



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

LATE AGENDA ITEMS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, June 15th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Esquimalt Council Chambers

(1) PERTAINING to Item No. 6 (1): **STAFF REPORTS** – Dock located behind Rhoda Lane, Staff Report No. CSS-20-011

- Email received June 15, 2020, from Jan Bate – re: Dock located behind Rhoda Lane
- Email received June 15, 2020, from John Noyes – re: Garthland Road Park
- Email received June 15, 2020, from Stan Boychuk – re: Dock located behind Rhoda Lane
- Email received June 15, 2020, from Ben Macklin – re: Garthland Park

(2) PERTAINING to Item No. 6 (3): **STAFF REPORTS** – Introduction to the Proposed 2021 Development Capacity Study, Staff Report No. DEV-20-037

- Email received June 15, 2020, from Jordan Milne – re: Development Capacity Study
- Email received June 15, 2020, from Kym Thrift – re: Comments on the Urban Carrying Capacity Study – Inclusion of Active Transportation
- Email received June 15, 2020, from Kathy Witcher, Urban Development Institute – re: Development Capacity Study

Deborah Liske

From: Rachel Dumas
Sent: June-15-20 10:18 AM
To: Deborah Liske
Subject: FW: Letter for Committee of the Whole meeting 7pm June 15, 2020
Attachments: Garthland Road Gorge access.docx

Importance: High

Mail Log Please (late item).

Rachel Dumas

Corporate Officer, Manager of Corporate Services
Tel: 250-414-7135

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From: Jan Bate
Sent: June-15-20 9:35 AM
To: Rachel Dumas
Subject: Letter for Committee of the Whole meeting 7pm June 15, 2020

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for receiving my letter for the Committee of the Whole meeting this evening at 7PM. My letter is regarding 20-284 - Dock located behind Rhoda Lane.

I also request to be on the speakers list this evening. Please let me know how I call in and when. My phone number is below.

Thank you for your help,
Jan

Jan Bate

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Esquimalt Mayor and Council
c/o
Rachel Dumas, Corporate Officer
Rachel.dumas@esquimalt.ca
#250 – 414 – 7135

RE: 20-284 - Dock located behind Rhoda Lane,
Staff Report No. CSS-20-011

Committee of the Whole discussion re: Garthland Park Dock
June 15, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

I live on Garthland Road. I have great appreciation for the Gorge waterway and for the public access to the waterway at the end of our street. My family and I enjoy the Gorge waterway for swimming, canoeing and paddle boarding. Out of my love for the Gorge I joined the Board of Directors of the Gorge Swim Fest Society which serves to promote public access to the Gorge waterway.

I am writing to request that the Committee of the Whole direct Council to conduct public consultation regarding how the township treats private docks anchored on public land and specifically to develop options for improving public water access at Garthland Park.

I reviewed the Staff Report dated June 8, 2020 and made available to public on June 12, 2020. I am concerned that the grandfathering in process of private docks anchored on public land appears to have been a fast shift in direction from the initial direction of investigating enforcement of private docks on public land. There was no time given for a public process that included more residents than the few who had built the illegal docks on public land.

In our Official Community Plan, adopted by Council on June 25, 2018, the objective and policies regarding Trails and Waterfront Walkways (Section 10.4) clearly show the Council's and the community's current priorities and direction, which are opposed to the decision to grandfather in private docks on public land.

The overarching objective of Section 10.4 is to: increase public waterfront access throughout the Township while protecting our vital ecosystem. The related policies include:

1. Enhance physical and visual public access to our marine waterfront throughout the Township while minimizing disturbance to waterfront vegetation and environmental features.
2. Consider construction of a networked waterfront trail along the Gorge Waterway from Admirals Road to Tillicum Road.
3. Endeavour to obtain right-of-way agreements with landowners to allow for public access to the waterfront.

4. Enhance public access points to the Gorge Waterway.
5. Investigate marine access facilities for recreational users including kayaks, rowboats, kite surfers, paddle boarders, canoes and other water sports.
6. As opportunities arise, the Township will seek to develop a continuous walkway around West Bay and connecting to Head Street.

These policies are all relevant to my concern about the grandfathering in of the dock on the Township land at the end of Garthland Road.

For these reasons and more I request that the Committee of the Whole discuss how Council could improve access to the Gorge waterway for all residents of the Garthland Road area, and indeed for all residents of Esquimalt.

