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**Mayor's Message:**

**Our Centennial Legacy**



Mayor Barb Desjardins

As 2012 draws to a close I have been reflecting on centennial legacies. There are tangible legacies, such as the Centennial Memorial Walkway, the Coast Salish artwork at Esquimalt High School, and the Centennial Book, which will be a part of our community always. There are also memories that will be with me always, of people, of events, of community partners and organizations, of all of us working together to mark our centennial year. These are legacies as well. There is not space here to extend my heartfelt thanks individually to everyone involved in our centennial celebrations, but I do want to thank all of our volunteers, community and government partners, sponsors, suppliers and staff members for your contributions to making this a year to remember for Esquimalt. To our residents, thank you for your support

and enthusiasm of events within our community in 2012. Of course our milestone year is not over yet and I look forward to seeing everyone at our seasonal Celebration of Lights on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the grand opening of our Centennial Walkway on December 8<sup>th</sup>, among many other Township events.

Council continues to work on strategic priorities to ensure community strength and prosperity for the next 100 years. Please feel free to drop in at our economic round tables taking place over the coming months to observe the progress of our Economic Development Strategy, and watch for public consultation opportunities on this important initiative in 2013. We are continually seeking ways for you, Township residents and businesses, to be engaged with Municipal Hall. We are excited to let you know we will be launching our social media sites shortly. Watch for updates on our website.

*Barbara Desjardins*

**Township Commences Economic Development Strategy Roundtables**

A schedule of economic round table meetings commenced at the Township on October 17<sup>th</sup> with the convening of the Small Business Round Table. In the next few months round tables will be held for other sectors of the economy including tourism, shipbuilding and defence, development, environment, First Nations, health and wellness and education and training. After the sector round tables are completed the results will be compiled and form the basis of a community wide public consultation process. All of this information will guide the development of an Economic Development Strategy for the Township, a Council priority identified in the 2012 Strategic Priorities Report.

**For further information please contact Bill Brown at [bill.brown@esquimalt.ca](mailto:bill.brown@esquimalt.ca)**



*Plan to attend the Grand Opening of the Centennial Walkway at Memorial Park! The walkway redesign has been completed and inscribed pavers purchased by participants will be in place for the event. Hot drinks will be served. Rain or shine event. Festival tenting will be assembled in case of rain.*

**For more information, call:  
250-414-7101**

**Centennial Walkway Grand Opening**  
**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Photo: Lurida O'Keefe

# Township Welcomes New Staff Members to Management Team

**Ian Irvine** has been hired as the Township's new Chief Financial Officer and Director of Financial Services. Ian commenced his duties Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



Ian Irvine

Ian is a Certified Public Accountant who brings an impressive track record to his new position. Ian most recently worked for Thrifty Foods in Victoria as Manager of Audit, Compliance and ERM. Before this, he held analyst and auditor positions with the ATCO Group, and Deloitte and Touche LLP, both based in Calgary. From 2001 to 2005, Ian was based in Victoria as a Financial and

Performance Auditor for the Province of BC's Office of the Auditor General.

The Township also welcomes **Ray Saurette** to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, taking over from Gord Anderson, who recently retired. Ray started in his new position on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.



Ray Saurette

Ray brings over 30 years of experience to his new role in the Township. He began his career as a Fire Service Coordinator for the City of Airdre, Alberta in 1981. Since then Ray has worked for Jasper National Park as Fire Chief, and Deputy

Fire Chief and Fire Chief for the District of Squamish. Since 2009, Ray has been the Fire Rescue Team Lead for BC Hydro.

"We are very happy to have Ian and Ray here at the Township" said Chief Administrative Officer Laurie Hurst. "I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Gord Anderson for his many years of dedication to the Township."

Welcome to the Township Ian and Ray and best wishes to Gord Anderson!

## Lock Box Bylaw Proposed by Esquimalt Fire Department

A new bylaw is being drafted to provide Esquimalt Fire Rescue crews with round the clock emergency access to apartment and condominium complexes in the Township. The bylaw is expected to take effect in January, 2013, and will call for the vaults to be installed near the front doors of large residential complexes.

"Key vaults will allow us to quickly enter buildings in an emergency situation and reduce risks to both residents and structures," said George McGregor, Assistant Fire Chief for the Township.

