehouses. I'd love to see more sports training facilities, an actor's studio, artists studios, art gallery, etc...

Clean (2)

The whole region – residents and businesses should be encouraged to clean up their outside areas...

Just keeping everything clean would be a huge start. Sidewalks etc.

Green Economy (3)

More efforts towards encouraging environmental business.

Possibly builder of solar panels that could benefit Esquimalt residents (i.e. power + hydro cost)

Renewable energy is taking off and it would be great to become a hub for clean energy design and manufacturing.

Harbour/Marine (2)

Build on harbour-related industries

A dramatic increase in large ship maintenance and rebuilding. Encourage high-tech industry to set up both Business incubation and improved compatible residential areas. Establish more business friendly connections with Pacific Ring communities with the Far East

Incentives (2)

Bring more business to the downtown core of Esquimalt - property taxes are very high!!

If you want more retail, commercial or service (restaurants) in Esquimalt as opposed to empty storefronts, payday loan store, bong shops and the like - then make it an attractive proposition for new start-up enterprises - "Attractive" for any one starting a business means less financial (tax) and regulatory burden. How? - lower taxes for the first few years a new business is doing trade in Esquimalt. Get rid of permits, licences, regulations that are not 100% necessary. Make new businesses WANT to come to Esquimalt - and you don't do that by high taxes and slick PR

Local Business (11)

Local economy

Support small business

Small business (no large corporations, no polluters)

Less chains, more local, small businesses.

I want to see an emphasis on COMMUNITY economic development supporting entrepreneurship and local business.

Yes – encourage local business + development.

Local business events ie. Chef food competition, truck festival

I heard about creating a small area (perhaps along Esquimalt Road or the Industrial area) where low rent is offered for a year in a little cluster area. Small start up businesses then get a kickstart with the reduced rent. It creates an area rather than just one shop trying to make it on their own - critical mass.

I'd like to see the municipality heavily promote more family oriented businesses such as family restaurants (and not fast food outlets) where one can sit down and enjoy a dinner out with the family.

I would like to see us focus on attracting vibrant local businesses rather than chains (avoid Starbucks). I would also love to see us capitalize on the tech industry's interest in Victoria, and to invite start-ups and social enterprises.

Local food production (+ possibly expansion of outdoor market) community freezes/dehydrator? honey bees

Red Barn (7)

I am glad that Red Barn is coming.

It is great that Red Barn is coming to Esquimalt

Love that some new exciting businesses are coming in (red barn, trampoline park)

Esquimalt is headed in the right direction with the Red Barn Market, Trampoline Park, Esquimalt Farmers Market, etc.

If we continue to attract businesses like the redbarn then we have hit a home run! we need that they of business to encourage people to move here.

I guess to me it means keeping our area vibrant with businesses that even attract people from

other areas.....like The Red Barn etc.....also when I'm at the Rec center there are people from other areas enjoying the best pool in Victoria.....keep our area vibrant and attracting others to come here

This will come. The township is on the cusp of major change, families and professionals are moving in. Business will follow. Red Barn was a major coup. The proposed liquor store on the old Tudor House site looks good. And these are the kinds of things we want to attract - quality, local, higher-end developments. Taking a long view, Esquimalt has all the fundamentals to be a really amazing neighbourhood. Yes there is room for industry, but in the core we should focus on local, artisanal, higher end retail and production. A brewery, a bakery, coffee shop - the things that define the nature of a community for its residents.

Technology Sector (5)

More efforts towards encouraging tech business

I would like to see economic development that encourages local business, but also taps into the tech sector coming to Greater Victoria.

Office space in downtown to attract tech startups (e.g. inbound Vancouverites w/ software skills looking for affordable office space).

The fastest growing sector is the IT sector in this region. Not shipyard or navy. They are setting up downtown because of proximity to clients. Why not encourage them to come here with a gorgeous green building that facing the ocean and harbour ferry boats on call at the dock to go downtown. It is a huge piece of land. It should have arts, the symphony, and mixed work use with focus on sectors we want to bring into our community. It is a reflection of the collective "rubeism" that the opening to Vic by water be a toilet as opposed to something beautiful. A casino is not beautiful, research needs to be done to examine the impacts a casino bring to a community. Nothing is free.

I think we need to attract the right kinds of businesses, ones which serve Esquimalt residents but also attract other Greater Victoria residents to visit Esquimalt and to give a good impression of our community. For example, I am supportive of reasonable restrictions and monitoring of businesses like marijuana dispensaries and money loaning businesses while making efforts to actively recruit more desirable types of businesses that would make Esquimalt a better place to eat, shop, live and work. This could include both commercial businesses (restaurants, retail shops) and offices for things like tech sector companies. I'd like to see us leverage our proximity to Victoria and lower costs (e.g for real estate) to attract business.

Business Types (34)

General (8)

More diversity

More store, shops, restaurants, more family friendly.

I am personally in favour /support a marijuana dispensary within the jurisdiction.

We need some department store such as a Wal-mart, even if it is a smaller development.

More retail businesses need to be attracted to Esquimalt. While there is a lot here, most things I require I travel out of Esquimalt to purchase. Examples, new clothes & shoes for work, nicer gifts,

childrens clothing and toys.

Need to attract more businesses that attract people outside the community, to bring in new revenue.

Diverse centres with combination of business and recreation, like Langford has done.

Hopefully more businesses will come here. When I bought my house in 1998, we had Home Hardware and Canadian Tire in the community. I can understand their move to larger facilities but it does mean we have to leave the community to purchase those kinds of products and services.

Banking (5)

We have only one bank.

Another bank branch

A credit union.

"Work the Vision" 2 banks

It would be great to have a VanCity in Esquimalt as they share many community values and provide options for green investments etc.

Business Types – Supported (9)

Age friendly businesses

Bowling alley

Clothing stores

Dentist Offices

Free stores, libraries for tools/appliances, canning & repair workshops,

Movie theatre

Vet Clinic for pets

Perhaps some small cottage industry shops along the streets.

Clothing shops, niche restaurants & spa services make a whole day of exploring.

Business Types - Not Supported (12)

Fewer pawn shops, used furniture stores

No malls (existing plaza good + sufficient size)

Most retail in Esquimalt is currently food or second hand. For the average working person, with disposable income to spend, there are limited options.

Need more upbeat stores. We seem to have a city of second hand stores and pizza places.

No marijuana or if we do, 3000m or more away from schools and public buildings.

Ensure pay-day loan type establishments are not allowed anywhere within the township.

Ensure drop-off recycling establishments are not allowed anywhere within the township.

Bring in healthy progressive businesses such as Marty's Cycles rather than more Money Loaners and Liquor/Beer Stores.

Would be nice to be able to attract new and interesting businesses, not just pawn shops, money marts, and corner stores.

We need to clean up Esquimalt. More Mom & Pop shops less big stores, more local and friendly establishments less payday and typical places. We need community connection and feel that we are lacking that.

We need business that want to serve Esquimalt residents. We have enough pizza places, cash grap business. It's would be wonderful to walk down Esquimalt Road and have a hardware store, coffee shops where you can sit and chat, A Cook Street Village atmosphere or Oak Bay Avenue. Things to draw people into Esquimalt and keeps the residents local

There are other opportunities such as retail shops. Bring in more upscale business that cater to the middle-class and the elderly. What we currently have in the way of cheque cashing stores and liquor stores makes us look like an impoverished hovel. Let's bring Esquimalt into the 21st Century and modernize the look that makes folks proud to live here.

Employment (7)

General (3)

More employment in the downtown area.

I would like to find part time work here in ESQ but there seems to be none. I have even tried to volunteer my services & there has been no follow up.

Put out more jobs which would pay more money which may be spent to get the economy moving again. Stop hoarding money.

Home-based (2)

I hope the municipality will encourage home based businesses which provide employment and day time security for homes in the surrounds due to someone being there all the time.

Encouragement of work-from-home businesses and other employment which reduces commuter traffic.

Youth (2)

Encourage businesses providing opportunities for youth,

Train youth, under-employed for jobs

Food Services (40)

General (7)

Business, more places to eat.

Bring more restaurants, studios, cafes to Esquimalt. There are hidden gems but not much compared to Westshore or Saanich.

Food vendors

A more rustic bakery (think Fry's, fol epi, wild fire...)

Better grocery store - country grocer is expensive and does not supply a variety of things (doesn't carry baby formula??)

"Work the Vision" Find 6 restaurant/chains, 3 pub/chains, etc. and invite them to open their doors in Esquimalt. If not, why not, and fix it.

I would personally like to see something in Saxe Pt... Maybe Walters house ... Like an ice cream shop in the summer or some sort of kiosk inside the park ... Which could double as safety & security. Extra pair of eyes in the park

Cafes (7)

Coffee shops x 2

it would be great to have a community coffee shop where the proceeds go to community projects.

Outdoor cafes

a local/independent or smaller coffee shop

Added coffee shops in the "village".

Funky hip coffee shops and bakeries. Preferably with patios.

Farmers Market (2)

Keep promoting initiatives such as farmers market

Bring a bigger public market to Esquimalt (farmers market).

Pubs (10)

Need a neighbourhood pub + restaurant.

More local pubs

A pub that isn't sketchy. Preferably with a patio.

I wish we had a friendly, low key community pub (rebuild the Tudor House in another location), and

Could we please, please, get a neighbourhood pub back? Not a pub style restaurant, but a pub that is a community gathering place where residents can walk to in the evening, sit on a patio, have a beer & good food and listen to music. Please!?!

We need more pubs or restaurants with patios! This would attract people to eat out in Esquimalt rather than having to go downtown.

More local pubs. Broadly speaking, a restaurant like Earls/Cactus Club, Big Wheel Burger type joint, Tudor needs to be replaced (preferably in the same location!) with a local pub like Canoe Club.

We'd love to have a nice, clean local pub (other than Gabys)

Attract a pub/restaurant with a patio, possibly located at the edge of Macaulay Point Park

Need a pub to replace Tudor House

Restaurants (14)

More family restaurants x 3

Family style restaurant,

More family-friendly restaurants (with patios!)

Neighbour restaurant

More vibrant restaurants

More restaurants (i.e. brunch)

It sure would be nice to have a quality restaurant in Esquimalt.

I think that if we have a 4/5 Star hotel with a family restaurant (i.e. I-Hop, Appletree) in downtown centre that would be the icing on the cake.

Added restaurants in the "village".

Attracting a pub/restaurant in Saxe point area that is walkable for many residents would be nice.

I would like to see more later evening restaurants in the Esquimalt village area. It is unfortunate that the Tudor is building a liquor store ahead of a pub/restaurant. They may well find that their previous retail clientele have found other outlets and may not flock back.

Bring in real restaurants and make the areas around esquimalt somewhere that people want to be at. There is only fast food and grocery stores.

Globalization (2)

Globalization

All of the above but no globalization. Also take a regional perspective.

Image (1)

Esquimalt is considered in Victoria as a hick municipality with nothing going on.

Industrial (10)

General (8)

Preservation of the light industrial zone.

Protect industrial park

Industrial areas should be maintained as a tax base but expansion of that zone should be carefully considered.

Why not get an arts based group in there [industrial park]?

Support a well-managed industrial park which offers a variety of spaces, including incubator spaces, and supports for emerging and continuing companies.

Industrial Park area next to E&N Railway also now has E&N Rail Trail developed. That is a valuable asset as in other jurisdictions. High-tech industries like to offer employees such amenities as alternate methods of commuting to work.

It would be nice to keep getting some movies or TV shows filmed in Esquimalt. Seems like we have a great location for it - including empty warehouses spaces that could be converted to studio space, etc.

Our small industrial park is a good start on some basic infrastructure -- thankfully, we did not end up with a sewage park there -- but is there some way to grow industry that is community friendly? The base requires a lot of goods -- we can't compete with sub equipment -- but we can on bringing in items locally, such as safety gear (Acklands) or other items we can encourage to be available if not in ESQ -- then in Victoria area.

Revitalization (2)

As for the industrial park, i used to live a block away and loved the area but it could use an aesthetic facelift :)

Encourage/support ongoing upgrading modernization of privately owned buildings/spaces in Industrial Park - visually and functionally appealing

Infrastructure (13)

General (11)

Infrastructure revitalization x 3

Infrastructure projects to increase quality of life

Infrastructure maintenance & improvement is important.

Infrastructure + road repaired/updated are very important.

An area where residents can socialize would be useful!

Infrastructure revitalization would attract businesses to our Esq. Road.

Infrastructure - upgrade/modernize utilities/lighting in residential areas.

More bike paths + walkable streets have a positive impact on local businesses.

I truly believe that if we were to invest in an electric tram (light rail) line along Esquimalt road it would become a hotspot for business. Not only would it be good for the environment, but it would connect downtown to us, and us to downtown. No worrying about parking and when you

are travelling comfortably by rail you have time to observe the businesses along the way and you can easily hop on and off. This is the way in many European countries and with the Federal government wanting to help Canada go green, perhaps there will be funding available to build such a line. We need to think way ahead and we are going to go away from so many gas cars, we may as well be leaders and attract eco-friendly families and innovators here.

Harbour Ferry Service (2)

Water taxi or boat from Saxe Point to downtown - open ocean.

Expand Harbour Ferry Services along Gorge waterway

Also see Transportation & Infrastructure

Quality of Life (9)

Quality of life x 3

Walkable community for all with a quality of life promotion

Quality of life is first and foremost. I like the small town feel of Esquimalt and wouldn't want to see huge expansion.

Quality of life while growing business through retention, expansion improvements and attracting new as we're seeing happen now.

Quality of life, maximize open public spaces in downtown core (Esq. Rd).

More affordable housing in Esquimalt.

