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Election Day 2011
Saturday, November 19th, 2011
www.esquimalt.ca/elections

Centennial Kick-off Event:
Saturday, October 8th



Honouring our past. Celebrating our present. Imagining our future.

Mark your calendar and join us for the launch of Esquimalt's centennial celebrations with an afternoon of festivities, including music, displays, barbecue, activities for the kids, and fire hall exhibits and demonstrations.

What: Esquimalt Centennial 2012 Kick-off Event

Where: Esquimalt Town Square, behind Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road

When: October 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Centennial Kick-off Event will include:

- A Centennial Proclamation from the Esquimalt Town Crier
- A kick-off speech from Mayor Barbara Desjardins
- Over four hours of live music featuring local and regional musicians, including:
 - the first public performance of "Esquimalt Shines" the Esquimalt Centennial 2012 theme song written and performed by Fraser Campbell
 - That 70s Band
 - The Soul Shakers
 - Maureen Washington
 - Deckard Cain
 - The Chief and Petty Officer's Band
- Fire hall open house with demonstrations, dunk tank and equipment displays
- 99th birthday cake by Country Grocer, an Esquimalt100 official sponsor
- The Lion's barbecue (free hot dogs and juice)
- Display area featuring centennial community partners and organizations
- Bouncy Castle and children's entertainment
- Unveiling of centennial banners ...and more

Esquimalt Town Square. Be There! Saturday October 8th

Election Day: Referendum Question to be included on Ballot

Saturday, November 19th, 2011 is Election Day, and your opportunity to vote for one [1] Mayor, six [6] Councillors, and nine [9] School Trustees. Advance and general voting will take place at the Esquimalt Municipal Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 (Advance)
- Wednesday, November 16th, 2011 (Advance)
- Saturday, November 19th, 2011 (General)

...see page 2 for more information on Election Day

Visit the Centennial Website for 2012 Updates

Keep up to date with Esquimalt Centennial 2012 at our new website www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca. It's a great source for news, events, photos, history, project updates, sponsorship information and contact coordinates for Centennial 2012. Celebrate!



Election Day 2011: What You Need to Know

Am I Qualified to Vote?

You are qualified to vote if you meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Canadian citizen;
- Resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- Resident of the Township of Esquimalt for at least 30 days; and
- Are not disqualified from voting by any statute or law.

Voter registration will occur at the time of voting. To vote, you will need to show at least two pieces of identification that provide evidence of your place of residence. At least one piece of ID must contain your signature.

If you are a non-resident property elector, you will need to show two pieces of identification and proof that you are the registered owner of the property. If there are two or more owners for the property, you must demonstrate, in writing, that you have the consent of the majority of the owners to vote on their behalf. A Non-resident Property Elector Consent Form is available on our website.

For more information on the election, visit www.esquimalt.ca or contact: Anja Nurvo, Chief Election Officer, 250-414-7135 or elections@esquimalt.ca

How is the Esquimalt Village Plan related to the November 2011 Election ?

Council is seeking the public's opinion to determine whether the community is in favour of the Esquimalt Village Plan as proposed. The following question will appear on the November 2011 Election Ballot:

Are you in favour of the Township of Esquimalt adopting amendments to Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2646 and Zoning Bylaw No. 2050 that would facilitate development of Phase One of the Esquimalt Village Plan which would include a mix of residential, commercial and civic uses in two buildings, one of which may be up to 12 storeys in height, on the site of the old municipal hall and old public works yard? Yes or No?

Information on the Esquimalt Village Plan and the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw to facilitate development of the Village is available on our website at www.esquimalt.ca. You can also obtain information, or speak with a planning staff member by visiting or phoning:

**Development Services, 3rd Floor, Municipal Hall,
1229 Esquimalt Road, Tel: 250-414-7108.**



New Staff Member:

Anja Nurvo Hired as Corporate Services Manager

Anja Nurvo has been hired as the Township's new Manager of Corporate Services.

Anja commenced her duties on Tuesday, September 6th and brings to the Township an impressive



Anja Nurvo

background in both municipal administration and law. She has been appointed as the Township's Corporate Officer and under the Community Charter she is responsible for Council and Committee agendas, minutes, bylaws, and records management for the Corporation. Her duties include administering the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. She has also been appointed as the Township's Chief Election Officer for the upcoming local government elections.

Anja practiced law for some 17 years before taking on municipal leadership roles at the Village of Cumberland here on Vancouver Island and the Township of Wellington North in Ontario. Anja's training and work experience make her a very strong addition to the Township's management team.

Welcome to Esquimalt Anja!



Medal Winners!