Fire Department key vaults are currently in use in Greater Victoria and throughout North America and allow fire crews access to buildings with the use of a single key as opposed to multiple

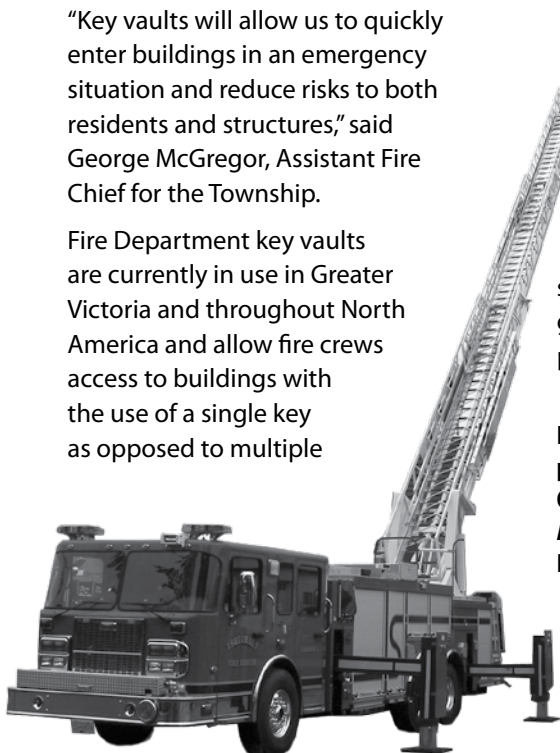
keys. Once installed, the flush-mounted tubular vaults are inspected by fire crews annually to ensure security.

Future large scale building projects will have key vaults installed as a condition of their development. The bylaw will allow for a three year lead time for all existing buildings to have vaults installed.

Installations will be completed by an approved installation contractor working with the Esquimalt Fire Department.

Once the bylaw is passed by Council, Esquimalt Fire Rescue will begin working with local building owners, strata corporations, and developers to get the program underway and enhance public safety in these buildings.

**For more information on the key vault program, please contact:**  
**George McGregor**  
**Assistant Fire Chief / Chief Fire Prevention Officer**  
**Phone: 1-250-414-7126**



## Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce - Come Join Us!

A special invitation from Chamber President, **Chuck Palmer**.



As business in Esquimalt grows, so does the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce. Membership is up 30% in the past year. Annual dues: \$150 regular and \$120 home-based. Help your business grow - join the Chamber today.

*Annual General Meeting dinner and election is at Gorge Vale Golf Course on Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.*



Photo: Robin Duncan

The Coast Salish Welcome Figure at Esquimalt High School was carved by Douglas La Fortune and his son Douglas La Fortune Jr. The Welcome Figure was partially funded through a grant to the Township of Esquimalt from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The figure and an accompanying mural form part of Esquimalt's centennial legacy.

## Esquimalt Shines Winners! Centennial Home and Garden Contest

At the September 8<sup>th</sup> Esquimalt 100 Community Celebration at Gorge Park, the winners of the Esquimalt Shines Home and Garden Contest were announced and presented with gift certificates from Brian Higgins of BayWest Rona.

### 1st Place - \$1000 gift certificate from BayWest Rona

Sue and Keith Clamp

### 2nd Place - \$300 gift certificate from BayWest Rona

Cheryl and David Bergin

### 3rd Place - \$150 gift certificate from BayWest Rona

Joanne Costas

Congratulations to our winners and thank-you to all participants for making Esquimalt Shine! Thank-you also to our generous Esquimalt Shines sponsors: BayWest Rona, Country Grocer and Ellice Recycle.

To view before and after photos of the winning entries, please go to [www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca](http://www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca).

## Time for Renewal

### Business Licences, Dog Licences Renewal in New Year

At the end of December 2012, the Township will be mailing out renewal notices for 2012 businesses. Residents and business owners are encouraged to renew their business licence by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. After that date an additional licence fee of 10% (with a minimum fee of \$25) will be applied.

Failure to renew a business licence is an offence under the Township's Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw No. 2482, which provides for fines of up to \$2,000. If you are no longer operating your business in Esquimalt, please contact the Business Licence Clerk at 250-414-7157 or via email: [louise.payne@esquimalt.ca](mailto:louise.payne@esquimalt.ca), so we can update our records.

At the end of December 2012, the Township will also be mailing out renewal notices for dog licences. A discount of \$5.00 applies for payments on dog licences received by January 31, 2013.

For more information on licencing, please call 250-414-7157

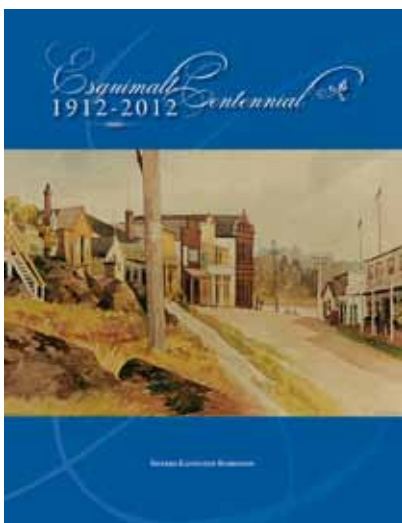
## Centennial Memorial Walkway

### Walkway Participants Win Additional Pavers

Thanks to everyone for participating in the Centennial Walkway legacy project at Memorial Park. Some 620 pavers were purchased during 2011/2012 and the walkway will have its grand opening on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2012. During 2012, a draw was made for a free paver for each 100 reserved, providing an additional paver to the lucky participants. Congratulations to our winners, listed below.

