



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Clement, Councillor Lynda Hundleby (chair), Councillor Jane Sterk, Councillor Barbara Desjardins, Councillor Don Linge

REGRETS: Councillor Hy Freedman

STAFF: Tom Day, Chief Administrative Officer; Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services; Diane Knight, Executive Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. **LATE ITEM**

Call of Special Meeting was added to the Agenda as Item 5.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Clement, seconded by Councillor Linge that the agenda be approved as amended.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. **PRESENTATION: ESQUIMALT VILLAGE PROJECT**

(1) **Presentation from Project Consultants: Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden**

Project Consultants: Norm Hotson, Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden, Jennifer Kay, Landeca, and Peter Hume, Hume Consulting, gave a presentation on the status of the Esquimalt Village Project and reviewed Site Plans and possible development options for the Village Core.

Update on Community Feedback

Jennifer Kay gave a brief summary of the public input to date which includes 250 people and 194 completed comment forms. The community feedback report will be available on the web site. There was strong community interest and support for the Esquimalt Village Project. The two main issues identified were concerns with parking and future use of the Archie Browning Sports Centre.

Detailed Plan Options

Norm Hotson reported on options for three specific sites which incorporated public input from the five options previously presented. The detailed plan options for each site identified extremes in land uses. All options include underground parking.

Site 1

Includes the old Municipal Hall Site, Park Place and Carlisle Avenue

The three options presented for this site included:

- Civic and Mixed Use
- Civic and Residential Use
- Residential Use

Site 2

Includes parking lot along Fraser Street and the new Recreation Centre

The two options presented for this site were:

- Civic Use
- Residential Use

Site 3

Archie Browning Sports Centre Site

The two options presented were:

- Civic Use
- Mixed Use Residential

Economics of Options Identified

Peter Hume, Hume Consulting, commended Council on their foresight on the Esquimalt Village Project.

He identified potential revenue from the various options and answered questions from Council.

(2) Discussion

Councillors raised questions and made comments on the options.

Comments from Council include:

- Concerns with the height of proposed buildings.
- Awareness that there are numerous options available regarding development/owning and operating a new community facility.
- Support for relocation of Town Square to Esquimalt Road.
- Recognize that this project will be driven by public response.
- Will also have to consider the possible plans for a Regional Curling Club facility.
- Support was given for consultants to meet with Plaza owners to inform them of the status of the project.

The CAO suggested that he meet with Jennifer Kay and the Director of Development Services to identify the next steps in the Esquimalt Village Project process and to lay out options to present to Council.

The original plan was for a Public Meeting in June. The consultants will revise figures for Site 3 and distribute new information to Council. It was requested that comments from Council be provided to the Director of Development Services.

5. **CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Sterk that Council convene a special meeting of Council and waive the requirement for public notification pursuant to Section 127(4) of the Community Charter and Section 17 of the Council Procedures Bylaw No. 2585.
The motion **CARRIED.**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Sterk, seconded by Mayor Clement that the meeting adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED.**

A/MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE, 2008

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

TOM DAY
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK