



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, February 23, 2009

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Chair), Councillor Meagan Brame, Councillor Randall Garrison, Councillor Bruce McIldoon, Councillor Alison Gaul, Councillor Lynda Hundleby

REGRETS: Councillor Don Linge

STAFF: Laurie Hurst, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Diane Knight, Executive Assistant (recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the agenda be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. PRESENTATIONS

(1) Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce – Mike Dillistone

Mr. Mike Dillistone gave a brief overview of the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce and invited the municipality to work with the Chamber to encourage a more vital link in the community. He is looking forward to working with Council on local initiatives. Mr. Dillistone introduced Dino Fiorin, President of the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce.

(2) Greater Victoria Development Agency – Sasha Angus

Mr. Sasha Angus introduced David Nicholson, Vice President, Queensbury Inc. and Roger Skillings, Vice Chair of the Greater Victoria Development Agency. Mr. Angus advised that the mandate of the Agency is to attract and maintain businesses. They support business growth by helping local entrepreneurs and promoting business retention. There are opportunities for federal and provincial funding. They encourage businesses to locate in the municipality and the requirements businesses are often looking for are: proximity to clients, tax base, and proximity to home.

(3) Victoria Foundation – Sandra Richardson

Ms. Sandra Richardson outlined the services provided by the Victoria Foundation. The three key features of the Foundation include: endowment building/personalized service; local grant making expertise; and community leadership. They offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

(4) Esquimalt Neighbourhood House - Mary Lynn McKenna

Ms. Mary Lynn McKenna noted that the organization has been working with the community for over 30 years. They target families living in poverty and counsel youth and adults.

(5) Esquimalt Lions Club – Robert McKie

Mr. Bob McKie, President, introduced the Club and their role in the community. They are involved with Buccaneer Days, helping young people, serving seniors and working with the less fortunate. The group gets many requests for help in the community. Funding is received through security services and Bingo. The group is encouraging new members.

(6) Esquimalt Residents Association

Ms. Beth Burton Krahn noted the initiatives the group has been involved with such as hosting the sewage treatment forum last spring. The group encourages celebrating the great things about Esquimalt and promoting the municipality. She reported that there are currently 260 people on the email list and the Association meets every third Sunday at Serious Coffee at 6 pm.

(7) Westbay Residents Association – Colin MacLock

Mr. Colin MacLock reported on initiatives Westbay Residents Association have been involved with such as Westbay Marina development, Matson Lands and they also sponsored the all candidates meeting during the last election.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:26 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED**.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2009

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

LARRY RANDLE
CORPORATE OFFICER

