



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, April 20, 2009

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Chair), Councillor Meagan Brame, Councillor Randall Garrison, Councillor Lynda Hundleby (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Councillor Don Linge, Councillor Bruce McIldoon, Councillor Alison Gaul

STAFF: Tom Day, Chief Administrative Officer, Laurie Hurst, Director of Financial Services, Larry Randle, Manager of Corporate Services, Gilbert Coté, Director of Engineering and Public Works (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The motion **CARRIED**.

3. TAX RATE POLICY AND DISCUSSION

(1) 2009 Preliminary Property Tax Calculations

The Director of Financial Services presented the 2009 preliminary property tax calculations.

Councillor Hundleby arrived at 5:35 p.m.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works arrived at 5:55 p.m.

The Director of Financial Services will inform Council what properties in Esquimalt are designated as heavy industry. She will also present some additional property tax options for Council to consider that shift some of the tax burden from business to heavy industry and which restrict residential property tax increases.

(2) Objectives and Policies

The Director of Financial Services explained that the Community Charter now requires disclosure in the five-year financial plan of objectives and policies on distribution of property taxes among property classes. She will draft policy wording to present back to Council for consideration.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Gloria Edwards, 1240 Bewdley Avenue says that increases to residential property taxes should be considered as a very serious matter. She believes that secondary suites should also be taxed. Holding off on the planned purchase of new vehicles for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief would also save money.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that early meetings will henceforth start at 5:45 p.m. rather than at 5:30 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED**.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:50 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED**.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2009

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

LAURIE HURST
A/CORPORATE OFFICER