Sincerely,
Jan Bate
945 Garthland Road,
Esquimalt

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: garthland road park

From: Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>
Date: June 15, 2020 at 1:14:56 PM PDT
To: Laurie Hurst <laurie.hurst@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Fwd: garthland road park

Late public input

Sent from my iPhone

Barbara Desjardins

Mayor, Township of Esquimalt
Lekwungen Territory
Tel: 1-250-883-1944
Begin forwarded message:

From: John Noyes
Date: June 15, 2020 at 12:54:00 PM PDT
To: Barb Desjardins <barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca>, Jacob Helliwell <Jacob.Helliwell@esquimalt.ca>, Jane Vermeulen <Jane.Vermeulen@esquimalt.ca>, Ken Armour <Ken.Armour@esquimalt.ca>, Lynda Hundleby <lynda.hundleby@esquimalt.ca>, Tim Morrison <tim.morrison@esquimalt.ca>, Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: garthland road park

Background information for new councillors re Garthland Road Park and Refresher information for incumbent councilors and mayor for the period 2008

For 60 years the residents of Garthland Road had appreciated the 'Locke' property. The densely forested tract of land, 2.5 acres in total, bordered Garthland Road running north from the Gorge

for approximately 500 feet (150 metres),

2008 - The Locke family sold the property to developer, Earl Large, who proceeded to clearcut the property felling trees designated by the Township to be saved.

The reaction of the neighborhood prompted a petition of 30 plus households for the Township to retain the foreshore and to establish a public park. Presentations to Council, the petition and staff report recommendation lead to the Mayor and Councillors supporting the creation of Garthland Road Park.

2020 - The same neighborhood households are sorely disappointed that Council didn't solicit the input of residents before conferring private ownership to the dock, A dock has been there for 60 or so years according to a member of the Locke family.

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It is requested that council correct this situation and assure full public access at a dock be available.

Yours truly, Barbara Noyes, 928 Garthland Road

Deborah Liske

From: Rachel Dumas
Sent: June-15-20 12:13 PM
To: Deborah Liske
Subject: FW: Letter for the Committee of the Whole meeting June 15th 7:00 pm
Attachments: Esquimalt Mayor and Council - dock.docx

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From: Stan Boychuk [mailto:stan@boychukconsulting.com]
Sent: June-15-20 11:50 AM
To: Rachel Dumas
Subject: Fwd: Letter for the Committee of the Whole meeting June 15th 7:00 pm

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From: Stan Boychuk <stan@boychukconsulting.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 11:46 AM
Subject: Letter for the Committee of the Whole meeting June 15th 7:00 pm
To: <rachel.dumas@esquimalt.ca>

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for receiving my letter for the Committee of the Whole tonight

Regards,

Stan

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Tel: 250-589-7826
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RE: 20-284 - Dock located behind Rhoda Lane,
Staff Report No. CSS-20-011

Committee of the Whole discussion re: Garthland Park Dock
June 15, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

I live on Garthland Road and have been confused for awhile regarding the private dock located behind Rhoda Lane. I and my family often access the park at the end of Garthland Road as it affords us the opportunity to go down to the Gorge waterway and watch the waterfowl and watch the tidal action and the amazing biodiversity of this precious waterway. I know the land is township land and the dock is marked Private, yet it is anchored to the seawall structure on public land.

I began researching why and how this could be possible, that Esquimalt would provide elitist access, for a very few in favour of their own OCP which clearly states the District is supportive of increasing access to the Gorge waterway. I talked with other neighbours on Garthland and found that there is considerable concern regarding this issue and the fact that the dock was illegally built, without applying for the proper permits and now through this process of grandfathering private docks on public land the actions of these private owners will be rewarded by granting them a permit for exclusive and private use of a dock on public land.

I would urge the Committee of the Whole to recommend for these reasons and more how Council could improve access to the Gorge waterway for all residents of the Garthland Road area, and indeed for all residents of Esquimalt.

Regards,

Stan Boychuk
945 Garthland Rd.
Esquimalt

Rachel Dumas

From: Ben Macklin
Sent: June-15-20 2:04 PM
To: Corporate Services; Rachel Dumas
Subject: Re: Garthland Park

Good Morning, Rachel,

Please find attached a submission to support discussion in response to the staff report being submitted to the Council of the Whole meeting this evening concerning a dock behind Rhoda lane.
Re: 20-284, Staff Report No. CSS-20-011

Google assures me that the 2.6MP file I am now sending you a link for should open. Please let me know if we are still having technical issues.

My utmost thanks for your patience.