Minimum wage must be increased and housing prices including rent + mortgage must decrease. A person living on \$10.50/h which can make up to \$20,000/year can not afford \$1000 for rent and money for eating, and cover any medical problems that arise or pre-exist. Cheaper post secondary education must also decrease.

Revitalization (29)

General (9)

Revitalize infrastructure

[Improvements to the Indigenousness' Communities]

Concentrated retail village with restaurants and cafes.

Restore run down buildings.

Encouraging and supporting upgrades/maintenance of private spaces e.g. homes and yards and businesses e.g do we need another liquor store at a major intersection.

Provide incentives for apartment owners to redo/maintain the exteriors of their buildings.

I would also like to see a few more of the derelict looking buildings revitalized.

Village core redevelopment near Municipal Hall is great idea to enhance town centre concept.

Revitalization strategy for Esquimalt and Admirals Road

I recognize that not all business and homeowners have the funds to paint and do upkeep on their

buildings but I would appreciate seeing some of the areas/buildings that are in need of painting etc, receive support to do regular maintenance (on Esquimalt Rd. especially). I think people have a perception of what the Esquimalt community is based on their first impressions (for good or for bad). I've appreciated the adding of flowers to the meridians etc.

Density (2)

We need revenue. Zone land to allow for development of condos + rental. Population goes up + so does revenue.

Density in the downtown needs to increase, as does re-vitalization of several buildings and spaces. Promote re-development (or re-investment) with incentives, and work with local business to increase street activity.

Esquimalt Plaza (4)

Esquimalt plaza is getting rundown, aged.

Encourage owner of Country Grocer mall to do something with their parking lot! and road frontage.

Actively support maintenance of small family businesses, such as those in the Esquimalt Plaza (bake shop, dry cleaner etc.)

Plaza needs an overhaul (mcdonalds and archie browning centre made their buildings nicer, rest of plaza needs to follow suit)

Esquimalt Road (14)

Rejuvenate Esquimalt Road!

Rebuilding and rejuvenation of Esquimalt Rd.

Development along Esquimalt road would be nice.

Encouraging and supporting upgrades to private buildings along Esquimalt road.

How best to improve social outcomes AND revitalize Esquimalt Road

I also think revitalizing Esquimalt Road is essential to attracting and retaining the kind of businesses we want.

Esquimalt Road needs to be Welcoming, there remains unsightly structures, I know they maybe somebody's home, perhaps more rental properties are needed. Build on the evolving Vic West developments.

Encourage businesses along Esquimalt Rd near Head St intersection to invest in improving their storefront appearances

Would like to see revitalization not only near the municipal hall, but also on the Esquimalt Rd strip before and after Head st, where everything looks shabby.

Encourage/support ongoing upgrading modernization of privately owned buildings/spaces along

Esquimalt Road - visually and functionally appealing

Is there a way to encourage some commercial property owners to spruce up/modernize (plaza, the little strip where Belle Patate is, the business on Esquimalt Road close to Head St)?

Beautifying the areas that most people see should be the top of the list. Provide incentives for people to keep their properties looking nice first and foremost. The buildings along Esquimalt road with unkempt lawns, empty lots, run down buildings with water stains and unwashed walls make the community look bad.

As mentioned previously, it would be great if the businesses along Esquimalt road near head St were "cleaned up", so they don't look like they cater solely to criminals and [drug users] (sorry honest opinion). It feels to me like that part of town is the slightly less intense version of vancouver's downtown east side.

"Work the Vision" Cleanup, redevelop where required, paint the buildings, remove the rubbish along Esquimalt Rd. Some areas are wonderful. Others really need attention. I heard that Seaspan will not bring visitors down Esquimalt Rd, they use Craigflower instead. Why? fix it. Develop a revitalization roadmap with options for all of Esquimalt Rd. Involve developers and finance companies. If you want a successful Village with good anchor tenants, they need to see the Esquimalt Rd story

Sewage [see Transportation & Infrastructure]

Tourism (5)

Tourism – waterfront, parks, history of naval base, walking tours (guided)

I wish the Carleton club could be transformed into a conference centre. That would be a real community asset.

Walking, Kayak and small boat tours between the local pubs Four Mile, Six Mile, Tudor House and the Legend to encourage walking, exercising, socializing and eco-tourism.

Use of Fleming Beach for rentals of kayaks and Paddleboarding. I think somewhere in Esquimalt where you can do that would be helpful

Attracting an ESL school might be a good idea as that creates a source of homestays for folks - which is good for everyone.

Miscellaneous (11)

All of the above x 2

Esquimalt has most of these in place already.

For all the above areas, ensure that Esquimalt has sufficient expertise in negotiation and implementation.

The only good thing is park, music.

Transitioning away from money, permaculture involving compost toilets and storing food over winter.

I had really hoped that the casino would choose Esquimalt to build a new location. I know gambling isn't the best way to raise money but it certainly has done wonders for View Royal and Langford.

I will think about it and I will be back to you.

No comment.

None

N/A

6. What are your ENVIRONMENT related ideas and wishes for the future? |

Response (177)

Built Environment (5)

Smaller is better

Transitioning away from car culture: making more and more streets inaccessible to cars, converting the few remaining cars to electric

Quieter neighbours and sensor street lights that only brighten when it senses a pedestrian or cyclist at night. Plant shrubs that can filter the air, create privacy while creating shade and wind breaks to help in reducing erosion and noise.

More density = more services which might translate into less need to use cars.

Create dense, complete communities. Allow for increased density (i.e. townhouses, six-storey condos, and garden suites).

Construction (General) (10)

Promote alternate building approaches

Encourage green space development - encourage all new construction to adopt renewable resource infrastructure -like Dockside Green... this is doable everywhere...

I would love to see more buildings that are more self sufficient and less detrimental to the environment.

New buildings developed in LEED Gold standard or other low-energy standards (as well as green roofs) - including the new town hall and library complex.

Fees and Permit discounts and greater density development for the use of leading edge technology which promotes cleaner air, water and lead to the reduction on fossil fuel use.

Incentives to multi housing units on rebuild lots- all with green embellishments (rain water conservation, solar energy, roof top gardens)

Solar hot water & heat pumps - make this mandatory on all new buildings/homes/businesses.

Mandatory Green Roofing on all new or remodeled buildings.

Water run-off from gutters can be reduced with "green gutters", plants that take shallow soil.

It would be great if we could support our residents in retrofitting homes and businesses to be more energy efficient, and if we could co-ordinate apprenticeships for Esquimalt's youth retrofit construction and clean energy.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (9)

General (4)

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Continue to adopt sustainable policies and practices as a high priority

Municipal carbon foot print e.g. Is information collected ?

Focus on achieving a carbon neutral position for the entire municipality.

Plan (5)

Carbon neutral commitments and GHG reductions targets;

Adopt a GHG reduction goal for the municipality operations and for the community as a whole, related to transportation, energy systems, etc.

Figure out a plan to meet our existing GHG targets (38% reduction by 2020 from 2007 levels)

Continue to set stringent standards for GHG reductions and develop the infrastructure accordingly to encourage less driving, increased cycling, walking and transit.

Actively look at ways to reduce corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions. Take steps to be a leader within the region (i.e. ban plastic bags)

Natural Environment (22)

General (11)

Maintain natural environments x 2

More natural environments

Preserving natural environments

Respecting green spaces from further development

Conservation and protection of natural assets.

Great to restore natural parks and green places!

Natural environments are paramount and maintaining public access to those benefits.

Increase green spaces and greenways,

I think we are incredibly fortunate to have the beauty of our Natural Environment surrounding us. It's important that we protect our natural spaces and ensure that we choose the health of our environment over expansion and industrialization.

Community gardens and areas left to nature and indigenous species. Areas developed for bird and wildlife habitat with nesting boxes, etc.

Docks (2)

From 8d: no more building of docks - especially on oceanfront (eelgrass areas to be especially protected).

Clean up the polluted and unused beach section at Flemming beach by the boat dock. As children many older residents used to play at that beach, enjoy it and now it's just a rock, log, garbage beach that is only used for dogs to fetch sticks. We can do more with our natural parks and beaches by being better stewards of them.

Invasive Species (3)

Tackle invasive species!! Support homeowners to remove terrible plants like knotweed and daphne.

Preserve natural environments, use volunteers to get rid of invasive species. Preserve ALL Gary Oaks.

We must move toward enforcing private property owners and the DND to remove ivy off their trees at the same time we take more action to do the same in Saxe Point.

Trees/Forests (6)

Maintain Gary Oak ecosystems; trees and meadows.

Strengthen community or urban forest canopy.

Plant more trees - fir - spruce... re: mitigation of greenhouse gases....

More trees and gardens always welcome.

No cutting down trees.

Continue work on removing invasive species. Look at encouraging residents to remove invasive trees rather than charging them a fee for the right to remove them (i.e. Chinese Sumacs).

Pollution (25)

General (6)

Air, Soil, and Water Pollution x 3

Clean air, clean soil, clean water. I think ESQ is trying to accomplish this now.

Reduce pollution

No pipeline

Air Pollution (3)

Air quality

Enforce anti-idling laws

While these are nice to have, Esquimalt has failed miserably in reducing air pollution or greenhouse gas emissions. Thanks in part to reduced speed limits that either confuses the heck out of some folks or is ignored by others [and reduced from 4 to 2 lanes].

Garbage/Waste (7)

It would be amazing to see some companies like the soap exchange or Ingredients café established in our community. We do not have a health food store here, nor do we have waste-free shopping options. We can reduce our garbage creation and recycling spending if we have waste-free bulk shopping options locally.

I see a vast improvement in Esquimalt of cleanliness and environmental improvements. I think we need to keep that going and make sure that people see the positives. I love that we have garbage cans but maybe we can look at recycling cans also.

Also, while I know the military base is federal jurisdiction, I am sad to hear the toxic soil from Esquimalt is being shipped up island to an unsafe site threatening drinking water.

Garbage cans need to be more widespread to accommodate for increased litter.

Enhance opportunities for soft plastics recycling

Have composting bins located next to garbage bins throughout the Township.

A simple idea would be to rebrand Esquimalt as a Green community. We have the shoreline to protect and for this reason alone I strongly believe that we need to install a plastic-bag ban. Bags from our community can easily blow into the ocean and end up in the Garbage Patch. From my personal experience at Country Grocer and other retailers, education won't do it alone, there needs to be municipal leadership on this front.

Water Pollution (9)

Be part of the solution for keeping our water safe.....not toxic dumping in Shawnigan Lake area as it could affect our Sooke supply.....we need to keep the environment safe and clean.....all the above are so important.

More fines for polluting our drain systems or roads.

Clean up the Gorge, make it cleaner and swimmable.

Maintain a clean gorge waterway that is suitable for swimming.

Water fountains cool and clean the air. Trees give us fresh air. We know that moving water heals and still water is poisonous.

Better control of waterways-derelict boats leaking oil needs to be removed

Less pavement and more permeable surfaces

Permeable driveways suggested for rainwater management.

Rainwater rewards program (i.e. City of Victoria)

Public Education/Engagement (13)

General (6)

Education opportunities through Rec Centre/Library are also good.

Educate residents on how to prepare for frequent storms.

Strategies and practices to support/become an Environmentally recognized community e.g. recognized criteria developed and supported both locally and all ready established criteria e.g. scientific and social

I would like some space in the new town development project to include an education centre for such things as invasive species, water pollution through private sewage systems, grey water systems, healthy garden alternatives, etc.

Encourage walking, biking trails as much as possible.

Promote sustainable energy initiatives

Conservation (3)

Do a public education campaign on responsible water use

Provide financial support for water conservation improvements to residential properties

More public awareness of water restrictions (such as a sign outside town hall that tells people what stage we're at) - and enforce the restrictions if possible!

Products of Concern (4)

More info on use of makeup and effects on environment (water +soil)

More info re: recycling of unused meds (in newspaper + pharmacies) so that the chemicals don't end up in the groundwater or soil or ocean...

More education / fines for polluting our drain systems or roads.

We can brand Esquimalt as natural, etc. A simple thing we can do is to have people at the market for example exchange their toxic chemicals, be it for indoor or outdoor use, for a natural alternative. We can then safely dispose of the chemicals with Hartland and make our community safer for children and all of us, reducing our risk of cancer. Do it yourself workshops could be helpful, teaching people how to use vinegar, essential oils, baking soda etc.

Renewable Energy (38)

General (12)

Renewable energy x 4

Renewable energy sources

Support for renewable energy

More environment friendly uses of energy (solar and wind)

Support clean energy generation (solar, wind, wave or tidal).

Try out solar energy, rain energy, and wave energy as we have lots of these

Esquimalt should setup a alternative energy utility to encourage solar investment and energy efficient design (i.e. Passive House standard).

Household renewable energy has a lot of good options and off-time storage is coming into the fore.

Why not request citizens to purchase solar products and noiseless, small wind turbines to cool and light their pathways and porches. Reduce the need for costly Hydro expansions.

Electricity (2)

No electricity

How about a Christmas Light up that is only powered by cyclists, solar, wind or water. Non fossil materials. View Christmas scenes via shuttle bus or electric mobile scooters or bicycles. Challenge the surrounding municipalities and share the innovative designs.

Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations (11)

Electric cars only.

More electric vehicle charging stations x 2

I like the charging stations for electric vehicles.

EV plug-ins for apartments need to be pushed.

Continued support for electric vehicle infrastructure

I like that the electric car charge up stations are appearing. I don't have one myself but think they're great!

It is far too costly to expect everyone to purchase an electric vehicle (at this point) so we must look ahead to electric public transportation.

Esquimalt should also use smart electric cars as Saanich does for some municipal use. Also LNG powered vehicles for parks department, etc.

I applaud the purchase of a plug in electric car by the Township. Can the Township been even more vocal about encouraging the purchase of same and installation of charging stations.

I would like to see more electric vehicle charging stations, as the new cars Tesla are putting out have been flying off the shelf and will soon be flooding our streets. It would be nice to be ahead of the curve instead of trying to play catch up.

Geothermal (2)

Geothermal is an excellent investment.

We built two houses and employed geothermal heating but we had to have the workman educate the city planner who did not appear to understand the technology.

Incentives (4)

Rebate for renewable energy use/installation in homes

Property tax incentive for renewable energy heating options and refits
Provide incentives for home owners to install solar panels on their homes.
Provide incentives for home owners to conduct energy audits.

Solar (5)

Solar panels.

Solar on new developments. Encouraging solar power on homes.

Encourage solar energy.

Maybe look for more solar powered opportunities.

We have a lot of sun in Esquimalt and so we should be leaders in solar energy. We also have wind too! I know that Colwood had a solar energy program, perhaps there is something we can do at the municipal level to spark on individuals to buy into this!

Wind (2)

Focus more on wind energy along the ocean front areas.

When I was a kid, in the east (PEI), we had a windmill on my school to ensure we had power or we missed about a third if the winter of school. Power was always going out. This was 40 years ago. We should be about to have windmills on our own property. It is shocking to me we could be putting a wave power plant at our front door and are still dealing with the toxic and wasteful impacts of smart meters. We are letting companies dictate the conversation. We do not have time.

Sewage [See Transportation & Infrastructure]

Urban Agriculture and Food Systems (40)

General (2)

Eat healthy

We do good job here, though it will be disappointing if the OCP does not EXPLICITLY address food security.

Boulevard & Rooftop Gardens (4)

Encouraging people to use the Blvd's as community gardens.

It would be nice to see encouragement for urban farming of "unused" space - boulevards, front yards, green roofs or warehouse type buildings.

Gardens allowed and encouraged on house and city boulevards.

More raised gardens on rooftops that can access rain barrel water from the eaves troughs. The raised garden beds will make it easier to attend to by the elderly and those living with disabilities. Growing for green vegetables will keep the people healthy and physically exercised. Also, they

will engage and become members of the community instead of living in isolation. It will reduce the need to import products that travel long distances with unknown pesticides.

Community Gardens (15)

Promote community gardens.

More community gardens - current wait list is too long

More public/community gardens x 2

Maybe have more public gardens.

Some grassy areas could become (e.g. in part) orchards - encourage local growing of food.

community gardens x 2

Establish community gardens

I'd like to see more community gardens

Community garden space

Parking lots need to be converted into gardens.

A big community garden for the rainbow kitchen!

Incorporating community garden space? There are lots of patches of land throughout the area that are not used and could easily be transformed into small community gardens. One in our neighbourhood comes to mind.. Off Selkirk ave, on burleith crescent cul de sac. Apparently that small patch of land is a "park?"

Create quality community gardens, accessible to residents of multi-family buildings, and support outreach and engagement to people who would benefit from the social and physical benefits of gardening.

Edible Public Landscaping (2)

Edible public landscapes

With global warming and extreme weather events (plus the rising cost of food) we must consider even in our township how to grow our local food economy. We should be hosting workshops on permaculture (requires little water and no chemicals if done well), and edible landscaping. Why not line our boulevards with fruit trees and give the fruit to the food bank? We can have edibles and herbs in our city gardens as well. This food could be given to the rainbow kitchen. We will not regret having our city grow food instead of lawns, should we find ourselves in a crisis situation.

Food Security (3)

Food security

Community kitchen space that includes teaching on how to cook and places for people to cook if their own place is deficient

Deer invasions in local gardens - \$ to protect with fencing.

Food Systems (9)

Food Systems

More garden space for local food systems

Promote local food growth in food systems

I've heard some great ideas about establishing food systems in our community. I think grassroots movements like the market are inspiring and create the kind of community I want to be a part of,,

Community garden and sustainability workshops ie planting your own veggies, canning methods, manual composting

I want Esquimalt to be a leader when it comes to environmental stewardship, sustainable food systems and renewable energy. We could be doing more to support our urban farmers and community gardens, and I would like to see an Esquimalt community food forest.

Support testing of soil where food is to be grown.

I would love to see community projects along the lines of what Thunder Bay Ontario is doing in terms of getting engagement from the community in creating more green spaces, public food sources, rainwater runoff gardens, etc. I'd love to see a bigger focus on local food as well. Perhaps property tax cuts for people investing in upgrading their yards (ideally organically and with food, or environmental benefits like bee health, bee hives, bat houses, rain water barrels, etc)

Encouragement of D.I.Y. green walls.

Local Food Production (5)

Support for local food production.

Encourage residents to grow local food and sponsor irrigation workshops

Esquimalt seems particularly behind in local food production with little to no farmland in the municipality. Encouraging local food production would be prudent - the Esquimalt farmers market is a great start! Esq should continue to support that hugely successful endeavor through financial and staff support.

Encouragement of urban farming (chickens, goats, etc), urban gardening/food production.

Maybe open more gardening places to grow local, healthy food. People could volunteer to work their for fresh produce.

Miscellaneous (15)

All of the above x 4

All of the above examples are important to our family.

All of the above, regional perspective as well.

Think regionally - "Esquimalt" the municipality is a fiction in terms of the environment.
So many! I left them all on the board the night of the Looking Forward Forum.
I'd like a better understanding of how the activities of the naval base may (or may not) impact Esquimalt's environment and if we can work together to mitigate any impacts.
Municipal/residential/business environmental plan? Do we have one?
Concern ourselves only on matters within our municipal jurisdiction.
Get working on it. No more talking.
I will think about it and I will be back to you.
N/A
None

7. What are your PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION related ideas and wishes for the future? |

Response (214)

Community Events (28)

General (21)

Community events x 4

More community events that bring people together.

More community events that are family friendly

Keep up the good community events

Community events is very important for our community

Community events in Esquimalt are fantastic and for the most part the Recreation Centre is as well.

Be aware that the LOUD "old rocker" style music brought in for most events is TOO LOUD...it carries through all of Esquimalt and is not welcomed!!!

Positive community events in arts and craft venues

Create a budget for daily & weekly events all year long.

There is a celebration every month (i.e. Christmas, New Years, Valentines etc.) make them community celebrations.

More community events, large and small, to accommodate artists and performers, street vendors, etc.

I always enjoy our community events and would attend more if given the option.

Love gorge fest and would love to see more of these types of family friendly events.

We have a lot of great events in our public spaces (favourites are music in memorial park, the market, Christmas light up, buccaneer days etc.)

Community Markets – Saturday mornings

Plan more intercultural events at Esquimalt Rec Centre/Archie Browning Arena to make Esquimalt an attraction.

Enjoy having events in local 'special' spots in the community, such as the use of the Inn for art events or sales days, the kid's area by the library for the market, etc. The vast number of 'runs' which tend to clog up the roads round about the municipality are a bit aggravating IF they do not have appropriate sign holders for vehicles. Advance 'warning' is appreciated.

Community engagement by increasing community events for all ages. The mayor is always doing an excellent job at recognizing great ideas and new residents. That should continue and be incorporated at social community events where you can meet your neighbours, city council, police and community workers.

Community Events in Parks (5)

Community Events at McCauley/Saxe Parks

Let's have more free, accessible events in Saxe Point Park and in our other parks.

Community picnics – sports – trail walks – pay people to put them together.

Community Events in Saxe Point - it is vastly underused.

It would be nice if we could have summer events in our parks such as Fetes, where there would be children's events, cake walks, teas, plants sold etc.

Neighbourhood Parties (2)

Neighbourhood community events (like 1-2 streets garage sales or potlucks or picnics with music (i.e. smaller events where people can get to know each other).

I think neighbourhood park parties would be fun with beer gardens and hotdogs for afternoons ...
Let local vendors come out

Also see Arts, Culture and Heritage

Parks (82)

General (16)

Protecting and enhancing our existing outdoor spaces.

Keep up our parks.

Continue implementation of Esquimalt Gorge Park Master Plan

Have more signs where parks are federal migratory bird sanctuaries, e.g. Esquimalt Gorge Park;

Better signage about no smoking in the parks and fire risk with that. I thought saw point was going to burn up during last summers drought when I saw folks smoking on the chip trails.

Keep our park safe from development - keep our parks naturally beautiful.

The Japanese garden is magnificent and the walkway along that area is perfect [Gorge Park].

Have only lived here for a year and have been happy with the parks and trails we've discovered so far.

I would like to see existing parks and green spaces maintained and even expanded upon (e.g. Gorge Park).

At least we have Saxe Point.

I love the parks...not much of any changes I would suggest.

Maintaining existing parks.

Preserve and create new parks

Keeping and expanding on current greenspace.

All parks and public spaces are excellent, well maintained + beautiful.

We enjoy the ones there are – more are better but can't think where to put them.

Children (12)

More kid friendly parks

Bike park

It would be great if playground equipment was also "refreshed" every few years (maybe 5-10)? Seems like some of it is looking exhausted and worn.. Not welcoming.

Revamp Park on Colville by Esq. High – playground

Continue to revamp parks - small playground on Colville across from Esquimalt High.

I think the Gorge Park playground could be improved - have you seen the Gyro Park!!

Playground at saxe point park x 2

Consider play structure for children in Saxe Point/MacCauly point.

Increase the play structures for young children – possibly add a swing set to Saxe Point Park on the lawn where the building was recently removed.

It would be great to have a natural playground- Richmond, BC has an amazing one:

<http://www.richmond.ca/parks/parks/about/amenities/park.aspx?ID=116>

Where kids can play and connect with nature. It would also be amazing to have an inspiration garden to inspire local gardeners with edibles and native plants. Coquitlam has a nice one:

http://www.coquitlam.ca/parks-recreation-and-culture/parks-and-trails/park-programs/Inspiration_Garden.aspx

Dogs in Parks (12)

Maintain the existing dog-friendly parks.

Parks and open spaces that are dog friendly

Take care of our parks (both manicured and wild areas) and increase off leash areas for dogs.

Make parks and public more user friendly. This could include pet areas and off leash areas.

I believe we should open more dog parks, and add less restrictions to where people travel with their pets.

Actively enforce the "do not walk here" signs, as often off-leash dogs go trampling throughout these areas.

LOVE our local parks and I use them.....I walk with the seniors walking group from the Rec center and we explore them all. Keep the parks and trails up and do not make any more dog off lease parks....we have enough of those and not everyone wants a dog running up to them when relaxing in a park. Also council is bringing up dangerous dog policies so that should reflect on having dogs on leashes!!!

Improve opportunities for small children to play on the beaches without being threatened by dogs off-leash; enforce on-leash zones

Keep up the good work. More education/enforcement is needed to protect sensitive areas as I regularly see dog owners sending their dogs beyond the keep out fencing at McCauley.

Actually enforce on-leash areas at Saxe and MacCauly point. This improves play opportunities for small children without risk of being terrorized by irresponsible owners and/or out-of-control dogs.

Again, enforce on-leash areas for dogs. I have had multiple run-ins with dogs both personally and with my daughter.

Our biggest issue is with dog owners; they do not all follow the on-lease/off-lease restrictions. dog waste is also an issue. As parents with small children these have both become increasingly problematic. We wish that park rules were enforced, and would also recommend creating clear separations between on and off lease areas (such as fencing).

Improvements (16)

Clean up of existing parks/right of ways - RE: Garbage accumulation.

More picnic benches in public parks to make the outdoors more family friendly.

That we have washroom access in all parks. No camping in our parks, keep them as beautiful as they are now. No tent cities please.

Create multi-generational places in parks (e.g. playlots with shelters for adults to sit/socialize; fitness courses; resting/sitting places).

Parks with splashing fountains and waterfalls using recycled waste water.

As previously mentioned it would be great to see more edibles grown in city space.

Do not have so many open events like bike races that damage parks and do not allow pedestrians to walk.

Gorge waterway retaining wall, bridge and small-human powered boat launch are needed.

Redeveloped Kinsman Gorge Park into facility where family can go swimming and promote daily

and weekend picnicking.

The big field/green area in Memorial Park is underutilized. How about a band shell?

It would be helpful to keep grasses from getting too tall and dried out during the summer months by cutting it down especially in Macaulay Park and the Cairn in Rock Heights. Again, my wish would be for more seating that is in shaded areas. As a senior, I'd like to be able to sit in the shade but am not able to because of the lack of shaded areas along our walkways such as Macaulay Park and Westsong Way.

More grass cutting and cleanup in Macauley Point. Paths or stairs down to shore area in Macauley Point.

Improved parks. Fix Flemming beach park green space. Buckton's green is overgrown since it was fenced off.

To clean up the Buxton Green, Fleming and Kinver Beach areas - the grass at the Fleming Beach area should come out of there and enlarge that beach area - there is and beneath that grass... to trim the tall and unkempt grass surrounding the Buxton Green area...and keep that whole area picnic ready - cleaning up the Fleming grass situation not only helps to mitigate the fire hazard but also discourages dog walkers from depositing there...it is a lovely area and should be kept in better condition.... Macaulay Pt and the Fort is ours to keep on behalf of the DND and we should be taking this stewardship more seriously - it is a fire hazard in the summer - the military structures deserve to be exposed and honoured for their history... I would like to see an annual or even more regularly - a neighbourhood picnic at Buxton Green and enlarging the Fleming area - there is lots of space. Also, Kinver Beach could be cleaned up to not only make it a Kayak friendly launch and dock area but just to make the whole area a nice place to visit...

