



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

## Minutes - Final

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

### Committee of the Whole

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Monday, December 9, 2019

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**Present**     7 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins  
Councillor Ken Armour  
Councillor Meagan Brame  
Councillor Jacob Helliwell  
Councillor Lynda Hundleby  
Councillor Tim Morrison  
Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**Staff:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services  
Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services  
Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services  
Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

**Others:** Chief Del Manak, Victoria Police Department (VicPD)  
Deputy Chief Jason Laidman, VicPD  
Mark McIntyre, Director, Community Engagement, VicPD  
Inspector Keith Linder, Esquimalt Division, VicPD  
Charla Huber, Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Brame called the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

#### 2. LATE ITEMS

(1) Add to Item 7. **STAFF REPORTS:** (4) Review of Lampson Street Cross-Section to Accommodate Bike Lanes, Staff Report No. EPW-19-037:

- Letter from Corey Burger, Policy & Infrastructure Chair, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, received by email dated December 9, 2019, Re: Proposed Bike Lanes for Esquimalt Road and Lampson Street

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the agenda be approved as amended with the inclusion of the late item. Carried Unanimously.

#### 4. MINUTES

- 1) [19-549](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 22, 2019

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Mayor Desjardins: That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 22, 2019, be adopted. Carried Unanimously.

#### 5. PRESENTATION

- 1) [19-562](#) Victoria Police Department Third Quarter Report - Framework Agreement, Chief Del Manak

Chief Del Manak provided an overview of the 2019 third quarter report, presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included:

- \* Monitoring campers in parks.
- \* Expansion of the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program .
- \* Impact of hospital wait times for mental health emergencies on police resources.
- \* Esquimalt's financial contribution for shared policing services.
- \* Operational alignment with the framework agreement.

#### 6. PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

**Address Council on any item included on this Agenda, including Staff Reports and Communications (excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing). Limit 2 minutes per speaker.**

Norah Macey, *resident*, in support of proposed modifications for Esquimalt Road and proposed bike lanes along Lampson Street.

Kim Thrift, *resident*, in support of installing cycling infrastructure in the community.

Colin McTaggart, *resident*, in support of cycling infrastructure proposed for Lampson Street.

Elanor Eason, *resident*, in support of protected cycling infrastructure in the community.

Corey Burger, *resident*, in support of installing cycling infrastructure in the community.

Doug Scott, *resident*, in support of the proposed cycling infrastructure and expressed concerns with curb bump-outs as potential safety hazards and impact to street parking.

#### 7. STAFF REPORTS

##### **Community Safety Services**

- 1) [19-533](#) Deer Management Update - Staff Report No. CSS-19-014

Director of Community Safety Services responded to questions from Council.

COTW encouraged a collaborative approach with other municipalities, organizations, and the Province towards deer management in the community.

**Finance****2) [19-508](#) Local Grants Policy, Staff Report FIN-19-020**

COTW comments included:

- \* Determining best practices of other municipalities.
- \* Options for additional evaluation criteria.
- \* Options for delegating the approval authority.
- \* Discretion to extend and manage reoccurring funding.

The meeting recessed at 8:29 PM and reconvened at 8:35 PM with all members of Council present.

**3) [19-522](#) Property Taxation Policy, Staff Report No. FIN-19-021**

Director of Financial Services and the CAO responded to questions from Council.

COTW comments included allocation of taxes between classifications, business growth targets and incentive options, and the upcoming economic analysis report being prepared by the South Island Prosperity Project.

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That staff be directed to explore options and timelines to amend the Tax Policies and Objectives document to move towards a 2.5 ratio in the commercial property class. Carried.

In Favour: 4 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Armour, Councillor Brame, and Councillor Vermeulen

Opposed: 3 - Councillor Helliwell, Councillor Hundleby, and Councillor Morrison

**Engineering and Public Works****4) [19-558](#) Review of Lampson Street Cross-Section to Accommodate Bike Lanes, Staff Report No. EPW-19-037**

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

COTW comments included consideration of Option 2 in Staff Report No. EPW-19-037 while maintaining turning lanes and some parking spaces. Consideration of safety concerns, design, and communication of roadway improvements during construction.

**5) [19-561](#) Potential Road Cross-Section Modification for Esquimalt Road, Staff Report No. EPW-19-038**

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

COTW comments included options for designated bike lanes, pedestrian safety and consideration of a central island for crosswalks, and visibility enhancements such as lighting.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Address Council on any topic that impacts Esquimalt (excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing). Limit 2 minutes per speaker.**

Doug Scott, *resident*, encouraged enforcement of traffic regulations for cyclists.

Lorne Argyle, *resident*, encouraged Council to consider implementing a single speed limit along Lampson Street.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:46 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS  
THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

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RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER  
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