



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

Committee of the Whole

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

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

Councillor Vermeulen attended the meeting via conference call.

Staff: Jeff Miller, Acting Chief Administrative Officer /
 Director of Engineering & Public Works
 Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
 Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services
 Deb Hopkins, Manager of Corporate Services
 Alicia Ferguson, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brame called the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Chair Brame 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 Hundleby: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. **MINUTES**

- 1) [21-500](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held August 23, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Mayor Desjardins: That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held August 23, 2021, be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. 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.

6. STAFF REPORTS***Finance***

- 1) [21-490](#) Local Grant Policy, Staff Report FIN-21-017

Director of Financial Services responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included:

- * Pros and cons of multi-year funding for established events.
- * Consideration of implementing a scoring matrix to utilize when evaluating local grant applications to increase transparency.
- * Options to minimize overspending of in-kind support by organizations.
- * Encouraging grant recipients to provide Council with an update on the funded initiatives.
- * Implementing a regular review of the policy to ensure the objectives are being met.

Development Services

- 2) [21-457](#) Deer Fencing, Staff Report No. DEV-21-070

Director of Development Services responded to questions from Council

Council comments included:

- * Deer study currently underway and determining its success prior to addressing issues further.
- * Impact of urban deer on food security and practices of other municipalities.
- * Options for fence configurations to minimize deer issues while maintaining form and character of neighbourhoods and development of design guidelines.
- * Processes for fence variances and ensuring a fair and consistent approach to compliance.

Engineering and Public Works

- 3) [21-503](#) Banner holder program, Staff Report EPW-21-23

Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions from Council and comments included cost saving considerations, options for rotation and design, benefits of the banner program on the community, and consideration of recycling initiatives for current banners in useable condition.

4) [21-504](#) Inflow and Infiltration Funding Strategy, EPW-21-022

Staff responded to questions from Council.

Council comments included:

- * Consideration of funding approaches including a parcel tax increase or individual area increases and a Alternate Approval Process or referendum.
- * Impact of the Department of National Defense's efforts to resolve inflow and infiltration issues.
- * Benefits of reduced flow on the community as a whole.
- * Development of a hybrid approach utilizing the parcel tax option and long-term borrowing.

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.

There was no public comment.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Morrison: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

DEBRA HOPKINS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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