Keep Saxe Point and Fleming Beach the same but Fleming Beach should have a rock climbing place.

Saxe Point – gazebo built.

Invasive Species in Parks (5)

Continuing of branch out, earth day clean up and tree planting.

Encourage more people to participate in evasive plant removal in public parks

Better removal of Scottish Broom and English Ivy.

Remove invasive plants from Saxe Point Park x 2

Natural Areas (10)

Protect existing park space.

Continue to provide excellent parks and green spaces.

More parks

More open parks.

Maintain our natural spaces as natural.

Maintenance and improving green space (built parks and natural).

Our parks and open spaces are wonderful and I would want to see them protected.

I love how many park areas we have in Esquimalt and how beautiful the gardens are kept up by our excellent gardens/grounds staff!

MUCH BETTER PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL AREAS IN OUR PARKS AND SHORELINE.

Remove silly signage markers in Saxe Point Park (total waste of park's funds)!

Promote the health of indigenous plants in our parks.

Waterpark (11)

I love the plan for a kids' splash park - great idea!

Create a splash-pad for children x 4

Splash pad or new playground for children as a destination for Esquimalt. Near rec centre and library.

Waterpark

Outdoor waterpark for kids

Outdoor pool for children.

Water Park in Esquimalt Gorge Park. While the water park on Fraser Street is underway, I don't anticipate spending much time there with my kid. Sitting on a rubber surface between a parking lot and busy road does not appeal to me. I love going to Carlow Road water park. Sitting on hills of grass well removed from the road with lots of trees surrounding the spread out play equipment--that is great for me and my kid to enjoy playing and be closer to nature. I can easily envision a similar layout in the field area in Esquimalt Gorge Park, on the left as you enter the parking area at the end of the road. Trees already exist there, lots of space and greenery and no traffic from a main street at all. I hope this becomes a reality!

Continue to work on the waterpark but don't forget our local neighbourhood parks.

Safety in Parks (see Community Health & Safety)

Recreation (24)

General (7)

We have great rec

Recreation Centre services are critical

Recreation - good possibilities exist now

Protecting and enhancing our existing outdoor spaces and rec facilities.

Improve funding to Rec centers as necessary community establishments - they shouldn't be threatened.

I make good use of the Esquimalt Rec Centre and know people that come from other

municipalities because they enjoy the atmosphere and programs.

Etown app with guided walking tour

Accessibility (3)

Second floor of gym to be accessible for people who cannot mobilize stairs.

Some changes to the rec centre may make some of the events held there more accessible to all. The bldg. is central but the spaces are not always as flexible to use.

We have beautiful park spaces and recreation areas, but sometimes I feel that they are not open to everyone. In Vancouver the rec centres offer a pass to low income people called the Leisure Access Program. It offers a much better plan than the L.I.F.E pass.

Adult (4)

More Young Adult sports activities all year round

More recreation programs eg. Yoga, for adults who are not seniors. It feels like everything in the rec guide is for children and seniors only.

Volunteers from naden to hold working out or exercise workshops

More fitness options at Rec Centre for people who work standing 9-5 work day - more evening class drop-in, more selection.

Improvements (9)

Climbing gym

Improved public meeting spaces.

I think a fast-food outlet (Tim Hortons) should be in the Rec Centre. It's very, very popular, especially around a military base.

I also like to see existing recreation spaces well-maintained, like the recent refurbishment of the tennis courts at Esquimalt High.

As a small note the showers at the rec centre don't seem to be water savers, and as much as I enjoy the strong blast, we could conserve more water there.

Add boat rentals/boat club to Esquimalt Gorge Park (through partnership). Establish a portage at the narrows. Work to create more access to the Gorge and link local streets parallel to Craigflower.

Expand on Recreation programs. In the "old days" Esquimalt Arena was the hub and the hockey games between teams packed the arena. That's all gone. We need really progressive staff to fill our recreation facilities. We have fallen way behind other facilities. It's time for change. We need places and facilities that the young kids love going too and produces top sportsmen

Year round rentable – dry floor please!!

I would love to see a year round dry floor available for events/rental/sports clubs. lots of groups

would use it - ask eagle ridge in langford! many local floor hockey groups, roller derby, etc use church gyms and unsafe floors for practice - or travel out of town. could be a good revenue source and community focal point.

Youth (1)

Kids skating lessons at archie browning on the weekends

Trails & Waterfront Walkways (42)

General (13)

Trails and waterfront walkways x 6

I love our walkways and trails

We have great trails and waterfront walkways and parks.

Improve upon and create more pedways

Well lite at night.

Less pavement and more permeable surfaces.

Promote better linkages to galloping goose trail that goes through Esquimalt.

Please please please work on incorporating more trails and walkways around/through Esquimalt, especially lit ones (solar panel preferably! Just like in North saanich).

Accessibility (3)

Accessible trails

Improve walking trails for elderly.

Trail development/construction should accommodate wheel chair access.

Gorge Vale Golf Course (3)

Promote walking trails through Gorge Ville golf course!

Chip trail around the gold course would be awesome (along same lines as Cedar Hill)

Create more green walkways between craigflower and the naval base. Right now you have the reserve and the golf course in the way, limiting pedestrian movement.

Trails (10)

We have great trails

Love trails x 2 more to explore

Walkable trails

Trails/walking seem alright in area.

Green space and connected corridors promoting wildlife and healthy lifestyles.

Bring more internal (sp?) parks and nature trails to Esquimalt.

The completion of the trail along the E+N to hook up with the goose.

Kniver Street should be turned into a greenway linking the country grocer/Bullen park plaza to Macaulay point and surrounding community. Rezoning the immediate area to a higher/moderate density area would encourage more efficient development around this new greenway turning it into a vibrant social and recreational space.

Continue to use wood chips along Saxe point and MacCauly point - these improve the usability of trails considerably!!!

Waterfront Access/Walkways (9)

Built heathy waterfront access

Maintaining existing walkways

That we always have access to waterfront walkways.

More of these. More access to waterfront via walkways please.

Will we ever get a waterfront park on the Panhandle side of the Gorge?

Waterfront running trails/walkways & signage explaining/highlighting our history.

Remove the barrier at our public shoreline at the bottom of Granite Street.

I can't imagine any waterfront areas that could be improved with walkways except maybe the one at the end of Grafton Street (what was that all about?) Don't suppose we can do anything with DND land.

Esquimalt should match saanich's commitment and investment around the gorge by making the tillicum-craigflower-admirals-gorge loop a local and regional walking/running gem. Craigflower road is the weak link in this often used, but under potential loop.

West Bay Walkway (4)

Keep updating the Westbay walkway.

Continue the foot path at macaulay so it connects with west bay

Connect WestBay Marine walkway through West Bay Marina; Naval Base; to McCauley Point e.g walking/running friendly; along the water;

More use of wind turbines and solar panels to supply energy for public along West Song walkway

Urban Agriculture and Food Systems [see Environment]

Urban Forest (22)

General (9)

I love the beauty of our urban forest (highrock in particular).

I love the trees -- thanks for trying to maintain so many in good health. What I see at the two parks I frequent makes me feel that ESQ municipality is doing it's best to stay green.

The new trail is fantastic. More plants and greenery anywhere possible.

Increase urban forest

Re-plant and maintain urban forest throughout Esquimalt rather than only on the shoreline

Continue preservation & possible expansion of parkland with educational signage as appropriate. Sometimes poetry or Haiku lines can greet walkers. Honour Indigenous Roots whenever possible.

Urban forest - more forested/wild areas (for children etc. that need a balance to the "technology" - schools could include some class time in outdoor spaces.

Plant older and stronger trees and plants in public areas and streets.

Do a public education campaign and initiative to remove ivy from trees on parks and personal properties before all these trees die.

Edible Forests (2)

Make more groups of trees into edible forests.

Food Forests for public foraging. Less grass, more food! Major focus on removing invasive species and planting bee/butterfly attracting native plants

Tree Protection (8)

No cutting down trees

Increase the fines for those who cut trees on their property without permits.

Stronger urban forest bylaws/enforcement should be put in place

Better management of Garry Oak Ecosystems.

HONEST communication and response from Esquimalt Staff when an Esquimalt citizen contacts the Township concerning harm to the Township's healthiest Arbutus tree. (519/521 Foster.)

Better protection of the trees like the Arbutus that is at 519/521 -- up until Friday May 13th it was the largest and healthiest Arbutus tree in all of Esquimalt.

STOP allowing healthy trees (such as Esquimalt's largest and healthiest Arbutus tree located at 519/521 Foster) to be compromised and or removed!!!

PROTECTION of healthy trees in the Township. HONESTY & ACCOUNTABILITY with regards to the harm of Esquimalt's healthiest and largest Arbutus tree located at 519/521 Foster. HONESTY in communication regarding all Parks, Trails and Recreation.

Native Trees (3)

Continue to plant native trees in parks.

Encouragement (Active) for properties to grow native wild plant, flower, trees, rather than imported species.

Stop planting plum trees on the boulevards and start planting only native species.

Miscellaneous (16)

All of the above.

As above, also take a regional perspective.

We do a great job here - outstanding.

This is all pretty good. Keep up the support here.

Very happy with most. Better upkeep maybe

Esquimalt does parks, events and recreation really well.

I am actually very happy with our parks, trails and recreation facilities in Esquimalt. I am always very proud to show off what we have to offer in our community and can't think of any way to improve it! Great work!

I think these areas are the greatest gift that Esquimalt has to offer.

Improve and expand.

More for people with disabilities and handicapped and special needs.

Continue to recognize/support environmentally friendly development for facilities and green spaces.

No scaring animals

Work to actively engage the community in decision making. Community consultations on a playground design feels false when the layout has already been chosen. Moving teenagers into the basement of a rec centre without public consultation has also created a negative image for the Centre.

I will think about it and I will be back to you.

N/A

None.

8. What are your PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT related ideas and wishes for the future? |

Response (209)

Affordable Housing (39)

General (29)

Affordable housing x 12

Affordable housing as a priority

I think it's always important to think in terms of affordable housing.

More affordable housing x 2

More affordable housing - support those trying to exit supper infested city.

Of course Esquimalt needs more affordable housing.

Affordable housing needs a very large boost.

Keep affordable housing.

Affordable housing required and mental health facilities

Maybe more affordable housing for people with minimum wage.

Affordable Housing for seniors and all.

Affordable housing with no cellular relay towers within 3 miles. Treat with respect.

A mix of people of all ages and incomes, some on income assistance better reflect a community and prevent stigmatizing (e.g. people who receive social assistance).

Get serious about developing affordable housing, and stop touting that Esquimalt is already full of affordable housing opportunities, absolute balderdash!

We have sufficient affordable housing and rental housing.

Forget affordable housing - it is a chimera ("Greek mythological fire breathing creature").

Though some, maybe many would prefer that much of Esquimalt be low cost housing, many also would prefer that it was high cost housing in line with the incredible waterfront and location, location, location. I do not support low cost housing on or within 500 meters of expensive waterfront.

Homeless (4)

Make a shelter for homeless to stay with medical services.

Get people involved offer them something that isn't going to cost them anything because if you take a look around most people live below poverty line.

I have a friend who is currently homeless. She was an Esquimalt resident with her family, is battling stage 4 breast cancer and is unable to find a place to live. We need to help people in those situations.

I am homeless and couchsurf in Esquimalt, trapped in eternal poverty because those who have excess refuse to share. Homes need to become free, or at least we need to get welfare to stop being so difficult to access, for rates to increase, and for landlords to stop selling homes that include tenants who still want to live there.

Policy (6)

More flexibility about affordable housing options i.e. tiny homes, micro suites etc.

Require non-market housing in new developments, or a levy on all such construction that is

earmarked for housing subsidy (and that can't be shuffled elsewhere)

When condos are built, allow a percentage for affordable housing to give opportunities for low income residents to buy into the housing market.

Give developers a reason to build affordable housing by changing lot size. Rezone for multi-purpose use.

Properties donated to Esquimalt should be used as projects like Habitats for Humanity encouraging volunteers to help build micro houses for the retired, disabled and working poor. Senior governments should match the funds with a goal of 100 homes for the deserving citizens. The longest residents of Esquimalt get to the top of the list ... They should get tax relief if they donate their properties for multiple housing opportunities.

I think affordable housing should be a priority and increasing the number of long term rentals. I would also like to see the city have a plan to protect our residents against Esquimalt's housing market turning into a run away real estate market like in Vancouver.

Commercial Land Use (13)

General (4)

Commercial developments

Maybe allow some commercial along Lyall and/or Carlisle Street so we have more of a downtown core. Esquimalt Road right now is like one great big strip mall!

Create an architectural context to our downtown - it is all mixed up with no feeling of identity

Get nice licensed family restaurants like 4 Mile House - maybe with condo tower above.

Esquimalt Road (5)

Make the Esquimalt Village area the heart of the community and support local small business location along Esquimalt Road.

Encourage re-development of downtown core - greater pedestrian relation (less to do with car - all our parking is out-front as opposed to business being front and center)

Encouragement of more office space along Esquimalt road corridor

Discourage church use/congregation in the downtown (old BoMontreal building) - we need activity in our downtown, not off-peak uses that do nothing but leave a closed business front for the majority of the time.

Reducing vacant space.. Ie the corner of esquimalt road and Rothwell street (VIC WEST).

Revitalization (4)

Clean up parts of Esquimalt Rd

Beautify the storefronts on Esquimalt Rd.

I like the focus of rebuilding and rejuvenation of Esquimalt Road.

It would be nice if the older apartment blocks on Esquimalt Rd between Head and Lampson could be encouraged to be replaced by larger more attractive and useful buildings.