Thank you,

Ben Macklin
943 Garthland Rd
Esquimalt, BC

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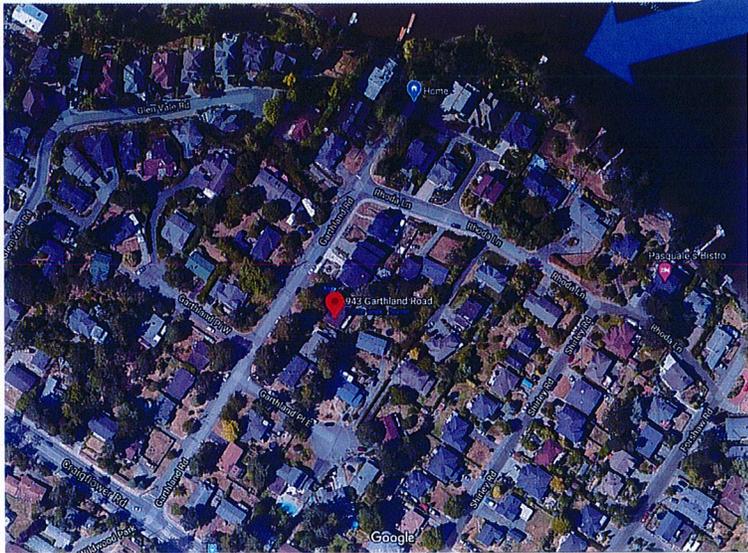
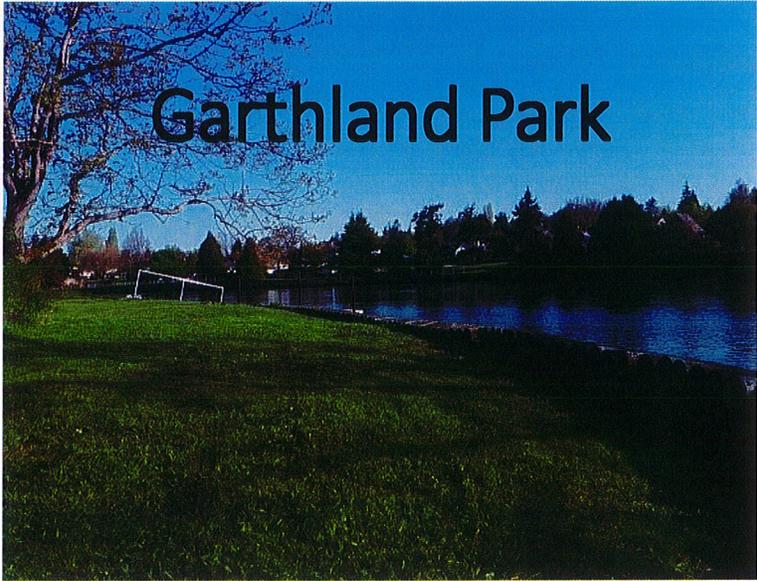
On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 11:55 AM Ben Macklin wrote:
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Thank you,

Ben Macklin

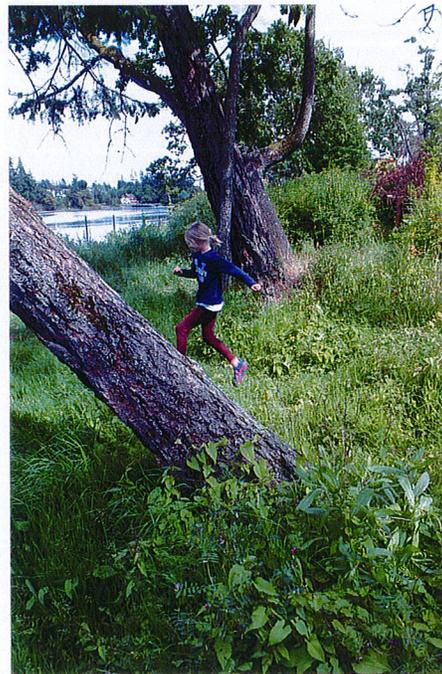
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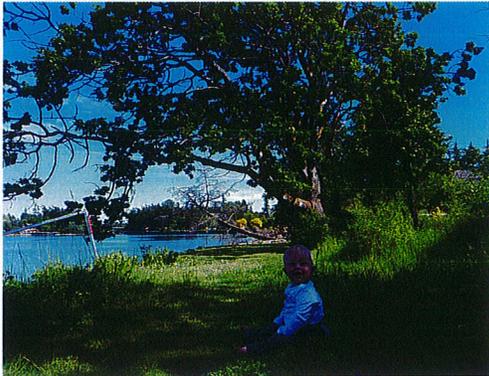
Easy public access onto the Gorge Waterway



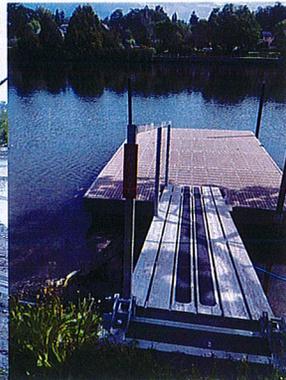
A small neighbourhood greenspace



Enjoyed by local residents year-round



Private dock anchored on breakwater



Public water access:
slippery, sloped, unsafe & impractical



Request:

That council set in motion a consultation with local residents on options for improving public water access at Garthland Park.

