



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

Council

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

Monday, February 7, 2022

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present: 5 - Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Ken Armour
Councillor Jacob Helliwell
Councillor Lynda Hundleby
Councillor Jane Vermeulen

Absent: 2 - Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Tim Morrison

Councillor Armour attended the meeting via conference call.

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services
Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation
Joel Clary, Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works
Deb Hopkins, Manager of Corporate Services
Deborah Liske, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Desjardins said that we wish to recognize and acknowledge the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territory we live, we learn, and we do our work.

2. LATE ITEMS

(1) **PERTAINING** to Item No. 5 (3) **STAFF REPORTS:** Active Transportation Network Plan, Staff Report No. EPW-22-003

- Email from Laura Plante, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Kym Thrift, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Tracy James, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Rob Gage, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Jamie Hilbert, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Ben Cowie, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Lindsay Kearns, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Eric Rotgans, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Rebecca Abernathy, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Andreas Witz, dated February 6, 2022

- Email from Anna Bowness-Park, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Tim Gojzen, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Janet Lynch, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Edward Pullman, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Sabrina Carment, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Marc Cittone, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Marion Pape, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Jane Welton, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Marjorie Sandercock, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Max Durando, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Lyanne Quirt, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Darah Lloyd, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Matthew Justice, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Raul Rivera, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Louis-Phillippe Plante, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Erica Camfferman, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Francis Litman, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Adrian Mohareb, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Glen Rodger, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Francois Brassard, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Carling Helander, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Julia Vanderham, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Steven Higgs, dated February 7, 2022

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. 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.

Eric Rotgans, *resident*, who cycles throughout Esquimalt, spoke in favour of the building out of cycling infrastructure and commented that it must be done in less than five years as ten to fifteen years to complete is too long. In addition, Lyall Street should be addressed to help get more people on bicycles and make walking improvements to the town centre.

Kym Thrift, *resident*, recommended Council adopt the Active Transportation Network Plan with shorter timelines and committed budget. Additional recommendations included building Tillicum Road, Lampson Street and Esquimalt Road to true all ages and abilities standards by the end of 2024 and all short term actions within the Plan be completed by 2025.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- 1) [22-064](#) Policy Amendments to Implement Notice of Recommendation Process for Environmental and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committees, Staff Report No. ADM-22-002

The CAO and Corporate Officer responded to questions from Council. Council comments included consideration be given to accelerated timelines to deal with time-sensitive matters, potential to increase frequency of meetings while recognizing staff workload, and requested to receive any feedback from committees regarding timelines.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That Council approve the amendments to the Policies ADMIN-45, ADMIN-47, and ADMIN-51 as attached to Staff Report No. ADM-22-002 to implement the Notice of Recommendation process for the Environmental and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committees. Carried Unanimously.

- 2) [22-066](#) Taxi Application for Bluebird Cabs, Staff Report No. ADM-22-004

The Corporate Officer responded to questions from Council. Council did not provide any comments on the application.

Engineering and Public Works

- 3) [22-069](#) Active Transportation Network Plan, Staff Report No. EPW-22-003

Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the plan and responded to questions from Council. Thomas Thivener and Tim Shaw, Watt Consulting Group joined the meeting via conference call at 7:20 PM and responded together with staff to questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That Council receive the Active Transportation Network Plan and direct staff to bring forward initiatives for Council consideration that include budget and capacity implications. Carried Unanimously.

Thomas Thivener and Tim Shaw left conference call at 7:52 PM.

Parks and Recreation

- 4) [22-068](#) Early Pavilion Capital Request, Staff Report No. P&R-22-003

Director of Parks and Recreation provided a brief overview of the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That Council provide the early approval of \$170,137 with funding from the

Capital Project Reserve Fund in the 2022-2026 Financial Plan for the purchase and installation of various furnishings and equipment in the Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion. Carried Unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

For Council's Consideration

- 1) [22-077](#) Letter from Josh Taylor, Urban Rec Vancouver Island, dated January 20, 2022, Re: Beach Volleyball - Facility Development Proposal

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That Council support staff continuing to explore this opportunity with Urban Rec Vancouver Island and Esquimalt High School. Carried Unanimously.

- 2) [22-078](#) Email from Dr. Oliver Finlay, Beautiful Game Group, dated January 25, 2022, Re: Bringing E1 Race Series to BC

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen: That Council direct staff to write a letter expressing support for bringing the E1 Electric Powerboat Racing series to BC. Carried Unanimously.

7. RISE AND REPORT

There was no Rise and Report.

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 input.

9. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Vermeulen, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e) & (g) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter, the meeting be closed to the general public to discuss the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party. Carried Unanimously.

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 9:27 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Vermeulen That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 9:28 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022

DEBRA HOPKINS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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