See Economic Development – Business Types, Food Services, and Revitalization

Density (16)

General (4)

Density in housing equally so. Consider that central Vancouver is roughly the same size as Esquimalt with many urban parks, cycling lanes & green resources, not to mention rental housing & assisted housing. With green roofs & green walls, Esquimalt could maintain a large part of its enviro-friendly feel while still highly urbanizing.

Density and zoning are critical here, as they complement the natural endowments of the area, and our existing services and infrastructure, to determine the future character of the township. My main concern in this regard is that we do not sacrifice the long term future of Esquimalt for a short term increase in property taxes. in other words, lets focus on quality not quantity. Let's not rush to in-fill the area below Lyall Street too much, but focus on nice, single-family homes, even if it means waiting a few more years. Let's not rush to build tower blocks on the main strip, but focus on town-houses, even if it means waiting a few more years. Esquimalt is on the cusp of some real change. It might take a few more year, but that's ok. It's coming. So lets take our time and aim high, rather than rush and take whatever we can get now.

Get on with building to bring people into the community. The rest will come more easily.

When the ERA cannot find members for their Board its should be a red flag of the need for more people able to make our community their permanent home.

Green/Public Space (4)

Careful consideration/planning of new developments regarding increased density and height should limit shadowing and cold unpersonal spaces which do not contribute to community.

Increased smart density is required for this city to achieve it's full potential. Higher density areas need to have increased public spaces (green and otherwise) to create a healthy balance and achieve a automobile independent transportation system.

Stop building condominiums when we have so little open outdoor space left and when we already have enough homes but we're simply not sharing them.

Density needs to be increased. Increase property taxes should be levied on low density sprawling properties to pay for low income rental subsidies, and changes to zoning should encourage new homes to include a suite to increase the supply of rental stock. Building guidelines should discourage low density sprawling development and encourage smart density with a focus on increasing public spaces (i.e. parks, squares, greenways) adjacent to these developments.

Support (8)

Further densification of housing along Esquimalt road corridor.

Encourage mid-rise, mixed use density along Esquimalt Rd and Craigflower road (and N-S traffic arteries). Density should be encouraged and steadily implemented.

Lets take it slow, and focus on quality not quantity. Keep the areas south of Lyall low density, as well as those above Esquimalt Road. And aim for townhouses rather than apartment buildings along the main drag.

I have lived in Esquimalt for 26 years, and I know I live in a beautiful part of greater Victoria. I am a local developer and Esquimalt has now been discovered, the old image is a thing of the past. It is up to us now to keep the ball rolling forward. Secondary detached suites would be a great addition to our community. We need density, and increase our tax base. I am all for density. I have built about 5 homes in Esquimalt and look forward to further development.

Also get much more innovative on redeveloping older neighbourhood areas into multi-residential, such as backlane housing, granny flats, carry chances, 4 plex and any other initiatives that greatly will intensify population in older neighborhoods.

Permits to allow for laneway homes or secondary units on properties (to promote densification). Mixed-use units.

Increase density with carriage homes and secondary suites. Fewer McMansion style large houses.

More density is needed than the present single family home or townhouses... so yes to garden and secondary suites.

Docks (3)

Docks!

Docks on the beach

Docks-a public accessible launch site for kayaks in West Bay, please! Currently the marina does not allow launching and if you want attempt, the wharfs are too high to do so.

See Parks, Trails, & Recreation

Esquimalt Village Plan (2)

And planned "village centre" okay re: size

The plans for the new area around the municipal hall look good

Garden Suites/Carriage Homes (15)

General (13)

Allow/support Garden Suites or Carriage Homes or Laneway Houses or Granny Suites x 7

Garden suites, carriage homes please. I have the space and the need.

Make garden suites legal so housing can be affordable.

Garden suites/carriage homes are a good idea as are secondary suites. People need affordable housing in this part of the country as it is a really nice place to live.

Give house owners the opportunity to build garden suites to alleviate the shortage in rental suites.

Letting home owners build garden suites to improve the vacancy rate in Victoria and Esquimalt so

that people do not have to go through "renovations".

I would like to see Esquimalt moving forward on garden suites and backyard cottages. I own a small house on a large (14,000 square feet) in Esquimalt, and I would very much like to 'age in place' on my own property. I would like the option of building a small detached cottage that I could have my mother-in-law live in now, and then when I'm no longer able to manage my house, I could move into in my old age.

Parking (See Planning & Development – Parking)

Policy (2)

Garden suites in large yards.

You might try promoting micro homes and Granny Cottages that cluster around a common ground allotment garden. Try it within a block that is due for renewal. It will encourage young families to remain within a safe, affordable community. The savings and available cash flow will be invested in the area. Suggest that the purchasers who do not wish to own a vehicle will be given priority. Also, this will entice retirees and those with disabilities to invest long term in Esquimalt.

Height (13)

General (2)

Housing height

Esquimalt adopted Kelowna's bylaw so higher new houses being built, while failing to adopt Kelowna's companion bylaw which protected view sightlines.

Mid-Rise (5)

I would prefer that we not have too many more high rises in Esquimalt, any taller than they are now. I think it keeps more of a small community feeling.

I support increasing density but only to an extent - I don't like the ideal of large high rises in our community. I'd prefer to see moderate-height apartment buildings and duplexes/town homes.

Height to keep a "human scale" no towers (4-6 floors max),

Keep Heritage buildings and do not allow high rises over 6 stories.

I do object to height on some of the developments. One in particular that I strongly object to is the one that was proposed awhile back for the Old England Inn property in which the developer was proposing 6 story units. This is not the place for such high density. This property is a park like setting and any development of the lands should be restricted to a maximum of 2 stories so that it is in keeping with the other residential houses in the area.

High-Rise (6)

I like the character of our neighbourhoods and wouldn't want to see high-rises.

Don't focus on height restrictions, multi-high-rise story developments, bring it on!

Increasing maximum height allowances will enhance tax base but consideration must be given to preserving views of existing properties.

Enable height in our downtown of 12 story, with downtown street presence

Do not limit height in the downtown core - 12 story OK - just make sure we have the necessary services (Fire etc.).

"Work the Vision" Get three 6-10 storey developments built in area of Cambie pub. The land is flat and less view is impacted. Get started... with the revitalization roadmap

Housing Construction

See Environment – Construction (General)

Housing Types (13)

General (6)

Community characteristics, building themes and designs what do we want our community to look like?

Also need more rancher type dwellings as the population ages.

Lots of great housing but there isn't as much of a market over here. The nice areas never sell and the less attractive areas need upgrades to be of better market value + quality. The houses and buildings look very run down in Esquimalt and not upgraded as well as other areas of Victoria.

Support for a mix of housing developments (townhouses, multi-family, single family).

Less apartment buildings and more houses. Stop piling people on top of each other (apartments and condos) and keep our skies clear of tall buildings.

There needs to be care to ensure that new developments don't cast shadows on existing homes that destroy the reason those home owners chose those properties in the first place.

Affordable (3)

Support mixed-income developments with an affordable share of the units.

Anything to encourage and support young families to move into area e.g variety of affordable housing

We have low cost housing in Esquimalt and those places are not kept tidy and we have a criminal element living in such places. It's time to bring our standard of living up where there is a good mixture of use of land.

Duplexes (1)

Allow front to back duplexes - i heard this was a major issue during the last OCP and i see why as some are terrible - but some are fine, and with the advisory planning committee there to look at proposals i think the should be an option, not a black and white rule. I would also suggest it would be ok where it becomes the "mirror" for an existing one.

Infill (3)

Support infill development in the form of small-lot houses, row houses, accessory suites and cottages, and cooperative housing with a focus on not just rental but also homeownership.

That we have smaller lots with more affordable housing, garden suites and secondary suites would be welcomed, carriage homes good. No big monster houses, please.

Emphasis on garden suites and mixed use buildings around Esquimalt Road and in the village.

Industrial Land Use (4)

Contain industrial area and do not expand.

I don't want to see more industrial land use.

Maintain industrial lands

Industrial land on harbour with shipbuilding facility is a great asset. Province should be lobbied to give preference to domestic facilities for Ferry upgrades.

Landscaping (5)

Like to see more gardens, nice houses.

Plant more trees RE: climate change and quality of life in general.

I believe we need to protect the green space we have.

Keep her lucious green trees and plant more vegetation in public areas.

Stop allowing property owners to add cement onto the shoreline rocks for their patios etc.

Parking (13)

Garden Suites/Carriage Homes (1)

Require parking for garden/carriage homes, etc. - at least most of them - as parking on major streets is at a premium.

Off-street (4)

Density and on-site parking come to mind.

Reduce on-site parking and allow new developments with almost no parking, but with car-share and transit access.

Not every apartment needs parking - decrease the number of parking spaces - encourage bikes and use of public transit (? more small buses/vans?)

New development does not provide enough parking in comparison to density.

On-street (4)

Get rid of on-street parking for residents.

You can't drive down streets because of every house pretty much has a suite and no parking. Even the new homes only provide 1 parking space where most people have 2 cars. The planning and development in Esquimalt is extremely poor. You can build pretty much what you want, Travel trailers, trailers, work trucks, vehicles are all parked on our streets. No room for kids to play.

I have no problems with affordable housing or secondary suites provided that vehicle parking is addressed. Too often, secondary suites results in neighbourhood parking being reduced for other area residents. Maybe it's time that Esquimalt adopted a blanket parking decal program that allows residents to park in their area.

Wish we would retain our parking spots in front of our residence at the corner of Fernhill Place and Fernhill Road

Secondary Suites (4)

Encourage secondary suites, with restricting street parking ,

Avoidance of secondary suites in areas where there is insufficient parking.

Require parking for secondary suites etc. - at least most of them - as parking on major streets is at a premium

Vehicles need to be limited for secondary suites. All secondary suites and home rentals should be licensed. A secondary suite can rest in 4-5 vehicles for one house. Fire insurance must be adequate for secondary suites.

Public and Institutional Land Use (2)

Make sure schools needs are considered.

Plan for the future of Gorge Vale as something other than a golf course. Suggest a split between an affordable housing land trust, natural areas, and transfer to First Nations. The site is too centrally-located in our region to be used in land-intensive golf course.

See Community Health & Safety – Schools and Child Care Facilities

Rental Housing (14)

General (10)

Rental housing x 4

More rental housing.

Increase the number of low income rental suites.

Support the creation of more rental spaces to help relieve the stress on the market. Esquimalt needs to find a way to shut down slum landlords within our current resources.

The use of long-term rentals suites is far preferable for community-building and affordable housing.

Rental properties are needed especially as people have now realized Esquimalt is amazing and are buying up all our houses.

Affordable age in place rental property in Town Village.

Policy (4)

If you are concerned about lack of rental housing stock - lower property taxes for selected categories of housing.

In order to also attract (e.g. small businesses and people working) more rental housing is needed. Could the municipality be a landlord or builder?

I would like to see more options and flexibility for all types of rentals including Garden Suites, Carriage homes, secondary suites, and vacation rentals. This is only a benefit to the community. Please do so without a huge cumbersome process for a homeowner who wishes to go forward.

More incentives for people who want to rent a suite in their house or who have bought properties to rent. These incentives should be tied to keeping these places looking beautiful and being safe. Right now it is hard to justify renting out a place because it is so hard to make any profit, let alone keep upgrading (let alone maintaining) the property.

Residential Land Use (11)

General (5)

Residential developments

Maintain distinct areas of Esquimalt - 1. Saxe point waterfront and large lots (high value), 2. Rockheights (Old Esq Rd) large lots, garry oak treed environment (unique to Esquimalt)

Gentrification of lower Constance neighborhood.

"Work the Vision" Define the class of housing desired in the waterfront area of Esquimalt (within 500 meters, especially if there is views) - medium to high class housing.

Facilities like the Rainbow Kitchen do NOT belong in residential neighborhoods.

Inclusive Housing (2)

Bring Esquimalt along to compete with her sister cities on a housing level. Build more infill while keeping the varied socio-economic housing.

Encourage more diverse housing types within existing neighbourhoods- e.g. allow small row house developments in Single Family, rather than ghettoizing them in neighbourhoods with poor transit and connectivity to services.

Small Lot (2)

Pass a bylaw making small lots possible so no need for bare land stratas. Where bare land strata houses are built, have the property conform to Esquimalt's standards, e.g. for size of water pipes, turnoffs, road sizes.

Go easier on small lot development for duplex and subdivisions to create more in-fill housing - we did it and almost lost our minds with being treated like a big development. These large lots in Saxe Point have such potential and I think our project demonstrated it.

Traffic (2)

Concerned about traffic increase with development of Lampson St. hotel - condo property (English Inn).

Residential land use and how it affects traffic and safety concerns of not having enough on site parking and parking all over the street blocking vision

Secondary Suites (11)

General (4)

Allow secondary suites

Encourage secondary suites – make them legal so housing can be affordable.

Support for secondary suites

More encouragement to suite housing to offer unused space.

Parking (See Planning & Development – Parking)

Policy (7)

Make secondary suites easier to setup x 3

Make it easier (through less bylaws and costly permits) on home owners to offer suites for rent in their homes.

Secondary suites in duplexes, where land and street allow.

Restrict secondary suites in panhandle lots.

I am supportive of secondary suites in owner-occupied homes.

Seniors Housing (7)

Housing for Seniors more balanced to their income.

For seniors there should be more 55 and older buildings so that seniors are around others the same age and not around partying teenagers. Garden suites sounds nice.

One private (Renaissance) and one publicly funded seniors residents (Grafton).

We could benefit with another care facility for seniors in the future.

There is limited updated LTC and Assisted Living in Esquimalt. Will the Legion building be built. It has been years.

Future more reasonable housing for seniors would be good.

