



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

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

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Monday, January 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**Present:** 6 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins  
Councillor Ken Armour  
Councillor Jacob Helliwell  
Councillor Lynda Hundleby  
Councillor Tim Morrison  
Councillor Jane Vermeulen

**Absent:** 1 - Councillor Meagan Brame

**Staff:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services  
Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services  
Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

**2. LATE ITEMS**

The following late items were added to the agenda:

**(1) PERTAINING** to Item No. 9 (1): **NOTICE OF MOTION** - Victoria Waterways Loop, Councillor Ken Armour

- Email received January 2, 2020, from Jennifer Sutton - re: In support, Victoria Waterways Loop
- Email received January 3, 2020, from Dan Kyba - re: In opposition, Victoria Circle Paddle Route
- Email received January 3, 2020, from Barbara Armstrong - re: In support, The Portage
- Email received January 3, 2020, from Billie Leslie - re: In support, Tillicum safety portage beach
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Victor Turkington - re: In support, Esquimalt\Tillicum Narrows Beach Ramp
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Peggy Robertson - re: Yes, Portage Beach
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Andrew Morgan - re: In support, Tillicum Portage
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Jane Welton - re: In support, motion to make a safe portage for the Gorge

## waterway rapids

- Email received January 4, 2020, from Brian Mallory - re: In support, Portage at Tillicum Narrows
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Jack Meredith, President, Gorge Swim Fest Society - re: In support, Motion to improve safety at the Gorge Tillicum Narrows
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Denise Nadeau - re: Motion of Portage route of Ken Armour
- Email received January 4, 2020, from John Campbell - re: Gorge Point ROW Council discussion Jan 6, 2020
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Alan Campbell, President, South Island Sea Kayaking Association (SISKA) - re: In support, Councillor Armour's Motion to Investigate Safety Improvements at Tillicum Bridge
- Email received January 3, 2020, from Robert Zacharias & Lisa Lasagna - re: In support, Gorge Waterway Loop
- Email received January 4, 2020, from John Minkley - re: In support, Gorge Waterway Loop
- Email received January 4, 2020, from Max Urbs - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Eric Lestock-Kay - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach motion
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Gillian Wotherspoon - re: In opposition, Proposed Victoria Waterways Loop
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Debbie Leach - re: Improving the Victoria Waterways Loop
- Email received January 5, 2020, from John and Brenda O'Hara - re: Gorge Pointe Beach proposal
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Marjorie Sandercock - re: In support, Victoria Waterways Loop
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Marla Weston - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach Motion
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Robyn Quaintance - re: Tillicum Safety Portage Beach
- Email received January 5, 2020, from Seán Finucane - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach
- Email received January 6, 2020, from John Rogers, Member, Victoria Waterways Loop - re: In support, Councillor Armour's motion for the Tillicum Safety Portage Beach
- Email received January 6, 2020, from ilka Olsen - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Alex Laird, Chapter President, Cross Canada Cycle Touring Society - re: In support, Councillor Armour's Motion for a Portage Under the Bridge

- Email received January 6, 2020, from Brian Henry - re: In support, Proposed Portage Project at Tillicum Narrows
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Sonya McRae, Shoreline Community Middle School, - re: In support, Safety Portage Beach at Tillicum
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Ian Bruce, Executive Coordinator, Peninsula Streams Society - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach motion
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Edmond Duggan - re: In support, Victoria Waterways Loop Tillicum Portage
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Dan Armstrong - re: Victoria Waterways Loop-Ramp Already exists on Saanich side
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Deborah Davidson - re: In opposition, Proposed Waterway Loop Jan 6 2020 meeting
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Allen Olsen - re: In support, Tillicum Safety Portage Beach
- Email received January 6, 2020, from Sarah Baines - re: Proposed Victoria Waterways Loop

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

### 4. MINUTES

- 1) [20-006](#) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, December 9, 2019
- 2) [20-016](#) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Vermeulen, seconded by Councillor Helliwell: That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, December 9, 2019 and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 16, 2019, be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

- 1) [20-001](#) Casey Edmunds, Executive Director & Marie-Pierre Lavoie, President, Canadian Francophone Games (CFG), Re: Potential Partnership & Sponsorship for the 2020 CFG

Casey Edmunds, *Executive Director*, & Marie-Pierre Lavoie, *President*, Canadian Francophone Games, provided an update on the 2020 Canadian Francophone Games and location of events including potential volunteer headquarters in Esquimalt, presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions from Council.

- 2) [20-002](#) Kym Thrift, Member, Niki Sutherland, Member & Corey Burger, Policy & Infrastructure Chair, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, Re: Local Cycling Initiatives

Kym Thrift, *Member*, & Corey Burger, *Policy & Infrastructure Chair*, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, provided an overview of the organization and future upgrade options to existing bike lanes to accommodate all ages and abilities, presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included cycle network priorities for 2020, future initiatives of the CRD for lighting on trails, and consideration of regulations to increase safety associated with electric bicycles.

