



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

## Minutes - Final

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

### Special Committee of the Whole

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Monday, July 6, 2020

5:45 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

Councillor Brame, Councillor Helliwell, and Councillor Hundleby attended the meeting by conference call.

**Staff:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer  
Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services  
Rachel Dumas, Manager of Corporate Services / Recording Secretary  
Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

**Others:** Chief Del Manak, Victoria Police Department (VicPD) (via conference call)  
Steve Hurcombe, Controller, VicPD (via conference call)  
Sean Powell, Victoria/Esquimalt Police Board Member (via conference call)

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

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

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

#### 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 electronic public input.

**5. PRESENTATION**

- 1) [20-329](#) Victoria Police Department (VicPD), Police Board Finance Committee – 2021 Budget Process

Sean Powell, Finance Chair, Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board Finance Committee, requested input from COTW on the following questions:

1. Which of Esquimalt's strategic priorities would you highlight in relation to public safety?
2. What are the strengths of the current budget process? and,
3. What gaps are not addressed by the current budget process, and how should they be addressed?

COTW comments included:

- \* Different needs of the two communities served by Victoria Police and concerns of cost equity.
- \* Adapting police training, programs, and initiatives to respond to crime trends and emerging issues.
- \* Strategic Priorities of "creating a healthy, livable and diverse community" and "build and enhance partnerships" as the key priorities to consider with public safety services.
- \* Ensuring a proactive approach to policing and community involvement.
- \* Need for the reinstatement of the school liaison officer.
- \* Increasing accessibility of Police Board meetings.
- \* Public safety trends affecting Esquimalt including car theft, yard theft, traffic safety, drug overdoses and prevention, and mental health crisis.
- \* Shifting the police role in mental health crisis to other agencies.
- \* Impact of COVID-19 on public events and protests and re-allocating those resources.

**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 electronic public input.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Armour: That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:20 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS  
THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020

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RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER  
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