I'd like to see more affordable housing built for low income seniors.

Special Needs and Assisted Housing (8)

Special needs and assisted (living) housing x 3

Special needs homes

I'd like to see more affordable housing built for those with disabilities.

Special needs re: physical abilities to e.g. have ground floor-easily accessed apts.

Special needs and assisted housing - buildings to have different sizes of apartments (for singles to families with children eg)

Pet friendly housing for disable persons on low income.

Vacation Rentals (9)

Supported (5)

Vacation rentals – great idea.

B and B's to add character

Allow vacation rentals within occupied homes, but not as a stand-alone use.

We should keep an eye on the impact of short-term vacation rentals but at the moment I don't see this as a large problem.

Allow and promote vacation rentals such as air B&B. Many residences are already experiencing occupation for less than two months per year.

I think it is the city's responsibility to not impede any opportunities an owner may have to recoup revenue from their property, including vacation rentals. People coming from Vancouver because of insane housing costs are causing bidding wars and driving house costs further out of reach of future generations. We must be adaptable with density, zoning, and bylaws, to ensure people have the opportunity to enter the housing market in our neighbourhood and be able to create equity for themselves.

Not Supported (4)

Less vacation home rentals, we are in a housing crisis.

No vacation rentals on properties rented for regular housing the rest of the year

Restrict / prohibit AirBnB / short-term rentals. These are NOT community-building, and can destroy relationships among neighbours. Use of long-term rentals, on the other hand, provides affordable housing and IS community-building.

Actively restrict AirBnB/other vacation rentals in residential zones - it is very disruptive for neighbours - but allow for long-term rentals in secondary suites (less disruptive to community, makes housing more affordable)

Miscellaneous (11)

All of the above would be good.

All of the above - and get moving on it.

Get with it. Way too much time spent and money on just talk.

The planning and development with our age
Looking forward to all of the positive changes in Esquimalt in the next few years!
"Work the Vision" Look at the success in surrounding municipalities and see what of it makes sense here? redevelopment, ...
Everything in here: <http://wcel.org/compact-complete-communities>
I will think about it and I will be back to you.
N/A
None
No comment

9. What are your TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE related ideas and wishes for the future? |

Response (284)

TRANSPORTATION (210)

Cycling (81)

General (12)

Cycling

Creating safety for bicyclists

More bikes, less cars.

e-bike options

Bicycle riders continue to be a major problem. Why are they NOT vehicles and why are they NOT licensed?

Obviously all important but Cycling is huge in Victoria and it's nice to see Esquimalt supporting it

Cycling Facing oncoming Auto Traffic

The driveway into my buildings parking lot could be called hidden and it crosses a bike lane making my right turn difficult I am in the 1100 block of Esquimalt Road I would like to see cyclists travelling facing on coming auto traffic in ALL of Victoria.

The cycling path in front of vic west auto (the diversion for the railroad (that doesn't even run anymore???) Is dangerous.. who thought of that. (Vic West)

Since I don't cycle, I see no need to expand this further.

Cycling facilities have improved dramatically over last few years - E&N Trail finished. Bike lanes on Esquimalt Road, Admirals & part of Craigflower & Lyall. I live on Victoria side of border & often pass through Esquimalt to go to Westshore. It is a pleasant trip.

I fully support bike lanes for health and exercise. But very unfair to those who must drive vehicles - continued less of road space and drivers pay for all. Bikers should be licensed + carry some insurance to help pay for them to use the roads.

Age-friendly (2)

Better/more bike routes that are appropriate for young kids and nervous cyclists

Better bike routes so kids can get to the parks and open spaces safely from everywhere in Esquimalt.

Bike Friendliness (9)

bike friendliness x 3

More infrastructure for cyclists.

More and improved bicycle infrastructure.

Create better cycling infrastructure.

Continue to improve cycling infrastructure.

I hope we can keep making Esquimalt more bike-friendly. I feel like "snobby Victoria" seems to get all the credit in this regard... ;)

Improved bicycle infrastructure, such as capacity for bikes to trip traffic lights at esq Rd and lampson etc.

Bike Lanes (11)

No more bike lanes, The majority of bikers do not respect others on the road.

More bike lanes x 2

More bike lanes (particularly along Lyall)

Improved bike lanes

Continue to encourage use of bikes through bike lanes.

Bike lanes & the wide painted lane buffer pattern are excellent.

Cycling infrastructure; a long-term cycling plan that is in alignment with the CRD and City of Victoria.

more bike lanes – esp improvements to avoid lane-crossing (e.g., to move from curb bike lane across a right-turn lane)

Please stop painting bicycle lanes with green paint. If it must be done, why is it painted across a direct path for vehicles? This only means constant re-painting as it wears. Same applies for lane arrows and the white bicycle drawing. I don't understand why arrows are not painted in the lanes between where car tires drive?! They seem to be purposely be offset just enough so half of the arrow wears off, and re-painting seems infrequent.

Enhanced by bike path along Fraser and Lampson and perhaps through DND roads.

Bike Parking (3)

More and better bike racks at businesses, malls , sidewalks

Covered bike racks that can also accommodate cargo bikes

Ensure developments provide sufficient bicycle parking (covered)

Connectivity (9)

Bikeable road network throughout whole municipality.

Better north south transit connections (east west is good already)

Improve cycling links along roads and across the Tillicum Bridge

Encourage bicycling as a major way of getting into downtown Victoria.

Enhancing cycling access to downtown Victoria should also be a priority.

Extend bike paths into community linking with Esquimalt road e.g. Lampson, Fraser, Lyall

Looking forward, long term, I'd like to focus on improving bike/walking connections to downtown Victoria and the western communities.

Much more promotion of galloping goose, E &N railway corridor, and improvements with linkages for both pedestrian and cycling to feed into this very valuable travelway resource!

Improve cycling link to regional trails by picking each community (as identified on the previous pages) and looking at the collector routes (vehicle) and determining if there are bike lanes - Lampson needs them to link to the Rail Trail.

Cycling Paths/Separated Paths (11)

Cycling paths

Protected bike lanes/bikeways x 2

Protected bike lane down Esquimalt Road.

Improve walking and cycling links with Songhess and Esquimalt

Continue to add cycle paths to encourage cycling as transportation.

Cycling - construction of bike paths onto Lampson/Fraser Streets

A barrier to the bike path on Esquimalt replacing the white painted line would make the path much safer.

Cycling infrastructure - bike lanes with a barrier (i.e. curb, living barrier, etc) between the cars and cyclists.

Actual bike paths. Separated cycling infrastructure to ensure safety, and encouraging a love of cycling, by people of all ages and ability.

Create a community that encourages active transportation. Esquimalt needs sidewalks, safer intersections and seperated or protected bike lanes. Protected bicycle lanes are dedicated bike lanes with concrete medians and planters, bicycle parking corrals, or vehicle parking lanes that

divide them from vehicle traffic.

E&N Trail (11)

Complete the E&N Trail

Continue progress on E&N

Cycling E&N railway corridor

Improve cycling paths and look at E&N train

Complete the bike trail on the rail lines linking to downtown Victoria

Finish the bicycle trail through the reserve before someone gets run over.

E&N railway for biking is fantastic, but one segment in particular not joined.

Build a barrier on the bicycle path. Continue the E&N railway corridor bike path all the way to downtown.

Continuation of development of E+N Corridor through Songhees/Esquimalt First Nation if possible.

The E&N path should be utilized for electric scooters, bikes, marathons and another venue to reduce motor vehicle traffic.

Specifically, over the long term, in partnership with the CRD, federal govt and First Nations, we should aim to build a dedicated off-road bike lane linking the dockyard to the trail that starts behind the Admirals Road Thriftys. The recent changes to Admirals are great, but a separate trail along the waterfront would be even better.

Safety (9)

More safe bike trails would be great

Stop signs at streets that crosses a cycling path

Protected bike lanes for cycling to work + school.

Better bike routes going uphill so you can ride to craigflower from esquimalt road safely

Tillicum is not safe for cyclists and needs some thought put into it.

More bike lanes and bike safe areas. Expand the E+N bike road so you don't have to cross onto busy Admirals.

As a commuter cyclist, cycling road safety is a high priority to me. While the current state is good (e.g. Esquimalt road hike lane and finishing the rail trail) I think we can always look for opportunities to improve.

Transportation - We need cycle lanes on Tillicum Road, very dangerous now, should be before any other cycle lanes are constructed. Lampson St hill not used much by cyclists - tend to go around it by going up Dominion, Head St or meandering through Rockheights.

I have put my comments about cycling in the safety section as the examples are life and death

issues.

West Bay Walkway (4)

Open a bike lane up or allow bikes on the west bay trail.

For downtown, we should look to create, over the long term, an entirely separate bike trail - possibly by twinning the Songhees Walkway (think big!) to match the Stanley Park Sea Wall.

Create walkways and bicycle paths along the ocean and also the North Shore of Esquimalt being the Gorge Waterway

Long term - a footpath & cycleway along (or close to) the water from West Bay Marina to Munro St would be nice - not sure how doable that is though

E & N Rail Corridor (23)

General (2)

Love what you've done with the E&N railway corridor!

Encouragement of rail service from westshore to downtown via E&N railway corridor.

Commuter (8)

E & N corridor used for rapid transit.

Return a form of public transit to the E & N Railway Corridor - rapid transit or train or!!!

Bring a public train to dockyard!!!! fix the backlog from the base (its really ridiculous).

Develop the E & N corridor for effective public transit, not just cycle paths and pedestrians.

I would like to see a rail option both for commuters from the western communities and for tourism up island.

I would like to see the E&N Rail be used for public transit reducing the need to drive your car over the Malahat all year round.

As previously mentioned, I believe we should have an electric tramway to connect our community to downtown.

E&N would be a GREAT way to resolve some of the transportation problems of getting people back and forth from Duncan, quickly without damaging any more of the Malabar. Can't we get people into Langford, etc. the same way - with the E & N?

Supported (9)

Trains more.

A train on the E&N Railway Corridor!

Support the renewal of the E&N rail service

The E&N railway operations would be a plus

Do it. Bring back the railway E&N stop in Esquimalt.

Finish E&N trail, continue to lobby for a train to fill the tracks again.

Have the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway put in use to help avoid car emissions. As the E & N would be used a great deal during the building of the Mackenzie Interchange then people would get into the habit of taking the train.

E & N Railway I can no longer drive up Island to see Family the Rail would make a big difference

It would be wonderful to see that if the train ends up stopping in Esquimalt we end up with a very nice terminal/station and not a crappy-assed bus depot kind of facility...

Not Supported (4)

The E & N Railway Corridor is a dead horse and its time Esquimalt stopped wasting my taxes dollars on all the crossing arms.

Do not put any municipal tax dollars into the E.N Rail. It has been a taxpayers nightmare and will be again if it is revived.

Get rid of the train! It failed before and the tracks are in huge disrepair unless its times accurately reflect work schedules a train is pointless in our region.

I do not want the E+N train to come back, it isn't practical, it's noisy, messy (soot) and you can tell kids to stay off the track but they barely listen. It's an accident waiting to happen. Better bus service instead.

Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations (*See Environment - Renewable Energy*)

Multi-modal Transportation (24)

General (3)

Continue focus on multi-modal transport

Support programs like HASTe

I believe the public transit is excellent in Esquimalt, as are cycling paths, parking, sidewalks, etc.

Improvements (3)

Tillicum road and bridge has poor walking/cycling infrastructure and should be improved in cooperation with Saanich

Fix the confusion with signage around cross walks/bike paths. Need to make everything the same - some pedestrian controlled, some not. Confusion who has right of way - car vs. bike vs. pedestrian.

Enhance the cycling-related infrastructure - e.g. heading eastbound on Esquimalt Rd at Lampson make the right-hand lane for buses, cyclists (clearly id with lane or sharrows) and left-turners only, not those who are inclined to blast through on the right to pass vehicles in the longer left-hand lane.

Plan (3)

Public multi-modal transportation must be in every development plan or project.

Develop a community wide transportation plan that calms traffic, encourages active and accessible transportation.

Esquimalt needs to identify its major hubs that need to be densified and link them together with a network of greenways providing for footpaths and bikeways, as well as increase the mass transit services between them. Such centres would include Admirals Walk shopping centre, Esquimalt village area, Head/Esq area, Craigflower/Tillicum area, and a center for the industrial park district.

Priorities (4)

Reduce on-site parking, and use TDM strategies including supporting car share

Concentrate on public transport, e.g. E+N Railway use

Make cycling, pedestrian, and public transport key priorities in any new infrastructure projects.

Discourage street parking and car use, encourage cycling, walking, and more transit in all transportation planning.

Weekday Traffic (11)

DND/Municipal plan to reduce single vehicle use to and from Naval base e.g. environment

Force military to offer some type of service....the traffic caused by the base is unnecessary

Alleviation of the traffic jams on admirals road from the naval base out to the west shore is necessary. We need to think of alternative solutions.

More transit and carpooling for all CFB Esquimalt bases - Naden, Dockyard, Work Point, plus Graving Dock. Encourage E&N from Langford to Victoria as a first step.

We are a 2-car family. Concern over the Colwood crawl - not sure of the solution : more buses, LRT, 4 lanes ? - but know that bicycle lanes are NOT the answer.

As per my earlier comments - lets focus now on long-term development of dedicated bike/walking trails to the western communities and downtown Victoria.

Display a \$25 annual courtesy pass that helps to upgrade the route and encourage movement and commerce between the coastal west side communities of Esquimalt, View Royal, Colwood, Langford.

Vehicle use by municipality, personal use within community, vehicle traffic through community needs to be addressed e.g. municipal/DND discussions and implementation of vehicle use by naval/citizen use to and from base each day.