**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.**

John Rogers, *non resident*, in support of the Notice of Motion regarding the Victoria Waterways Loop.

Marjorie Sandercock, *resident*, in support of the Notice of Motion regarding the Victoria Waterways Loop.

Matthew Justice, *resident*, in support of implementing strategic cycling networks and enhancing access for kayaking opportunities in the community.

John O'Hara, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the Notice of Motion regarding the Victoria Waterways Loop including impact on the ecology of the waterway and surrounding buildings and encouraged consultation with first nations due to the cultural significance of the area.

Nick Hailey, *resident*, expressed concerns regarding the interaction of roadway users with the implementation of cycling networks.

Odelia Godwin, *resident*, expressed concerns with the Notice of Motion regarding the Victoria Waterways Loop including impact on surrounding residents.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

***Finance***

- 1) [20-004](#) 2020 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw, Staff Report No. FIN-20-001

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That Council give Revenue Anticipation Bylaw, 2020, No. 2985, 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings. Carried Unanimously.

- 2) [20-010](#) 2020 Revenue, Tax, Budget and Financial Sustainability Policies & Objectives, Staff Report No. FIN-20-002

Director of Finance provided an overview of financial plan policies and objectives, presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included equity of the tax distribution and goal of attracting businesses to the community to expand the tax base.

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Armour: That Council approve the 2020 Revenue, Tax, Budget and Financial Sustainability Policies and Objectives as attached to Staff Report No. FIN-20-002, as Schedule A to Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2986. Carried.

In Favour: 5 - Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Armour, Councillor Helliwell, Councillor Hundleby, and Councillor Vermeulen

Opposed: 1 - Councillor Morrison

Absent: 1 - Councillor Brame

**3) [20-023](#) 2020 Budget Overview**

Director of Financial Services provided an overview of the proposed Five Year Financial Plan including process and timing, presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included consideration of various economic factors such as the consumer price index (CPI) with increasing taxes, options for use of casino revenue, and consideration of options to reduce various fund allocations offset tax increases.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Armour: That Council direct staff to prepare a Report considering 2020 Tax rate options starting at 2%.

**Amendment Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the Main Motion be amended to strike the words "starting at 2%" and add "between 2% - 4%". Carried Unanimously.

The vote was called on the Main Motion as amended and declared Carried Unanimously.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

***For Council's Information***

- 1) [20-009](#) Chris Edley, President, Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce, dated December 13, 2019, Re: Support for Victoria Waterways Loop Initiative

This item was received.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION**

- 1) [20-011](#) Notice of Motion: Victoria Waterways Loop, Councillor Ken Armour - For Discussion

Council comments included:

- \* Increasing usability and safety of the waterway to benefit residents and tourists.
- \* Options to highlight the indigenous history of the area.
- \* Consulting with neighbours to mitigate privacy impact.
- \* Exploring funding options available for the initiative.

CAO responded to questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Morrison:

WHEREAS: The Victoria Waterways Loop (the Loop) is a 17k paddling route that circles Esquimalt (via Victoria Harbour, Gorge Waterway, Esquimalt Harbour and Esquimalt oceanfront) and is endorsed by Tourism Victoria (see attached letter) because it promotes regional tourism, local businesses and environmental stewardship;

AND WHEREAS: Loop paddlers face a significant navigational challenge with the tidal rapids at the Gorge Tillicum Narrows (under the Tillicum bridge), which is compounded by the lack of a safety portage beach east of the Narrows and the lack a ramp/pathway under Tillicum bridge that connects to Esquimalt Gorge Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Township staff investigate options as part of the 2020 budget discussions to achieve this capital project (including the possibility of using the McLouglin Amenity Funds) and bring back a report on options, costs (including maintenance costs) and timelines in addition to options to amend the parks master plan. Carried Unanimously.

**10. 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.**

Muriel Dunn, *resident*, expressed appreciation for the overview of the budget and further encouraged the Township to work with the Canadian Francophone Games organizers to explore options for holding an event within the Township.

Dan Kyba, *resident*, advised Council that the rapids beneath the tillicum bridge allow for two way passage.

Doug Scott, *resident*, advised Council the work had been completed at the intersection of Head Street and Esquimalt Road and the impact of the brightness of the newly installed traffic lights.

JC Scott, *non resident*, in support of Councillor Armour's Notice of Motion regarding the Victoria Waterways Loop.

Nick Hailey, *resident*, encouraged Council to support options to increase safety for all road users with the implementation of a cycling network.

Craig Miller, *resident*, in support of implementing a cycling network and encouraged Council to support options to increase safety for all road users.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 8:56 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS  
THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

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RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER  
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