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Your Community. On the Move.

The map shows various projects and initiatives across Esquimalt, with callouts pointing to specific locations:

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Find out more about Township projects, programs and initiatives at www.esquimalt.ca



Mayor's Message

Can you see the exciting changes happening in Esquimalt? We're on the move! From infrastructure improvements, beautification, new developments, and park upgrades, to our rising reputation as the place for year-round events, we've got it all. Please read more inside these pages and see page four for your summer events listing.

If you wish to discuss your ideas or concerns on topics of community interest, please join me at my Mayor Open Door sessions on the first Friday of every month. They are held at municipal hall, out in the community, and online via Twitter. For a complete schedule and more details, please go to www.esquimalt.ca/opendoor. Have a great summer.

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Esquimalt Village Project Update

Council has reviewed the Expressions of Interest submitted to the Township regarding the Esquimalt Village Project (EVP) and is satisfied that there is sufficient interest in the development community to proceed.

The next step in the process is to issue a Request for Proposal to potential developers with the ultimate goal of finding a partner to develop the site. The EVP is envisioned to be a lively and sustainable town centre, incorporating a mix of uses including an education institution and a new library.



For more information on the Esquimalt Village Project, please contact:
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services,
Tel: 250-414-7146



Admirals Road on Schedule

The Admirals Road Corridor Improvement Project is on schedule, with a significant portion of the western end of the corridor completed.

Construction contractor Jacobs Brothers has been working to ensure that two lanes are open for traffic as much as possible, and the Township has been encouraging the use of a bike detour so that cyclists can avoid the construction zone.

“We would like to thank the public for the patience they have shown during construction,” said Engineering Manager Will Wieler. “The contractor has been making real headway and we believe that the project will be substantially completed by the end of October 2015 as scheduled.”

Work will continue south towards Lyall Street through the summer and early fall installing underground utilities and reconstructing the roadway to create median islands, bike lanes, a two-way left turn lane and improved sidewalks.

The project is proceeding thanks to a \$2.8 million contribution from the government of Canada through the Gas Tax Fund for municipal infrastructure priorities, and is part of the Township’s commitment to multi-modal transportation.

For more information, please go to www.esquimalt.ca/admirals

Westside Solutions: Narrowing Down Options



Residents participating in a Westside roundtable in the spring of 2015.



Determining where and how to treat our wastewater is one of the most important decisions our region has faced in many years. Westside Solutions (the Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee) has been working since late 2014 to develop options for wastewater treatment and resource recovery. To accomplish this, the committee has been working on two tracks: technical assessment and public engagement. The combined efforts of these two processes have resulted in the identification of potential sites for further public consideration and refinement.

Public input will continue to help shape the outcome of the process by narrowing down the initial list to the best options for all communities in the Westside. These best options will undergo more detailed technical and financial analysis.

Stay up to date on the latest news with Westside Solutions as we move forward together to find an economically and environmentally responsible solution for treating our wastewater.

**Visit www.westside-solutions.ca
for more information.**



Esquimalt Fire Rescue recently donated some out-of-service protective clothing to Firefighters Without Borders Canada. The donation will be used by the organization to help other emergency services around the world. Photo: Mayor Barbara Desjardins and firefighter David Chung present the equipment to Kevin Hurst of Firefighters Without Borders Canada.

Esquimalt Road Revitalization

As part of an ongoing renewal of Esquimalt Road, the Township is establishing a Revitalization Tax Exemption (RTE) Bylaw as an incentive for businesses and properties to beautify the corridor while also supporting heritage conservation.

The Bylaw will provide partial property tax relief to approved properties for new construction and improvements and applies to commercial, mixed use and multi-family buildings (with four or more units).

The revitalization area includes properties located within 150 metres of the Esquimalt Road corridor between Dominion Road and Canteen Road.

The initiative is part of Esquimalt's Economic Development Strategy, which identified a number of strategies and actions for promoting economic growth and creating a welcoming climate for businesses and property owners.

An open house was held in March to gather input from local businesses and residents on what type of incentives would appeal to them, and input was also solicited from an online feedback form. This input provided vital information for the staff report and the new Bylaw, which has received third reading from Council and is expected to be adopted on August 17, 2015.

Find out if you are eligible to apply and learn more about the RTE program and application process at www.esquimalt.ca.



There are many ways to connect with the Township. Choose the one that works for you!

