



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, June 15, 2009

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Laurie Hurst, I/Chief Administrative Officer
Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services
Scott Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Pat Mulcahy, Manager of Human Resources
Carollyne Evans, Manager of Corporate Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. Staff Reports

(1) Esquimalt Village Plan, Staff Report No. DEV-09-038

Barbara Snyder referred to the slide on the screen which visually illustrated the scattering and clustering of commercial activity and evident gaps. She stated the development of Phase 1 will help to fill in those gaps by providing continuity in the business core.

Discussion:

Ms. Snyder clarified how the phases were linked to create a cohesive project and unite the downtown. Ms. Snyder advised although more emphasis will be placed on Phase 1, the phases would not be developed in isolation of each other and would still adhere to a comprehensive plan. Completing Phase 1 will allow the redevelopment of Site 1 housing the old Municipal Hall, old Public Works Yard, Town Square and Public Safety Building; it will up to Council to decide the

mechanism for disposition of the property.

Councillor McIlldoon stated it is important to refer the sensitive matter of relocation of Esquimalt Memorial and Sailors Walk to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Mayor Desjardins reported on her ride around the business core with Ms. Snyder and commercial realtors. Continuity of the retail community and upgraded façades will draw more business to the community. Council agreed with the Mayor on emphasizing the importance of being very clear at the outset in setting absolutely clear and high development standards, including such principles as alternate system of waste heating, exclusive LEED certification and development cost charges and amenities.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Committee of the Whole recommends

1. That Council consider dealing with the Esquimalt Village Plan in 2 phases:
 - Phase 1) the area containing the old Municipal Hall, Town Square, old Public Works Yard, and Public Safety Building [Site 1];
 - Phase 2) the remainder of the plan area [Sites 2 and 3].
2. That the development of a comprehensive plan for the Esquimalt Village continue but that detailed planning for the redevelopment of Site 1 [described in Staff Report DEV-09-038] begin immediately to enable this site to be tendered to potential developers.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Snyder commented that as considerable time has lapsed, the consulting team will be brought back and more public information sessions will be scheduled focusing more specifically on Site 1.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Garrison to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED.**

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2009

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CAROLLYNE EVANS
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR