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Township Opposes Biosolids Treatment Centre on Viewfield Road

In a news release dated March 20th, the Township of Esquimalt stated its opposition to the Capital Regional District's proposal to locate a biosolids treatment centre in the Township on Viewfield Road. Mayor Barbara Desjardins identified several problems with the proposal, including that the CRD:

- did not consult with the public before purchasing the property;
- completed no technical review of the location; and,
- did not complete adequate research on resource recovery at the Viewfield site, nor for the proposed McLoughlin treatment plant.

"If residents have concerns it is very important that they voice them over the coming weeks and months," said Mayor Desjardins. "This proposal represents a significant change to our community and the CRD needs to hear from those affected."

If you have concerns about the Viewfield Road location for biosolids treatment, there are a number of ways to stay informed and have a voice on this issue:

1. Attend meetings of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee.

These meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the CRD Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 8 and June 12, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

2. Contact members of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee and voice your concerns:

Contacts:

Denise Blackwell, Committee Chair,
e-mail: denise.blackwell02@gmail.com

Judy Brownoff, Committee Vice Chair,
e-mail: jbrownof@telus.net

3. Watch for information updates at www.esquimalt.ca.



McLoughlin Point

The application to rezone McLoughlin Point to allow for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant has been submitted to Council by the Capital Regional District and is now being circulated to referral agencies for their review. This review process is expected to take 60 days after which Council will consider the rezoning application. A copy of the application is available for viewing at www.esquimalt.ca.

For more information on Township zoning, community planning and development, please contact:

Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Tel: 250-414-7146

Emergency Program Volunteer Opportunities

Emergency Social Services (ESS) provides short-term assistance to British Columbians who are forced to leave their homes because of fire, floods, earthquakes or other emergencies. This assistance includes food, lodging, clothing, emotional support and family reunification. Esquimalt Emergency Social Services is looking for volunteers to join our team.

For more information, please contact esquimaltess@esq-eoc.com or leave a message at 250-412-8543

Emergency Radio Communications is also recruiting local residents to provide communication services to support Emergency Operations to the Township in the event of a major emergency or disaster. All training provided. The team meets weekly on Wednesday evenings to test systems and practice skills.

For more information, please contact john.fuller@esquimalt.ca or leave a message at 250-412-8543.

New Faces at the Township: Parks & Policing



*Rick Daykin:
Manager of Parks
and Facilities*

Rick Daykin was hired as the new Manager of Parks and Facilities effective December 3, 2012. Rick comes to the Township from Abbotsford, where he was the Director of Parks for five years.

Before this, Rick worked in Delta for eight years as the Superintendent of Parks Projects, and started his career with Coquitlam as Manager of Parks and Open Space. "I'm having a great time meeting and working with the people here in Esquimalt," said Rick. "The natural spaces such as the waterfront parks and the Garry Oak ecosystem forest areas are really impressive and the recreational facilities are first class."

On January 1, 2013, **Franco Bruschetta** started his new role with VicPD as the West Division Community Resource Officer. Based at the Esquimalt Public

Safety Building, Franco is responsible for liaising with businesses, community groups and the general public in Esquimalt, addressing any crime prevention issues that may arise. He works with the community on such crime prevention initiatives as Block Watch and CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). In addition, Franco is the anti-graffiti coordinator for the CRD and assists the Patrol Division as needed. He has been a police officer in Victoria since September



*Franco Bruschetta:
Community
Resource Officer,
West Division*

of 1991 and has previously worked on patrol, traffic, K-9, and the Emergency Response Team. "Being pro-active is important to me," said Franco. "I look forward to working with—and being a part of—the community."

Changes to Township Garbage Collection Ahead

Several changes are ahead for waste management at the Township of Esquimalt. Starting in 2013, the Township will be participating in the Regional Kitchen Scraps Strategy as part of a region-wide initiative to reduce the volume of kitchen scraps going to the Hartland Landfill. In addition, the existing Garbage Disposal Bylaw will be modified from backyard to curbside pickup.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) estimates that 30 per cent of the waste sent to the Hartland Landfill is organic material. This material can be separated and converted into compost, supporting waste reduction and a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. Using the CRD's current estimate of organic waste going to the landfill, the Township would be diverting approximately 510 tonnes of waste material per year. According to the CRD, kitchen scraps will be banned from

the Hartland landfill by January 1, 2015.

According to Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works, the Township can take advantage of reduced tipping fee costs by participating in the program as early as possible. "By separating kitchen scraps from garbage, we can save \$20/tonne—from \$107/tonne down to \$87/tonne—until 2015 through the CRD's rebate program," said Miller. Additional cost savings can be gained by switching to curbside pickup, which will lead to reduced vehicle idling time and fuel consumption, and by using the City of Victoria transfer station, which would reduce transportation costs. The Township is currently in preliminary discussions with the City of Victoria for the use of its transfer station.

An open house will be scheduled for spring 2013 to provide residents with

opportunities to discuss upcoming changes, including input on exemptions to curbside pickup for those with mobility challenges.

More information:

CRD's Kitchen Scraps Diversion Strategy:
www.myrecyclopedia.ca.

Township waste management program:
www.esquimalt.ca



Esquimalt is Electrifying! Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installed



Starting this spring you can ‘top up’ your electric vehicle (EV) while parked at Municipal Hall. Plug in your car while visiting the hall, library, Esquimalt Recreation Centre, Archie Browning Sports Centre or while shopping at local businesses. While 90% of EV charging is expected to take place at home, public EV charging will play an important role in decreasing “range anxiety” — fear of running out of charge while on the road—on days when multiple trips are completed or when traveling out of town.

The Township received funding through the provincial Community Charging and Infrastructure (CCI) Fund to cover a portion of the cost of installing the Level 2 EV charging station. The goal of the CCI Fund is to install 570 such stations across BC. It is anticipated that there will be 84 charging stations in the Capital Region by the spring of 2013.

There are currently 14 commercially available models of electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles on the market. It is estimated that by 2030 there will be one million electric vehicles on BC’s roads.

The EV station was “turned on” at an official launch on March 21st, 2012. For the first year, use of the station will be complimentary, but fees may be collected in the future.



**For more information on the EV charging station, please visit www.esquimalt.ca/sustainability or contact Marlene Lagoa, Sustainability Coordinator
Phone: 250-414-7114 E-mail: marlene.lagoa@esquimalt.ca**

Connect with the Township

The Township offers many ways for residents to stay in touch with Municipal Hall. Want to have news and event notifications sent to your e-mail account? Go to www.esquimalt.ca and sign up. You can even sign up to have this newsletter sent to you in pdf format! Do you use social media? Why not like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter? Want your say on local projects and issues? Go to our website and take one of our online surveys. Use all of our communications channels to find out about upcoming council meetings, open house opportunities, events, and the latest news from the Township. Of course, you can also visit Municipal Hall at 1229 Esquimalt Road, or give us a call at 250-414-7100. Connect with your community.



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@esquimaltbc

Township Speed Limits Explained

The Township’s Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw sets out speed limits throughout the municipality. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in the Township is 50 km/hr. For public safety reasons, the posted speed limit can vary from 25 km/hr to 50 km/hr throughout the community. Slower speed limits are posted near schools, shopping areas, low visibility areas and parks.

As you travel from one municipality to another along a single corridor, the posted speed limit may change. For instance the Craigflower Road/Old Island Highway corridor has a speed limit of 50 km/hr in View Royal, 40 km/hr in Esquimalt and 30 km/hr in Victoria. The Esquimalt portion of Craigflower was changed from 50 to 40 km/h approximately two years ago to provide a safer corridor for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. For the same reasons, the speed limit along Esquimalt Road within Esquimalt is 40 km/h, whereas within Victoria it is posted as 50 km/hr.

For your own safety and the safety of others, be mindful of speed limit changes as you travel through and within the Township.



Community Calendar

April 16 Anniversary of HMCS Esquimalt Sinking. A ceremony will be held to commemorate those lost during the sinking of HMCS ESQUIMALT on April 16th, 1941. 5:30 p.m. next to Municipal Hall. See www.esquimalt.ca for more info.

April 19 - 21 Phoenix Walking Festival. Returns to Archie Browning Sports Centre, featuring ten scenic walks ranging from five to 42 kilometres. Cost: \$10. For more info, please call 250-598-4316. E-mail: vvpf@telus.net.

April 22 Earth Day at Highrock Park. Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to remove invasive species from this unique park and helping to plant native trees. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Vicki Klyne at 250-412-8511 for more info.

April 23 Mayor's Open Door. Mayor Desjardins welcomes residents to meet and discuss matters of community interest. No appointment necessary. In Mayor's office at Municipal Hall, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more info, please call 250-414-7101.

April 21 - 27 National Volunteer Week. Volunteers strengthen our community. Parks and Recreation will be celebrating volunteers and highlighting volunteer opportunities in our community during National Volunteer Week. For more info, contact Vicki Klyne at 250-412-8511.

May 9 Emergency Preparedness Course. As part of National Emergency Preparedness Week May 5-11, the Esquimalt Emergency Program will be offering a course on Individual, Family and Neighbourhood Preparedness. 7 - 9 p.m. For more info, please call 250-414-8543.

June 7 - 9 Buccaneer Days. Esquimalt's premier summertime event—pancake breakfast, parade, fair, midway, craft and garden sale

and much, much more, including the Saturday night dance. See esquimalt.ca for more info.

June 30 Steve Miller Band at Archie Browning Sports Centre! One of rock music's all-time greats and famous for such hits as The Joker and Fly Like an Eagle, the Steve Miller Band will be at the ABSC June 30, 2013. Tickets: \$85.50-\$105.50. Available online at hightideconcerts.net More info: 250-412-8515.



Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings

April 15, 2013
 April 22, 2013
 May 6, 2013
 May 27, 2013
 June 17, 2013

Committee of the Whole

April 8, 2013
 May 13, 2013
 June 10, 2013
 July 8, 2013

Unless otherwise noted, Council Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at 1229 Esquimalt Road. Please check the website or call 250-414-7135 to confirm meeting times.

Municipal Hall Closed for Statutory Holidays:

Victoria Day - May 20, 2013
 Canada Day - July 1, 2013
 BC Day - August 5, 2013

Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
Administration	414-7101
Finance	414-7100
Development & Engineering	414-7108
Public Works	414-7104
Building Inspections	414-7108
Bylaw Enforcement	414-7161
Police Department	995-7500
Fire Department	414-7126
Parks & Recreation	412-8500
Sports Centre	412-8510
Library	414-7198
Archives	412-8540

Municipal Hall
 1229 Esquimalt Road
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Archives
 1149-A Esquimalt Road
 1229 Esquimalt Road
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Recreation Centre
 527 Fraser Street
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 6H6

Archie Browning Sports Centre
 1151 Esquimalt Road
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 3N6

Esquimalt Branch Library
 1231 Esquimalt Road
 (behind Municipal Hall)

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We welcome your feedback.

Contact Ritchie Morrison, Communications Coordinator, at 250-414-7122 or ritchie.morrison@esquimalt.ca. Would you like to sign up for automatic updating of news and events in Esquimalt? Visit our website at www.esquimalt.ca.



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