On our website:

Our website is open and available 24/7! Browse through the categories, or go straight to the search function to find topic options. Report a problem or request a service right from our home page!

Find a page you'd like to share through social media? Use the share buttons located on each page.

Join or follow us on social media:

- twitter.com/esquimaltbc
- twitter.com/esquimaltrec
- facebook.com/townshipofesquimalt
- facebook.com/esquimaltpandr
- Instagram.com/esqarksandrec

Council meetings online:

In addition to viewing live and archived videos of Council meetings, download meeting minutes and agendas through our Legistar portal. Search meetings by year, month and week. Link from our website home page, or go direct to esquimalt.ca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Archives online:

Connect with our past by visiting municipal archives online. Some 2000 historic images are searchable at esquimalt.pastperfect-online.com.

Give us a call!

You can always pick up the phone as well. Call us at 250-414-7100 during regular office hours and we will direct your call.

If you have questions or concerns about the Township website, contact Ritchie Morrison at 250-414-7122.

Proposed Tax Exemption Process for Eligible Properties

- 1 Owner of eligible property submits application to Township
- 2 Township reviews application and forwards to Council for decision
- 3 If approved, property owner and the Township enter into an agreement
- 4 Owner submits building permit application within six months of agreement being signed
- 5 Owner completes project construction within 12 months of building permit being issued
- 6 Township issues Revitalization Tax Exemption Certificate for the property

Community Calendar

Event details at www.esquimalt.ca/events

Esquimalt Farmers Market

Every Thursday to September 3, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Local farmers' produce, artisans, food trucks... and much more. Located at Esquimalt Town Square, just behind Municipal Hall.
www.esquimaltmarket.com

Park Play

Every Tuesday to September 2, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Branch out into the community and explore our parks! Each week a different Esquimalt park plays host to you and your children. See the Summer Program & Event Guide for info!

Gorge Swim Fest

August 9, noon to 4 p.m.
A free, family oriented event with music, food & prizes. Staged simultaneously at three different beaches on the Gorge Waterway.

Esquimalt Arts Festival

August 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Held on the picturesque grounds of the English Inn, this free art exhibition features artists working in a variety of media. Strawberry tea served up in fine English style. Lots of fun for kids too!
www.townshiparts.org

Esquimalt Lantern Festival

August 22, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Enjoy an enchanting evening of music, light and magic at the 2015 Esquimalt Lantern Festival. Meet at Captain Jacobson Park, 503 Head Street. Limited parking.

Esquimalt Ribfest

September 11-13
Mmmm...Ribs! Come on down to Bullen Park for the Ribfest. The popular event features rib cook-off, music, activities and refreshment garden. Supports local charities.
www.esquimaltribfest.com

Cars, Rods and Rides

September 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
See an amazing display of vintage cars, hot rods and motorcycles at this 4th annual event. Raises funds for the Celebration of Lights.

Sculpture Splash

September 19-20
A two-day arts event held at beautiful Macaulay Point Park. This year organizers anticipate participation from 40 artists exhibiting 150 pieces of art!
www.townshiparts.org

Children's Story Fest

October 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
What's the Story Esquimalt? Celebrate the wonder of storytelling at this family event at Esquimalt Town Centre.

Outdoor Summer Cinema

Enjoy an outdoor movie experience in relaxing Bullen Park this summer! Our huge inflatable screen delivers an amazing movie experience. Movies start at dusk.

Date	Location	Movie
Aug 5	Bullen Park	Monty Python and the Holy Grail
Aug 19	Bullen Park	Ghostbusters
Sept 2	Bullen Park	Viewer's Choice*

*See www.esquimalt.ca/events

Fire Department Open House

October 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Join in the fun at this family friendly event at the Esquimalt Fire Hall to raise awareness for Fire Prevention Week. Demonstrations, balloons, face painting, tours, hot dogs...and more!

Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings

August 17, 2015
September 14, 2015
September 28, 2015
October 5, 2015
October 26, 2015

Committee of the Whole Meetings

August 24, 2015
September 14, 2015
October 19, 2015
November 9, 2015

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:

BC Day - Monday August 3, 2015
Labour Day - Monday September 7, 2015
Thanksgiving Day - Monday October 12, 2015
Remembrance Day - Wednesday November 11, 2015

Township Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
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 (civic)
1229 Esquimalt Road (mail)
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. Sign up for e-mail notification at www.esquimalt.ca for updates on Township news, events and more.

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