

Michael Demers remembered as a passionate supporter of music

Longtime Victoria musician dies at the age of 63

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A man whose love for music and performing came in many flavours over the decades has died after a roughly year-long fight with leukemia.

Michael Demers, whose most recent musical success came as the lead singer and guitarist for Roy Orbison tribute act The Lonely, died May 1 at the age of 63.

A passionate supporter of live music in the city who counselled troubled youth professionally for many years and never shied away from a musical adventure, Demers has been remembered this week as someone whose light shone brightly in many areas.

“He gave endless loyalty, compassion and energy to everything he focused on, he never wasted time on negativity and rode through

adversities with grace and honour, right until the end,” Benji Duke, who co-founded The Lonely with Demers in 2015, wrote Monday on Facebook.

Longtime collaborator James Love, a bandmate of Demers’ in the ‘70s/’80s cover band Nuvo Wavo from in the 2000s and before that in the hard-to-categorize Jho Nek Bhone, which also featured Demers’ wife at the time, Jolene, added his own heartfelt tribute:

“I am very, very happy, though, that Michael had the opportunity, at last, to perform for regularly sold out audiences that could see him at his very best. When I saw The Lonely, I was seriously impressed by my friend. Not just a tight, pro band and production, but his actual voice. How he’d managed to work on his voice so that it was far and away the best it’d ever been, was so great to hear.”

Sadly, Nuvo Wavo lost its drummer Alan Crossfield to cancer last July, as Demers was in the early stages of his own treatment.

Last June, Demers relocated to Vancouver for treatment for leukemia. He was hospitalized for 34

days, undergoing a stem cell and bone marrow transplant along the way. He was hospitalized there in late October for another 34 days, and followed up with outpatient treatment, having his blood tested twice a week into January 2021.

He was optimistic that the transplant went successfully and talked about resuming a busy singing and performing schedule once COVID-19 numbers were low enough to allow for musical gatherings.

Demers is survived by his daughter Soleil, son Paris, partner Erin, his mother and multiple siblings.



Michael Demers (centre), lead singer of Roy Orbison tribute band The Lonely, died May 1 after a year-long battle with leukemia. (Photo courtesy thelonely.ca)



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1 to allow the public to make representations to the Municipal Council respecting matters contained in the following amending bylaw:

Zoning Bylaw, 1992, No. 2050, Amendment Bylaw No. 2989 which provides for a change in the zoning designation of 1100 Esquimalt Road, 1104 Esquimalt Road, and 1108 Esquimalt Road [legal descriptions below], shown hatched on the map below from RM-1 [Multiple Family Residential] to CD No. 131 [Comprehensive Development District No. 131] and a change in the zoning designation of 610 Lampson Street and 612 Lampson Street [legal descriptions below], shown hatched on the map below from CD No. 22 [Comprehensive Development District No. 22] to CD No. 131 [Comprehensive Development District No. 131].

The general purpose of this change in zoning is to allow the construction of two six-storey residential buildings consisting of 89 residential units.

Site Location:



Description of Land:

1100 Esquimalt Road [PID 005-988-292, Lot 1, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 4618]
1104 Esquimalt Road [PID 005-988-331, Lot 2, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 4618]
1108 Esquimalt Road [PID 005-988-381, Lot 3, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 4618]
610 Lampson Street [PID 024-548-782, Strata Lot 2 Section 11 Esquimalt District Strata Plan VIS4828]
612 Lampson Street [PID 024-548-774, Strata Lot 1 Section 11 Esquimalt District Strata Plan VIS4828]

AND FURTHERMORE TAKE NOTICE that copies of the proposed bylaws, relevant background documents, and other information related to this application may be reviewed from May 6, 2021 until May 17, 2021:

- online, by visiting the municipal website at www.esquimalt.ca/PublicHearing; or
- upon request, at Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1, by booking an appointment either by emailing Alex Tang, Planner at alex.tang@esquimalt.ca or contacting Development Services staff via phone at 250-414-7103.

Pursuant to Ministerial Order 192, the public will not have physical access to the Municipal Hall; however, the Public Hearing will be streamed on the following link: <https://esquimalt.ca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Affected persons may address Council by written submission before noon on May 17, 2021 to 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1, by email to corporate.services@esquimalt.ca, or by telephone to respond to comments during the electronic input portion of the Public Hearing by texting or calling 250-883-6426. To arrange to participate electronically by means of inclusion on the speakers’ list, please call 250-414-7135 before 4:30pm on May 17, 2021 to speak with the Corporate Officer.

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Route 3211:	Colville Rd, Lampson St, Tillicum Rd
Route 3118:	Grenville Ave, Woodway Rd
Route 3119:	Highrock Ave, Highrock Pl, Rockheights Ave
Route 3016:	Bewdley Ave, Peters St
Route 9904:	Esquimalt Rd, Foster St, Loyal St, Sturdee St
Route 3216:	Admirals Rd

Fairfield - Rockland - Gonzales:

Route 1001:	Hollywood Cres/Pl, Passmore St, Ross St, St Charles St, Wildwood Ave
Route 1003:	Beechwood Ave, Crescent Rd, Foul Bay Rd, Irving Rd, Lillian Rd, Richmond Ave, Robertson St, Ross St
Route 1004:	Irving Rd, Lillian Rd, Richmond Ave
Route 1603:	Despard Ave, Montgomery Ave, St Charles St
Route 1606:	Gillespie Pl, Lotbiniere Ave, Moss St, Revercomb Pl, Richardson St, Robleda Cres, Rockland Ave
Route 1715:	Foul Bay Rd, Gonzales Ave, Normanton Crt, Romney Rd

Jubilee (Fort to Oak Bay ave):

Route 1716:	Bank St, Davie St, Duchess St, Fort St, Leighton Rd
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Quadra (Finlayson to Hillside):

Route 2405:	Blackwood St, Finlayson St, Stevenson Pl
Route 2401:	Alder St, Finlayson St, Reed St, Rutledge St, Yew St
Route 2411:	Blackwood St, Finlayson St, Jackson St, Summitt Ave
Route 2412:	Blackwood St, Graham St, Prior St, The Rise, Topaz Ave

Fernwood:

Route 1919:	Belmont Ave, Stanley Ave, Vining St
Route 1914:	Bay St, Belmont Ave, Denman St, Pembroke St, Walnut St

Vic West:

Route 2102:	Coventry Ave, Craigflower Rd, Selkirk Ave, Styles St, Sunnyside Ave
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