The traffic jams because the naval base and shipyard are nuts. If the city and the navy are unable to increase the use of alternative transportation to the base by other means, then a drastic increase in parking costs should be used.

The traffic in Esquimalt is extremely congested at peak hours....almost to the point where I would not recommend to my friends to move here until it gets addressed. Collaborate with the other

muni's in the CRD to do region wide transportation planning that addresses the CRAWL on Craigflower, Colville and Admirals during rush hour. Some ideas: Bus lanes, HOV lanes, The E & N Railway Corridor

I am primarily a pedestrian and cyclist. Between 3 - 5 pm, it's very congested in Esquimalt, primarily with non-residents, one person to one car, commuting in or out of Esquimalt. I would like to see Esquimalt partner with either the major employers, or other municipalities, and be pro-active with positive commuting options. This traffic congestion has become worse with the demise of the blue boat. We have a new federal government now, perhaps they would be more open to reinstating the blue boat. DND/SeaSpan and Esquimalt really do need to work together to provide some creative commuting options.

Parking (on-street) (8)

Handle parking

Regulation of street parking

More off-site parking

Parking on some streets to be on one side only to help traffic holdups and problems.

Residential parking signs re workers parking on street signed as Monday to Friday 8 to 5 instead of 24/7

Parking continues to be an issue as most households have multiple vehicles and an increase in secondary suites/carriage houses will only increase the number.

Need to have parking on one side of the street only - at narrow streets like Wychbury, Greenwood; basically need to review this @ all streets. Difficulty passing with 2-way traffic. Effectively, the street becomes a narrow 1-lane roadway.

Review streets for parking (and ask the streets for input) - there are many that may not accommodate an emergency vehicle at 7pm due to the parked cars - ensure 6.0m clear please.

Public Transit (36)

General (4)

Public Transit

Better public transit

Good public transit

Improve public transit

Accessibility (3)

Accessible, regular public transit

Making public transit accessible and convenient.

We need more buses then the 15, 25, 24 and 26. We need the 6 back where it alternates with the 15. We need the 10 back where people who do not need an ambulance can get to the hospital. We need to make bus and all transportation accessible to everyone in this diverse community.

Boat (3)

What even happened to the blue boat? If the municipality had taken that over from DND -- would we still have the terrible traffic problems we do now with Admirals Rd, etc. ?

Consider a community discount pass with the water ferry - i would walk to that and take into downtown for work but it is a fortune.

It would be great if something like the Harbour Ferry could be used for commuter purposes.

Bus (General) (5)

Keep the buses running!

Better bus service - buses too full!

Quicker buses

Electric buses too!

I ride an electric wheelchair + scouter. I take the bus where ever I need to travel.

Bus Service (9)

Trolley

Improved bus routes to admirals

Cross town bus services

Smaller + more frequent buses to downtown + UVic

An Esquimalt trolley? To encourage locals using local business.

More practical bus routes to Esquimalt (via Craigflower) to avoid driving cars for shopping

Better BC Transit routes from Craigflower to Esquimalt Rec Centre/Country Grocer Plaza

It is difficult to get anywhere off the direct bus routes through Esquimalt (transferring is required for most trips and the waits are long).

There should be an Esquimalt shuttle bus (rides by \$2 donations and sponsored by businesses) that move customers and clients throughout the district and encourage them to spend locally and leave their cars at home.

Bus Stops (3)

Increase bus stops so not as much walking between

I would like a proper bus shelter at the corner of Colville & Hutchinson Rds. I've never seen a useful one in almost 40 yrs!

The bus stops on Esquimalt Road have mostly been improved- how about the rest of them (not sure if that's Esquimalt or BC Transit's responsibility).

Fares (4)

Free transportation. I've seen many tourists come onto a bus without proper change and they're welcome with open arms, anyone else that doesn't have proper change gets kicked off the bus.

I wish that the x15 bus to UVic would come further down admirals road - more expensive now that the bus transfers are no longer in effect.

Bring back bus tickets. Have multiple ways to pay/get transit buses that suits everyone that includes day passes, transfer tickets, bus cards for the month + bar tickets.

I disagree with BC Transit's increase in fares (by dropping the senior discount) at the same time as they have changed routing to and from Esquimalt which now requires the use of two fares/day pass to get most places beyond downtown. What if one is only going on way - that just doubled the cost for regulars and tripled it for seniors.

Regional Coordination (3)

Support a CRD Transit Service

Also add a regional perspective - Work closely with BC Transit.

What about a skytrain - like model between Vic/Esq and Langford rather than building more roads. Partner with municipalities where e.g. many people working on Naval Base live... to provide easier transit (and decrease stress - increase quality of life).

Schools (2)

More buses every where! Especially on route that go to schools.

Increased public transit and advocate for more communication between BC Transit and the school districts.

Roads (22)

General (2)

Roads x 2

Road Design (4)

In terms of what is actually under Esquimalt's control, I think most things are going well. I like the road redesigns that have been done on Admirals & Esquimalt Roads in recent years.

Ok. I understand you want to "green up" Esquimalt but we are suffering from narrowing of major arterial roads! You need easier road access in + out of the community. If we had an earthquake, we would be in gridlock! Try Admirals Rd at 4 pm - narrowing was ridiculous!

Our major thoroughfares are plugged with traffic that literally comes to a standstill during the morning and evening commutes. It hasn't helped that what was once 4 lanes along parts of Esquimalt Road have now been reduced down to two because of these silly planters in the middle.

Emergency vehicles can't get through during peak periods without drivers have to scatter hither and yon. If you are going to keep these planters that make sure that the vegetation is kept low to the ground. Half the time, one can't see over the top of them and have no way of knowing when a pedestrian is going to step out in front of you.

Regarding the bulb curbs that narrow roadways (with inset parking spaces). I realize they are set out into the road to reduce traffic speed. However, when they extend from the roadside further than the width of an average car, you cannot parallel park into the first space (from beside the curb extension). When you parallel park by pulling up first beside a parked vehicle, you will end up at the curb the same distance from that curb as the distance you were away from the parked car. So, if the curb is 18 inches wider than a car, you will be 18 inches further out from the curb. UNLESS there is a space 1.5 times normal in length to manouver more. So, having traffic calming bulbs no deeper than a vehicle length would be appreciated.

Traffic (5)

Handle traffic

Better traffic flow – it is impossible to get anywhere during rush hour

I would say transportation is the #1 issue facing Esquimalt right now. Something needs to be done other than waiting till 2018 for the Admirals interchange to be developed.

Traffic on Tillicum + along Craigflower 4:30-5:45 on daily is becoming worse in last 6 months. Review signal times at Admirals-Craigflower. This is significant factor making us want to move from our house near Craigflower.

I am concerned about the accessibility issues of getting into Victoria as the saga of the Johnson Street Bridge continues and the Mckenzie interchange begins.

Traffic Control (9)

Speed bumps on Lyall

Stop the use of speed "pillows" or "speed humps" - get more creative with physical traffic calming - there are lots of options out there.

Determine what will be the major traffic routes and work on making them wider/moving more traffic quicker.

Return Craigflower to 50 km/h - it is a separated road with no driveways for some and otherwise appropriate design for 50 km/h.

I used to be able to use the right lane @ Coles to turn into Parklands - now you have blocked it off + I sit in traffic heading elsewhere. Why? Makes no sense.

Flow of traffic on a regional basis impact how people get to and leave Esquimalt at peak times. Traffic calming is nice but does it add to poorer air quality from idling time in traffic congestion.

I suspect traffic on esquimalt road is only going to see more congestion - the added lights at the EN railway are going to create a bottle neck - not sure what you do about this, but we need to be able to get in and out of our own community.

It may seem trivial, but it's quite annoying to have stop signs in a few areas... perhaps I worded it wrong, but like along Colville coming up to Lampson I think it is the stop sign for those that go straight seems out of place, I should think those turning on your Tillicum should stop.

As well as by the curling rink in esquimalt plaza, traffic going through the back lot having to stop seems ridiculous. On viewfield road the new stop sign installed at the northern most entrance to the wholesale parking lot is quite troublesome. Not only the stop for those that travel along viewfield seems out of place but because of the parking lot it's quite dangerous as not everyone stops at the stop sign but also because people stop there, cars are blocking the entrance, and not everyone has the commonsense to go to the other end and therefore a little stand still accumulates.

Visibility (2)

More lights on certain streets

ADD reflectors to the lines on the road! New paint is impossible to see in bad conditions.

See Multi-Modal Transportation

Sidewalks (16)

General (13)

Sidewalks x 2

More sidewalks x 3

Pedestrian corridors

Good sidewalks

Walkable sidewalks

Sidewalks repaired.

Keep sidewalks in good repair

Improved sidewalk maintain economic to support age friendly and mobility needs.

Continue building sidewalks where there are none. Roads specifically Colville and Esquimalt Rd by Admirals are very bumpy

Please continue sidewalks to Admirals Road - dangerous walking down the hill towards View Royal and connecting with E & N Railway corridor. This is especially dangerous to pedestrians and other cyclists when cyclists cycle down the hill toward View Royal on the wrong side of the road to pick up the cycling trail.

Saxe Point (3)

Sidewalks (especially in the areas close to Saxe Point)

Sidewalks and traffic calming features would be so welcome in Saxe Point.

Continuing with construction of a sidewalk- south side of Fraser to existing south side sidewalk on Fraser to trail entrance for Saxe Pt;

Also see Community Health & Safety – Age-friendly

Trails – see Parks, Recreation and Trails

INFRASTRUCTURE (74)

Sewage (60)

General (14)

Conclusion to the sewage treatment issue.

Tired of the sewage system ongoing saga at Macauley Point.

Make sure sewage plans also include storm drain runoff contamination.

Too many studies re: waste, toxic and disposed sites - public fatigue on this subject

Improve control of sewage service contaminants at source, therefore eliminating the need of sewage treatment.

Wastewater treatment will apparently go through in some form as Federal Government after election still rates region as requiring it. Esquimalt will host a facility in one form or another.

Again do not encourage development of CRD sewage services within the Esquimalt, eliminate the need of this facility altogether by doing much improved source control of contamination. The good stuff can go right into the ocean.

I would like to see other options that just Esquimalt for sewage treatment and would prefer more modern options than the current proposal.

I am really concerned with the way the Sewage issue has been handled. I understand, there have been few or no comparative cost analyses, environmental impact studies, or cost benefit analyses done.

Work with the CRD to actively reduce costs of sewage treatment - the cost to rate payers is amongst the highest in the region (while the region tries to get us to accept the plant) - doesn't make sense.

Waste treatment: main concerns = chemicals, pharmaceuticals, heavy metals going to ground water/soil and to ocean. And if removed through tertiary treatment - disposal of sludge - not to be used as fertilizers! 2-3 locations in/around area not to be 1.

Location of waste treatment.....It seems Esquimalt gets "bullied" always and it is not any different with this issue.in light of all this I say NO to amalgamation !! Esquimalt would get "dumped" on with other things the Greater Victoria does not want in their back yard.

I have lost any faith I personally had in CRD's ability to manage sewage treatment options. It is an example of bureaucrats doing what bureaucrats do best - paying their salaries through extended non-productive dialogue. I was never in favour of the CRD accepting funding from the feds to begin with.

Thank you for your efforts in the CRD's sewage debacle. Esquimalt doesn't deserve to get abused

and chosen for a single-site sewage treatment plant. I am tired of other municipalities thinking that we are the entire region's toilet. Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping a huge monstrosity off our hands.

Design (3)

No or small sewage treatment plant if Nils Jensen insists!

Sewage Treatment Plant - visually appealing facility that is functional for many years

If we end up with a sewage treatment plant, please make it look natural to the neighbourhood, and please respect the environment/citizens around it.

Green Technology (6)

Once sewage treatment plant is finalized, create a world class environmental site.

If the sewage treatment plant is built in Esquimalt find ways to use the waste heat for energy.

We should open a reusable water source for our sewage rather than just dump it in the ocean.

Sewage lets just get it done, and done right. That means multiple sites, tertiary, with good use of the resulting energy.

Perhaps focusing on the renewable energy business. Esquimalt could champion this subject and build green and think renewable.

I liked the idea of new systems that generate energy/heat from sewage processing but I guess there is no chance of anything like that happening now. I hate the attitude of other communities in the CRD that Esquimalt is the only fit place for sewage treatment. Why not a site such as the Wilkinson Road jail site?

Location (16)

NO SEWAGE at Macaulay

Sewage treatment at McCauley point

Build waste management at McLoughlin.

Do Victoria proud - build the treatment plant here.

Put a waste site up in Esquimalt. Near the base isn't the worst.

No sewage treatment facilities in residential areas and city parks!

Waste treatment site needs to go in the best location for everyone, as per experts.

We really need to process our sewage! Waste treatment & disposal, sewage, should be kept in the industrial areas.

Macaulay Plain is the best area for a waste water treatment site because it is the best set back from the ocean tides and possible tsunami...

Eliminate Macaulay all together from the sewage system site since the community has already

declined the project.

If the sewage plant is best situated in Esquimalt, then put it here. we need to do what is best for the area, largely, and then our small community.

Implement McLaughlin Pt. sewage treatment plant in environmentally-conscious fashion to protect coastal ecosystem.

If we have to have a sewage plant: 1. NOT Macaulay, only McLoughlin; 2. scientific evidence that any fumes are not hazardous; and 3. NO trucking of sewage in or out

Partial (ie, 1 of at least 2 or 3 regional plants) sewage plant at McLaughlin point okay, but ONLY if sludge is NOT trucked out. Must also be tertiary treatment at a minimum (or else it's not worth doing at all).