Canine Section of Vic PD Medals at World Games



Sgt. Mike Chicorelli and Police Service Dog "Max" of the Victoria Police Department - West Division

The Canine Section of the Victoria Police Department - West Division recently returned from competing in the 2011 New York World Police Fire Games. The Canine Section consists of six dogs and five handlers who operate out of the Esquimalt Public Safety Building near Municipal Hall. In addition to handling Max, a chocolate labrador, Mike Chicorelli is the officer in charge of the section, trains the other handlers and handles a second chocolate labrador "Cruise," a drug detection dog. Mike and Max competed in the explosive detection category at the recent games and won a gold medal in vehicle searches and a bronze medal in building searches. This is the second consecutive World Police Fire Games in which this team has won medals, bringing their total to five golds and one bronze, including an overall gold medal at the 2009 Vancouver World Police Fire Games. Mike and Max's considerable skills were also put to work during their deployment at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

Considering renovations?

Remember to contact a Township Building Inspector

If you are considering an addition to your home, a renovation that would affect load-bearing walls, enclosing space, building a deck, or installing new plumbing, you need to contact our Building Inspection department before you begin work. Our Building Inspectors will advise you whether a Building Permit is required for the work you are proposing. Renovations are subject to the same regulations as new construction and a Building Permit is required for all types of buildings, regardless of when they were built.



The purpose of building permits and inspections is to ensure that all construction work meets the requirements of the BC Building Code and Plumbing Code. The B.C. Building Code is a set of minimum provisions respecting the safety of buildings with reference to public health, fire protection and structural sufficiency. Having a record that work was done with a permit will be of value to you when you go to sell your home.

The municipality encourages owners of older buildings to maintain and improve them. However, structural alterations, additions and repairs to these buildings do require a Building Permit and, if you are altering the exterior of a designated heritage building, a Heritage Alteration Permit. The Building Code was primarily written for new construction and is not always practical for heritage buildings. There may be alternate compliance methods to allow your renovations and still achieve the performance levels intended by the Building Code.

If you have any questions, please call 250-414-7108 to speak with a Building Inspector or make an appointment to discuss your project.

Business Licenses, Dog Licenses Renewal in New Year

At the end of December 2011, the Township will be mailing out renewal notices for 2012 business and dog licenses.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to renew their business licenses by January 30, 2012. After that date an additional license fee of 10% (with a minimum fee of \$25) will be applied.

A discount of \$5 applies for payments on dog licenses received by January 30, 2012.

Failure to renew a business license is an offence under the Township's Business Bylaw No. 2482, which provides for fines ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

Fire Hall Open House Part of Centennial 2012 Kick-Off

The Fire Hall Open House will be a big part of the Centennial 2012 Kick-off Event on Saturday, October 8th. Activities will include:

- The Dunk Tank (who will be dunked?)
- Sparky the Fire Dog
- Live Demonstrations
- Face Painting
- Free Hot Dogs
- Tours of Fire Trucks and Fire Hall



Community Calendar

October 8 Centennial Kick-off Event and Fire Hall Open House. See page 1 & 3 for details. *For more information, please call 250-414-7122.*

October 13 Public Forum on Property Taxation and Service Provision. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. *For more information, please contact Karen Blakely, Director of Financial Services, at 250-414-7141.*

October 15 and 22 Emergency Preparedness Workshops: Individual and Family Preparedness. The Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program arranges free workshops for the public on topics related to emergency preparedness. 10 a.m. to noon. *For more information, please contact Keith Davies at 250-412-8543.*

October 23 Harvest of the Arts. The Arts, Culture & Special Events Committee invites you to participate in Esquimalt's Harvest of the Arts. Local artists will be taking part throughout the afternoon. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Esquimalt Recreation Centre. *Call 250-414-7179 for more information.*

November 11 Remembrance Day. Services will be held at Memorial Park across from Municipal Hall at 11:00 a.m. After the ceremony, the Royal Canadian Legion invites the community to an open house at Branch #172, 622 Admirals Road. *For more information, call 250-386-7635.*

November 19 National Children's Day. Activities include kindergym, face painting, crafts, arts displays, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Plus Coast Capital Free Swim, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. *For more information, call the recreation centre at 250-412-8500.*

November 26 Creative Crafters & Knitters Christmas Sale. Find unique, hand-crafted items for your family and friends during our annual Christmas Sale! 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre Senior's Lounge. Free admission. *For more information, call 250-412-8532.*

December 6 Celebration of Lights. Come out and see Esquimalt shine at our 6th annual light-up! Parade start at 6 p.m., followed by entertainment at Archie Browning. *www.esquimaltcelebrationoflights.ca*

December 16 Senior's Christmas Lunch. Celebrate the season with friends, a traditional turkey dinner and carol singing. 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. \$10 per ticket. *Tickets in advance at the recreation centre or by calling 250-412-8500.*

Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings

October 17, 2011
November 7, 2011
November 21, 2011
December 5, 2011

Committee of the Whole

October 24, 2011
November 14, 2011
December 12, 2011

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.

Municipal Hall Closed for Statutory Holidays:

Thanksgiving - October 10, 2011
Remembrance Day - November 11, 2011
Boxing Day - December 26, 2011
Christmas Day Stat - December 27, 2011

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	414-7108
Police Department	995-7500
Fire Department	414-712
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)

The Esquimalt Current is a tri-annual newsletter published by the Township of Esquimalt and distributed to 8,700 residents and local businesses.

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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