



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

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

Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 20, 2022

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

Staff: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
 Blair McDonald, Acting Chief Administrative Officer /
 Director of Community Safety
 Steve Knoke, Director of Parks and Recreation Services
 Deb Hopkins, Manager of Corporate Services / Corporate Officer
 Sarah Holloway, Deputy Corporate Officer / Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Chair Helliwell recognized and acknowledged the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territory we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Chair Helliwell also recognized that tomorrow, Tuesday, June 21, 2022 is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

4. **MINUTES**

- 1) [22-324](#) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 9, 2022
- 2) [22-325](#) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 16, 2022

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the

minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held May 9, 2022; and the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held May 16, 2022 be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was no public input.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Community Safety Services

- 1) [22-288](#) Consultant's Report - Public Engagement Re: Policing - Staff Report No.CSS-22-005

The Director of Community Safety Services introduced the staff report to Council.

Patricia Quinn and Mandy Sandhu of Neuquinn Consulting made a presentation to Council on the Community Policing Engagement Strategy Final Report which sought to determine the level of satisfaction with the current amalgamated police service delivery model. The following community experiences with policing services were outlined: perception of value for money, build public trust, community well being, response, investigation and enforcement and crime prevention. The findings indicated the community's desire to look into options to opt out of the Framework Agreement or look at other service delivery models. Six recommendations were presented to Council for consideration.

Committee of the Whole discussion included:

- The Zero Based Review data will need to come from the Victoria Police Department and may be a challenge to attain.
- The respondents to the survey and interviews included residents, business owners and workers of Esquimalt.
- The results from Surrey and Pitt Meadows on their request to use the RCMP for policing services is a positive indication of the possibility of success.
- Development of a cost model using Oak Bay as an example should be considered.
- The report outlined that the public values the Victoria Police Department.
- A letter addressed to Assistant Deputy Minister Rideout, will be drafted by staff to provide this report for information.

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby: That the COTW receive Staff Report No. CSS-22-005 for information, and direct staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration. Carried Unanimously.

Parks and Recreation

- 2) [22-292](#) Public Art Policy ADMIN-74, Staff Report No. P&R-22-007

The Director of Parks and Recreation Services introduced the report and responded to questions from Council.

Committee of the Whole discussion included:

- The definition of an artist in the new policy is too restrictive. It should not limit upcoming artists or those without formal education or adjudication by their peers.
- The report is incredibly comprehensive and a lot of work will be involved in the implementation. Ensure that staff are able to balance it with their other priorities.
- The request for funding would be received through the 2023 budget process.
- Monetary donations toward art in our community should be considered under the public art reserve fund.
- Review of the Public Art Policy should occur in 2024.

Council confirmed that staff would make the suggested amendments to the policy prior to bringing it back to Council for consideration.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame: That the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:07 PM. Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS
THIS 4TH DAY OF JULY, 2022

DEBRA HOPKINS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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