- 0 - 100 pavers: Allison Green of Esquimalt
- 100 - 200 pavers: Jocelyn Rea of West Vancouver
- 200 - 300 pavers: Colleen Sheals of Esquimalt
- 300 - 400 pavers: Allison Graen of Esquimalt
- 400 - 500 pavers: Wendy Tomlinson of Esquimalt
- 500 - 600 pavers: Gillian Schwartz of Sidney

## Centennial Book Now Available at Local Bookstores



"Esquimalt Centennial 1912 – 2012" is now available at local bookstores including Munro's Books, Bolen Books and Russell Books.

Turn to any page in this high quality (hard bound with sewn binding), full-colour book and find a surprising fact, a rare unseen photo from the past, or an Esquimalt superlative. All in an easy-to-read format. Authored by well-known historian and story teller Sherri Robinson, there is much to discover about Esquimalt -- the historical events that influenced it and the fascinating people who built it.

"Esquimalt Centennial 1912 – 2012" is also available at Esquimalt Municipal Hall (1229 Esquimalt Road) and the Esquimalt Recreation Centre (527 Fraser Street). \$30 including applicable taxes. Makes a great Christmas gift.

**Celebration  
of Lights**  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
[www.celebrationoflights.ca](http://www.celebrationoflights.ca)

# Community Calendar

**November 24** Esquimalt Creative Crafters & Knitters Christmas Sale. Find unique, hand-crafted items for your family and friends. 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Esquimalt Recreation Centre. *For more information, please call 250-412-8500.*

**December 4** Celebration of Lights. Includes a parade, light up, entertainment, a visit from Santa and refreshments (hot dogs and hot chocolate). *For more information, please visit [www.celebrationoflights.ca](http://www.celebrationoflights.ca).*

**December 8** Grand Opening of the Centennial Walkway at Memorial Park. 1 - 3 p.m. at Memorial Park, 1200 Esquimalt Road. *For more information, please call 250-414-7101.*

**December 8** Lions Skate with Santa. Santa is coming to the Archie Browning Sports Centre. 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Toonie admission + a non-perishable food item for the food bank. *For more information, please call 250-412-8500.*

**December 11 & 18** Esquimalt Recreation Christmas Drive-in Movies. Remember the drive-in? Enjoy it again at the back parking lot of Archie Browning Sports Centre! Start times for both dates 6:30 p.m. Showing on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>: Elf. Showing on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: Polar Express. Sound through your car FM radio. Admission through donation. Weather-dependent event. *For more information, call 250-412-8511.*

**December 14** Senior's Christmas Lunch. Enjoy time with friends, a traditional turkey dinner and a Christmas carol sing-along. Noon to 1:30, Archie Browning Sports Centre, \$11 per person. *For more information, call 250-412-8500.*

**December 15 & 16** Centennial Carole Sing. Memorial Park. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Hot drinks, Christmas baking, live music and carole sing. *For more information, call 250-386-4040.*

**December 22** Swim with Santa. Bring \$2 for a photo with Santa and take part in festive games and activities at the Rec Centre. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. *For more information, call 250-412-8500.*

**December 25** Songs of the Season. Enjoy a relaxing dip in the pool Christmas Day and listen to some of your favorite Christmas music. 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. \$2 admission. *For more information, call 250-412-8500.*

## Meeting Schedule

### Council Meetings

November 19, 2012  
December 3, 2012  
December 17, 2012

### Committee of the Whole

November 26, 2012  
December 10, 2012

**Unless otherwise noted, Council Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at 1229 Esquimalt Road. Please check the website or contact the Manager of Corporate Services at 250-414-7135 to confirm meeting times. Meeting times for 2013 will be available at [www.esquimalt.ca](http://www.esquimalt.ca) on December 18th, 2012.**

### Municipal Hall Closed for Statutory Holidays:

Christmas Day - December 25, 2012  
Boxing Day - December 26, 2012  
New Year's Day - January 1, 2013  
Family Day - February 11, 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	414-7157
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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Contact Ritchie Morrison, Communications Coordinator, at 250-414-7122 or [ritchie.morrison@esquimalt.ca](mailto: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](http://www.esquimalt.ca).

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