I wish Esquimalt would honour it's commitment to locate Victoria's sewage plant at McLoughlin Point. In the year 2016 it's simply uncivilized and backwards for a Canadian city to discharge raw sewage into the ocean.

NO Sewage at Macaulay, if we have one, McLoughlin only, though i still think in the long run, rock bay makes the most sense - happy for us to do our part, but from a regional perspective it has the best long term viability. Please ensure any sewage plant treats pharmaceuticals and other chemical waste products NO trucking of any waste in or out.

Supported (16)

Approve the sewage plant

Build sewage plan ASAP. HELLO!

Stop dumping untreated sewage into the waters.

Stop obstructing sewage treatment for NIMBY reasons

Accept sewage treatment plant but insist on a per litre royalty.

Would not be the worst idea to have a waste management plan in our area.

Just accept sewage treatment getting the most in exchange for allowing it and moving on.

Get on with the sewer, long long over due. Swim in the ocean. Be proud - have the biggest + best.

We support the building of a waste treatment site in Esquimalt if that is determined to be the best fit.

Allow the variances to allow the rest of the CRD communities to pay for the sewage treatment plant

Sewerage - sit down with the CRD and negotiate a good deal for Esquimalt in return for letting them put the plant at McLoughlin. Enough already!

Find a good value proposal to site plant @ Macaulay that keeps costs low for Esquimalt homeowners and has some strong amenity contributions and get on with it.

A huge opportunity was missed by passing on the sewage treatment plant and the amazing package of amenities offered by the CRD. Really makes me a proponent for amalgamation.

The sewage treatment plant fiasco, is only going to cost us taxpayers more and more and more. It's time to put an end to the brouhaha and just get the damn thing built and be done with it.

I think Esquimalt should consider being open to the sewage treatment IF there was a big, big incentive by the CRD - like our sewage rates get frozen for the next 20 years and/or a big development in Esquimalt gets funded by the CRD - like a new park or recreation facility.

Esquimalt is missing a huge opportunity by not being more accommodating to a sewage treatment plant. I would much rather see the city negotiate for local jobs in the construction and operation of the plant, including opportunities for First Nations, then the childish, obstructionist attitude at present. To say nothing of the amazing package of amenities that the city gave up. You've cost the residents millions of tax dollars and lost savings. Not exactly economically sound.

Not Supported (5)

Sewage treatment not spoiling water

Definitely not the sewer capital of the Greater Victoria

I really hope we don't get the big sewage treatment plant!

Do not encourage development of the CRD waste water facility. The facility is not needed!

We should never be the toilet of the region. Every municipality needs to take care of their own waste. The devaluing of our region as a ghetto or hood has been something to come from for the last 20 years. It has been amazing and substantial the changes that have taken place. I am not comfortable with the fundamental lack of fairness, and acceptance of that unfairness by far to many.

Sewer & Water Systems (5)

Sewer and water pipes improved.

Upgrade infrastructure to deal with a changing climate (i.e. large storm pipes)

Upgrade infrastructure (i.e. storm water pipes) in preparation for more wind/rain storms.

Incentives for non-porous surfaces would improve storm water management and potentially reduce some climate change concerns.

Storm drain connections should be decided based on proximity to the ocean (i.e. it is pointless enforcing connection to a storm sewer when those contents are just going to head down into the ocean three houses down).

Solid Waste (4)

General (2)

A new recycling contractor is needed that is less demanding in their ridiculous rules for separation - otherwise, people will not bother setting out the recycling.

Food packaging should be majorly reduced and the remainder needs to be reusable, refillable locally, and biodegradable.

Compost (2)

Weekly wet food pick up.

Expand the compost system to include yard waste.

Miscellaneous (5)

All important ... Not well enough informed to comment.

So far, I am very pleased with transportation and infrastructure related issues.

Build up Esquimalt – no more just talk.

I will think about it and I will be back to you.

None

10. Are there any other comments you wish to share with us in regards to the review and updating of Esquimalt's Official Community Plan? |

Response (78)

Accessibility & Affordability (2)

Community inclusion & involvement of people with various disabilities & low income is a must! What we have so far is good, but the broader community we can do better!

As the core of our region becomes more expensive and families are priced out, providing a range of housing choices including dedicated affordable rental and homeownership opportunities is important if Esquimalt is to retain its friendly character (rather than becoming a city of well-to-do homeowners and poorer residents of older apartments). Integration and equity, not displacement.

Community Pride (9)

ESQ has been my home all my life. I would love to see it be the best it can be. Sorry my hand writing sucks.

Really enjoy living here and watching the community grow and flourish!

I am proud to have lived in Esquimalt for over 20 years - excited for the future!

We've recently moved to Esquimalt and we're enjoying the community very much. There is so much happening. Farmer's market is just great.

We love this community!

My only comment is that I am incredibly proud to live in Esquimalt. It is a strong, vibrant, friendly and involved community.

Remember we are a close knit community because everyone is given a voice and are heard out. That grows respect and keeps Esquimalt very small town feeling even as we grow.

Walking Esquimalt, we are a community that looks at each other and smiles as we pass - which does not occur in many places and this has to do with how we feel internally - we need to promote our sense of community externally to change the way that Greater Victoria perceives Esquimalt so that we can encourage business, active residential movement and engage the City

Love this community and glad to be part of it. People are real and lots of diversity in the community. I think an added effort: renewable energy projects, inclusion of people with disability, low income family support and a promotion of the arts would be only benefit the community and its reputation.

Development (1)

Please ensure that I take safety and parking and transportation flow into consideration when making decisions and do not just agree with developers and issue permits. Consider current residents

EVP (4)

Why is it taking so long to re-develop the downtown core?

The Town Village needs to be built Sooner than Never!

I am looking forward to the new plans beside the library and hope we relocate the Farmer's Market to another great location.

Esquimalt currently lacks a vibrant downtown that is nice to visit, shop, and relax in - I hope the downtown revitalization project will address this and move forward fairly expediently.

Economic Development (11)

Esquimalt has a terrible stigma and sadly looks very run down. We need to upgrade buildings, apartments and condos. We need to bring more restaurants + cafes to make the area more engaging. More open parks within the city. The walkways + parks along the Gorge and Saxe Point are very amazing. Clean Esquimalt up and get rid of "the bad side of town" stigma.

Be more business friendly. Encourage some of the major chains to location within our borders. Do you realize since SAAN left there isn't a single clothing store in Esquimalt?

I feel like if you build it ... They will come. What sort of people are we trying to attract to our community? I feel like Esq is a hard working group of people, people who respect each other , kind to one another also help each other. They take pride in there homes and there surroundings. I want to nurture that feeling in our wonderful safe community!

Please keep fly by night Marijuana businesses out of Esquimalt. Look into proper oversight. Keep away from schools/ kids. Welcome to Esquimalt signage needs enthusiasm. Think Langford. Run Bus ads like Royal Bay does. Advertise/re-brand Esquimalt as Victorias best value

There are too many fast food stores. We don't need anymore, it sets a bad example for our young people and is bad for their health.

I believe looking forward to a post-carbon economy could bring great prosperity to our community. We have an opportunity to be leaders and not just followers, and this could set us apart and make us a desirable place to live. We are geographically placed to show how we can make decisions to protect our coastline and live sustainably.

Esquimalt seriously needs to transform itself into a carbon neutral and low impacting community, and the key to economic success is increase density that adds quality public spaces nestled in high density areas.

I wish there was a decent pub to walk to e.g. Tudor site especially when visitors come to town. I spend nearly all of my entertainment budget in downtown Victoria or elsewhere. Esquimalt

residents should be encouraged to spend money locally.

I Live in Esquimalt by choice :-) Moved from WC because the growth was too fast and traffic snarls. We are missing a good neighborhood pub/restaurant, where I thought the tudor house would be rebuilt. We don't need another liquor store or 'cambie' bar.

For the township to obtain its vision there likely will be some redevelopment of the esquimalt core to be done. The downtown was developed with design standards from a different era with different priorities. For Esquimalt to have a sense of place and feel vibrant, there needs to be some land taken away from big parking lots lining Esquimalt Rd, put the parking underground and create a walkable core that offers access to ammenities, local businesses, and engaging public spaces. There also is currently a line of fast food restaurants and convenience stores lining esquimalt rd. This is what defines the identity of the community....I would like to see this change, although I know this is easier said than done.

Good things are coming to Esquimalt - but please, take your time, think long term, and don't sacrifice the long term potential of the Township for short-term gain. If we move slowly, and let the Township mature gradually, we will do better than if take what we can get now.

Image (5)

We need to change our external image.

New motto for Esquimalt: "Don't shit on us. We are the people who actually get shit done."

Make people want to make this a nice looking and feeling place!

Esquimalt has the opportunity to improve its image by being flexible and innovative and I hope that is reflected in the OCP.

We really have to work on our image and get rid of the "E" town mentality. Esquimalt has lots to offer. It's close to town, ferries, airport, big box stores. But on the same token street parking is horrible and we have move away of squeezing as many houses/townhouses/apartments of a piece of property that offers no green space and parking.

OCP (11)

We are new to the area and look forward to implementation of the OCP

It would have been helpful for you to have provided a link to the OCP.

I would like to see an official policy that promotes urban and community farming in order to improve the food supply system.

You seem to have touched on several areas of concern with your idea of the Official Community Plan

I hope Esquimalt will continue to pay attention to the OCP rather than doing end runs around it.

Think outside the box and research other similar municipalities and their successes and failures. Be more proactive.

I will be interested to see if any of my recommendations are put into effect...

Delete "Official" from the document as it implies the existence of other, unofficial plans. Simply title the document: "Esquimalt Community Plan".

I wish I could be of more assistance here. I don't think I really offered much other than THANK

YOU for the awesome job that you do! I love Esquimalt!!! Thanks for undertaking this task -- it's not an easy one. Thanks for offering this opportunity for everyone to provide feedback! Thanks for all of your hard work!

I am willing to help in anyway that I can for more information or ideas.

The updated official community plan should be much more innovative and move away from kowtowing so much to the status quo. Esquimalt will only be a friendly and inclusive community with economic vibrancy innovation and new thinking is strongly adopted.

Parks, Recreation and Trails (7)

Love the Rec Centre!

More parks and green space.

The library + Rec Centre + Back Fields etc. are great.

Continue the great work on community events!!!

Keep Esquimalt with as much free access to the water as possible. Why not promote paddle boarding in Esquimalt harbour. Promote "jog to work" between the local communities. Men and women will be healthier and safer when travelling in small groups.

Value the natural beauty of Esquimalt!!! Be true stewards of our environment!!! Be honest about it!!!

SHAME on ALL RESPONSIBLE for the harm caused to the once healthiest largest Arbutus tree in Esquimat...519/521 Foster. Your lack of honesty, integrity is equally shameful in regards to the damage that you allowed to this tree!!!

Positive Comments (9)

Thanks for doing a great job. Kudos to Mayor + Council.

Thank you for asking for comments - and for having a paper version (not everyone has a computer...)

Encourage Barb to remain as mayor.....we need her!!!

You're doing a great job

Thank you for taking the time to consult your residents. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding my answers.

Thanks for being inclusive.

You have a great team of staff.

Thank You for your past, present and future support for the community e.g Mayor, councillors, staff; fire and police services

Mayor Barb Desjarlais should be commended for her complete devotion to all that is best for the citizens of Esquimalt and cooperation and coordination with other communities

Rainbow Kitchen (3)

Excepting the ongoing presence of the Rainbow Kitchen in a residential neighborhood, Esquimalt is a great place to live and moving in the right direction!

The Rainbow Kitchen at the Esquimalt United Church is a perfect example of how "work" is going to look in the future—entirely volunteer-run, with gifts freely shared by anyone wanting them.

I live around the corner from the rainbow kitchen. When they first opened their doors, the neighborhood had some challenges. Through constructive communication those concerns were alleviated quickly, and I really appreciate the extra efforts of the organization in having a person pick up trash in the neighborhood. This, to me, is next level and leaving it better than you found it, and clever, and inspires neighbourhood connectedness. It went from being a challenge for some to a benefit to all. I believe these kinds of results can be common when people are listened to and respected.

Shared Services (3)

Also consider more inter-municipal co-operation & sharing of facilities, equipment is feasible.

Consider sharing more services other municipalities or amalgamation.

I have run out of time and energy. I appreciate the opportunities to comment on our community. I support shared services but not amalgamation because the latter would prohibit broad community participation such as this.

Survey Comments (2)

Perhaps the first question on your survey should be "Do you live in or adjacent to Esquimalt"?

It's a great think to asked the citizens their opinions, comments and advices regarding the Esquimalt's Official Community Plan. Hopefully, they will be a great participation. Anyway, if they have 100, 200, 300, 400 citizens who responds, It's wonderful.

Transportation (2)

Faster, slimmer, smarter and stronger than those stuck in the traffic congestion of the local commute. People will want to move to Esquimalt to become a member of the green dream team.

Traffic redirected out of side streets example Arcadia St Selkirk Ave . It is horrible at rush hour from people wanting to avoid the lights

Sewage (1)

Keep fighting the sewage treatment plan for McLoughlin Point

Miscellaneous (8)

We should maintain a strong relationship with First Nations and celebrate our diversity.

From a land use point of view, Gorge Vale golf course presents a huge opportunity for sustainability in the centre of our region within the next 20-30 years. We should contemplate a different future here, perhaps planning for an affordable housing land trust, conserved natural areas, and transfer of part of the land to First Nations.

Noise issue from DND + Graving Dock. Vibrations from underground at all hours, shake house.

Yes, just do it. Quit wasting time.

Thank you!

No thanks.

Appendix “B”
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None
N/A