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: File # 20-286 Development Capacity Study

From: Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>
Date: June 15, 2020 at 1:16:30 PM PDT
To: Laurie Hurst <laurie.hurst@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Fwd: File # 20-286 Development Capacity Study

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jordan Milne <jmilne@gmcprojects.com>
Date: June 15, 2020 at 1:15:53 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <Mayor.and.Council@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: File # 20-286 Development Capacity Study

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Council,

I write to express my support for the staff recommendation on file 20-086 as it relates to a "Development Capacity Study". This will provide Esquimalt with a terrific asset to help inform land use and infrastructure decisions into the future.

There are many areas within Esquimalt that are identified for medium to high density and yet are unlikely to accommodate any growth given existing improvements and the corresponding economic value. As such, it is important to best understand where growth and development are likely to occur. This will help inform infrastructure limitations/needs, if revisions to the OCP are needed to accommodate growth that is limited due to existing conditions etc.

I hope that Esquimalt proceeds with this study as it will help to serve the community today and for the years to come.

Respectfully,

Jordan

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Possible Late Agenda Item - FW: Comments on the Urban Carrying Capacity Study (Council Meeting June 15) - Inclusion of Active Transportation '

From: Kym [mailto:]
Sent: June-15-20 8:52 AM
To: Mayor and Council; Bill Brown
Cc: 'Corey Burger'
Subject: Comments on the Urban Carrying Capacity Study (Council Meeting June 15) - Inclusion of Active Transportation

Dear Mayor and Council and Township of Esquimalt Staff:

On behalf of the Esquimalt Local Committee of the Bike Victoria Society (name change from Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition) I'd like to ask that Council and the Township staff include cycling, walking and transit as part of the 2021 Urban Carrying Capacity Study and consider closely how workforce, local services and well planned density can actually lead to reduced vehicle traffic.

This study is important for good decision making, but it's critical that the targets and variables are set accurately.

Our understanding is that only 21.3% of the people working in Esquimalt actually live within the Township. This is one of the main reasons why our roadways are so congested during rush hour, as most of the women and men who work for the municipality's largest employers do not live locally and have to commute from municipalities outside of Esquimalt. If we set a goal for 50% of our workforce within municipal borders, we would see a reduction in traffic as we would no longer experience the morning and evening exodus on our roadways.

Finally, according to the 2017 CRD Origin Destination Household Travel Survey 20% of all trips to and from Esquimalt, and 44% of all trips within the municipality, are currently made by bike, walking or by bus. This percentage has grown over the last few years and will continue to grow if we support it. Instead of focusing in this report on the "carrying capacity of arterial roads to handle traffic," we encourage the Township to focus on connecting our neighbourhoods with AAA cycling networks, improved sidewalks and better transit. By doing this, our roadways would have more capacity (and be more enjoyable for drivers: <https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/best-place-in-the-world-to-be-a-driver-netherlands>), as more people would choose alternative modes of travel. It is also worth referencing that active transport is highly aligned with the Township's objective to address climate change and encourage an "e equals active" active and healthy community.

We believe this study could provide a valuable tool for the Township. We would ask that the Township consider each factor closely to support an active and healthy Esquimalt.

Sincerely,

Kym Thrift
On behalf of the Esquimalt Local Committee of the Bike Victoria Society

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Letter of support
Attachments: Development Capacity Study_June 15, 2020.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: UDIVictoria <UDIVictoria@udi.org>
Date: June 15, 2020 at 3:30:31 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <Mayor.and.Council@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Letter of support

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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Development Capacity Study

The Urban Development Institute Capital Region (UDI), was made aware that staff are recommending to council a study be undertaken to determine the carry capacity or development capacity for the Township of Esquimalt. The UDI is in support of such a study as it shows responsible, forward thinking in determining the future growth of Esquimalt.

As is stated in the staff recommendation, Esquimalt is limited in its ability to physically expand outwards due to the fact that it is surrounded by water and other land holdings that are not accessible to the municipality. Because of these limitations, future growth relies on densification of existing neighbourhoods which requires well thought out planning. A study to determine Esquimalt's development capacity is the way to ensure that the municipality can handle future population growth in housing and infrastructure. There are numerous factors linked to carrying capacity - all are important and related to one another.

The UDI would welcome the ability to take part in a working group and to give the industry's perspective on the contributing factors of the municipality's carrying capacity. Again we support staff's recommendation and look forward to future collaboration.

Kind Regards,

Kathy Whitcher - Executive Director
Urban Development Institute - Capital Region
#101 - 727 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC V8W 1R8
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250-888-1671 (Mobile)
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June 15, 2020

Mayor and Council
The Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt
1229 Esquimalt Road
Victoria, B.C. V9A 3P1

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Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy Whitcher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathy w Kathy Whitcher
Executive Director
(on behalf of the UDI Capital Region Board of Directors)

CC: *Bill Brown*