



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

## Minutes - Final

### Special Meeting of Council

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

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Monday, March 30, 2020

5:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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Councillor Brame, Councillor Helliwell and Councillor Hundleby by conference call.

**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  
Vicki Gannon, Director of Corporate Services and Hr  
Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services / Recording Secretary

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Council meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

#### **MAYOR'S COMMUNITY ADDRESS RE: COVID-19**

Thank you for staying involved with our council meetings. We are very glad we are able to offer this webcast as well as the ability for residents to participate remotely. Things have changed very rapidly in the past few weeks. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the sense of community and helpful nature of Esquimalt residents and businesses. I want to acknowledge the businesses in our community and their efforts to continue to provide services in our community. Also a huge shout out to medical, health personnel, and first responders like VicPD and Esquimalt Fire for your work in this time. Many of you are continuing to support our local businesses and looking for ways to assist your neighbours in addition to fielding the disruptions in your own lives. For that, we thank you.

Our gratitude and thanks also go out to municipal staff who are working to keep the parks open, phones answered, garbage collected and sewers functioning. Please extend your thanks when you see them. They deserve nothing less. Many of you are also continuing to enjoy our stunning parks. We want to keep these parks available to the public but we can only keep them open if everyone uses them responsibly. When visiting our parks, please respect the orders given by our health authorities to practice social distancing and remain 2 meters apart. 2 meters apart is not easy, but it is a must to change the path of this virus. Anyone not following is putting themselves and others in harm's way, I know that is not

your intention. The fact remains that we need to follow all advice and official orders from the Provincial Health Officer to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are in a crucial time and we cannot be anything less than 100% commitment to doing what's needed to combat this disease. Township updates regarding COVID-19 are added to our dedicated page, [Esquimalt.ca/covid19](https://Esquimalt.ca/covid19). Residents are encouraged to sign up for Esquimalt Alert to receive significant updates like advisories, services changes and emergencies right to their phone or computer. The Township also uses Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to relay communications and connect with the public.

## **2. LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Armour: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

## **4. ELECTRONIC 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.**

There was no public input.

## **5. BYLAWS**

- 1) [20-155](#) Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2715, 2009, Amendment Bylaw [No. 5], 2020, No. 2995 - For Adoption

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2715, 2009, Amendment Bylaw [No. 5], 2020, No. 2995 be adopted. Carried Unanimously.

## **6. ELECTRONIC 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.**

There was no public input.

## **7. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA**

Moved by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That Council convene In Camera pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter to discuss:

- Labour relations or other employee relations.

In accordance with Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter, and that the general public be excluded. Carried Unanimously.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Armour: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 5:07 PM. Carried unanimously.

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MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS  
THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2020

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RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER  
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