



## Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

# SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, March 30, 2009

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

5:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

**STAFF:** Tom Day, Chief Administrative Officer, Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services, Andy Katschor, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, Jeff Byron, Recreation Manager, Paul Nelson, Fire Chief, Laurie Hurst, Director of Financial Services, Larry Randle, Manager of Corporate Services, Gilbert Coté, Director of Engineering and Public Works, Marlene Lagoa, Manager of Communications and Sustainability, Gord Anderson, Deputy Fire Chief

### 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 McIldoon that the agenda be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

### 4. HERITAGE CONTEXT PLAN

#### (A) PRESENTATION

Verbal Report from the Director of Development Services

The Director of Development Services explained that a condition of the grant that the Township received was that a Heritage Context Plan be prepared by March 31, 2009. She stated she received the Plan earlier in the day and that a copy has been placed in each Council member's mailbox.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the Heritage Context Plan be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

5. **BUDGET**

(A) **SUPPLEMENTARY AND CAPITAL REQUESTS** (Continued from March 18, 2009)

The Acting Director of Parks and Recreation reviewed Parks and Recreation reviewed capital items budget requests.

(B) **BUDGET OPTIONS**

The Director of Financial Services presented a draft budget showing a 6% tax increase.

(C) **COUNCIL REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTARY AND CAPITAL REQUESTS**

Supplemental and Capital budget item requests were reviewed by the Director of Financial Services. It was explained that since the 6% draft budget was prepared some other events have occurred which have lead to a budget of 6.3%. It was also noted that if some pending grant applications are approved and more municipal funds are needed, most would come from reserve funds if the capital reserve funds have sufficient funds in them.

The Director of Financial Services presented a table showing the amounts that would be in the Capital Project Reserve Fund for the years 2009 through 2013 showing a 7.5% tax increase, a 5.8% tax increase with successful grant applications and a 5.8% tax increase with unsuccessful grant applications. The three options were reviewed and discussed.

2009 Supplemental budget requests were reviewed.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul that a new reserve fund for sustainability initiatives be created by Bylaw.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor McIldoon that capital costs for new fire vehicles be shifted from the operating budget to the capital reserve fund.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Councillor Garrison that Council take the "comparison to other like facilities audit" budget line item out of the budget.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

(D) **PRELIMINARY BUDGET APPROVAL**

Council is satisfied with the draft budget as amended.

6. **TAX IMPLICATIONS**

The Director of Financial Services estimates that there will be \$309,000 in new tax revenue in 2009 as a result of growth in 2008. The average residential increase in

municipal property taxes for homeowners in 2009 with a 7.5% tax increase will be \$131.00 more than in 2008 and at 6% that figure will be \$105.00. These figures are for the municipal portion of 2009 property taxes only.

**7. PUBLIC INPUT**

Emmy Labonte, 873 Dunsmuir Road thanked staff and Council for their efforts to prepare the budget. She asked if we are trying to keep taxes down, why are we buying two new vehicles for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief?

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

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MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT  
THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2009

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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LARRY RANDLE  
CORPORATE OFFICER