



## Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

# SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 26, 2009

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

5:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Chair), Councillor Meagan Brame, Councillor Randall Garrison, Councillor Bruce McIlldoon, Councillor Alison Gaul, Councillor Lynda Hundleby, Councillor Don Linge

**STAFF:** Tom Day, Chief Administrative Officer, Gilbert Coté, Director of Engineering and Public Works, Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services, Laurie Hurst, Director of Financial Services, Marlene Lagoa, Manager of Communications and Sustainability, Diane Knight, Executive Assistant (recorder)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

**2. LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the agenda be approved.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**(1) City of Victoria Police Chief, Jamie Graham and Inspector Les Sylven**

Mayor Desjardins welcomed and introduced the new City of Victoria Police Chief, Jamie Graham. He gave a brief summary of his background and previous experience. He also reported on the governance of the Victoria Police Department and expressed his support for the Police Audit and being consultative with Council and staff. He will be contacting individual Council members to meet with them and share ideas.

Chief Graham introduced Inspector Les Sylven, West Division, Victoria Police. Questions were raised about the hiring of 19 staff for the Victoria Police. Les Sylven will provide Council with statistics on how many staff have been hired at the February 11 Special Committee of the Whole meeting.

**(2) Gord Horth, Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST)**

Mayor Desjardins recognized former Councillor Hy Freedman, previous Chair of CREST, and thanked him for his service to the Township.

She introduced Gord Horth, General Manager, CREST, who gave a brief presentation on what CREST is and the status of the system. He reviewed Phase I and II of the improvement project, and noted that user training on the system is still required. Councillor Bruce McIldoon is the Council representative for CREST.

**(3) Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services – Regional Growth Strategy and B. C. Transit Study**

The Director of Development Services gave an update on the status of the Regional Growth Strategy. The Strategy was adopted in 2003 and there is a review underway to assess whether goals and objectives are being met. The completion date for the review is 2010. She will distribute a four page summary of the Regional Growth Strategy to Council for their information.

The Director also reported on the Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project who are having their first meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. She is on the technical planning group. Transit has produced a flow chart showing their workplan. A copy of the Workplan will be distributed to Council for their information.

**(4) Gilbert Coté, Director of Engineering and Public Works – update on E&N Rail Trail and Commuter Rail**

The Director of Engineering and Public Works gave an update on the E&N Rail Trail. CRD Parks is working through issues and budget constraints and will be presenting a report to the CRD Parks Committee on February 18<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming to Esquimalt after that report has been presented. He will arrange a presentation to Council in March.

The Director also reported on the status of Commuter Rail in the community. The group, Communities for Commuter Rail (C4CR) received funding and completed a feasibility study on the project. The study does not include sources for funding or cost sharing agreements and also proposes to close several intersections in Esquimalt which is of concern to staff and would have a great impact on the community. This group does not appear to be working in consultation with BC Transit on the issue of transportation in the region.

**(5) Tony Brcic, Dwayne Kalynchuk - CRD Liquid Waste Management Plan**

Dwayne Kalynchuk, General Manager of Environmental Services, CRD, gave a presentation on the status of the CRD Liquid Waste Management Plan. Copies of his presentation were presented to Council. He reported that discussion papers on Macaulay and McLaughlin points should be available in a month or so.

Council raised concerns that they felt Esquimalt residents are not being considered when determining a site for sewage treatment. They also expressed concerns with not having enough public input in the planning process.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the meeting adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT  
THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009

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TOM DAY  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER