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Canada 150 Celebration at Bullen Field!

Nick Gilder & Sweeney Todd



CANADA 150

Canadian Rockers Nick Gilder & Sweeney Todd Group Headline Main Stage at Free Celebration in Esquimalt

Bullen Field in Esquimalt is the place to be on August 12, 2017 as the Township continues its Canada 150 celebrations with a full day of music, cultural performances, food, and more.

The celebration—free to the public—will take place from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with main stage performances starting at 1:30 p.m. Headlining main stage will be the Nick Gilder & Sweeney Todd Group. Additional main stage performers will include Jerry Doucette and The Jason Buie Band.

“Canada 150 is a year-long celebration and we are keeping the party very much alive in Esquimalt with our celebration at Bullen Field,” said Mayor Barb Desjardins. “We urge everyone to join us for a great day of music, performances and community participation. We are proud to host this free event, which will be taking place on the traditional territories of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.”

Mayor Desjardins will officially open the celebration at 10 a.m. along with First Nations and CFB Esquimalt dignitaries. In addition to the main stage performances in the afternoon there will be cultural performances, community booths, food trucks, a Kids Zone, and much more from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Watch for updates at the Township website.

www.esquimalt.ca/Canada150

Jerry Doucette



The Jason Buie Band



OCP Review: Workshop and Open House

Affordable Housing Workshop

On May 5th the Township hosted an affordable housing workshop at the Archie Browning Sports Centre. The workshop—facilitated by the Whistler Centre for Sustainability—forms part of the Official Community Plan (OCP) review process with the intent of providing focused stakeholder input into affordable housing solutions for Esquimalt.

Close to 60 people attended the workshop, including representatives from the following sectors: local government, builders and developers, federal government, architects, non-profit organizations, and residents. The workshop included a review of different housing needs, a discussion on affordable housing goals and desired outcomes, and an assessment of affordable housing strategies and tools and whether they would work in Esquimalt.

A summary report of the workshop activities and findings is available online at www.esquimalt.ca/communityplan.

OCP Review – Open House

On June 7th the Township held an Open House to provide a third public input opportunity for residents and stakeholders to provide feedback on the update of the Official Community

Plan. For those unable to attend, the information was available online and displayed at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre.

Information on the new proposed draft policies was presented through a series of seven OCP draft policy documents including:

- Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Commercial, Industrial & Institutional
- Economic Development
- Energy, Environment & Food
- Housing & Residential Development
- Parks, Recreation & Trails
- Transportation & Infrastructure.

In total, 85 people attended the Open House and 97 written submissions were received. The open house display boards, OCP draft policy documents, proposed maps, and public comments are all available online. A draft Official Community Plan is expected to be completed in late 2017.

For more information on the OCP review process, or to sign-up to receive email updates, please visit: esquimalt.ca/communityplan.



LED Conversion Program Continues in Township

The conversion of the Township's municipal street lighting fixtures to energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) technology has taken another huge step forward. In addition to the Admirals Road conversion completed in 2016, Esquimalt Road, Tillicum Road and the majority of Lampson Road were converted to LED technology in June of this year.

"This is a very long lasting and efficient technology," said Engineering Manager Will Wieler. "There are cost savings both in terms of reduced power usage and less maintenance requirements."

Unlike conventional lamps (such as high pressure sodium), LED lights turn on immediately and do not generate heat.

The Township has a long-term goal of converting all street lighting to LED. Priorities in the near future will be the remainder of Lampson Street, Colville Road and Lyall Street.

Good Time to Switch From Oil Tanks to Heat Pump System This Fall

Save on energy bills, lower your household carbon footprint and protect our local creeks, harbours and nearshore marine environment by replacing your home's oil furnace or boiler with a heat pump through the Province's Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program for BC homeowners.

The incentive program offers up to \$1,700 per home to help British Columbians upgrade from oil heating to efficient electric air source heat pumps.

In addition to the Province's program, the Capital Regional District (CRD) is offering

\$150 to the first 335 homes located in the capital region that participate in the program. The Township is also offering another \$150 to the first 20 Esquimalt homes participating for a total of \$2000 available for the upgrade.

Deadline to register and complete all work is March 31, 2018.

The Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program is funded by the B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines' Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund and administered by City Green Solutions, a non-profit energy efficiency organization. Learn more at www.crd.bc.ca and www.oiltoheatpump.ca.



Oil to Heat Pump
INCENTIVE PROGRAM

McLoughlin Point Construction Update

A Building Permit has been issued for the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant by the Township of Esquimalt and site preparation activities and pipeline work has commenced. Controlled blasting and excavation work began in early June and is expected to take four months to complete.

A Traffic Management Plan for the project was approved at a Council Meeting on May 23, 2017. The plan includes guidelines for truck routing, hours of work, and noise and dust control.

As well, a geotechnical investigation to inform the design of the Macaulay Point Pump Station and the design and alignment of the Macaulay Forcemain (pipe) was conducted. The geotechnical investigation – which will be completed in July - includes drilling boreholes at the Macaulay Point Pump Station and along the route of the pipe to collect soil samples.

For construction notices and additional information, visit wastewaterproject.ca.



User Fee at EV Charging Station in Effect

Due to the increasing demand for the public electric vehicle charging station, a user fee of \$1.00 per hour took effect on July 4, 2017. All user fees collected will be used to fund sustainability initiatives through the Township's Sustainability Reserve Fund.

Payment can be made by downloading the free Flo.ca app for your mobile device, or by ordering your own FLO card at Flo.ca.

Charging station users are reminded that the charging station has been moved to the parking lot west of Memorial Park on Esquimalt Road due to construction activities at Esquimalt Town Square.

**For more information, please contact:
Marlene Lagoa,
Community Development Coordinator
Tel: 250-414-7114**

Esquimalt Town Square Key Part of Esquimalt Downtown Revitalization

The Esquimalt Town Square (ETS) project will be switching gears from site remediation to redevelopment in the coming weeks.

Project partner Aragon Properties will be commencing construction work in the coming weeks, once a Certificate of Compliance from the Ministry of Environment is issued for completed remediation work. The certificate is required in order for the sale of the property to be finalized.

Once completed, the ETS will be a lively and sustainable town square, incorporating a mix of uses, including a new public library, a through-block art walk, and over 5,000 square feet of commercial/retail space.

At 10,000 square feet, the new library will be larger than the current library located in Municipal Hall, and will include an automatic book sorter, a digital media lab, bookable meeting rooms, gallery space and more computer stations.

The relocation of the library means that Esquimalt Archives, which has been housed in a commercial facility 500 metres from Municipal Hall, will now be located in a larger space within the hall.

The mix of market (68 units) and market rental condos (34 units) in the development will help densify the core area, supporting existing and new businesses, and will increase the Township's tax base over the long term.

Several agreements have been put in place between the Township and the developer to ensure public access is maintained throughout the property. This public access means the Township will have the ability and the infrastructure to host cultural events in an aesthetically pleasing public square.

While the ETS is the Township's key revitalization project, several other revitalization initiatives are currently underway as well, including revitalization tax exemptions along Esquimalt Road,

Esquimalt Road Urban Design Guidelines, and an Official Community Plan review.

Starting in late summer 2017, the ETS construction site will be streamed live over the Internet so that residents can see how the project is progressing, and a time lapse video will ultimately be produced that will document the entire construction process.



Community Calendar

All event & meeting details available at www.esquimalt.ca/events

Esquimalt Farmers Market

May 25 - September 14, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The outdoor market runs weekly, Thursdays 4:30-7:30 p.m. rain or shine at Memorial Park.

Summer Outdoor Movies

July 26, August 9, August 23

Join us for another year of outdoor movie watching at Bullen Field. Admission is free and seating is first come first served so show up early with your blankets and settle in to wait for the sunset start.

Gorge Swim Fest

July 30

Come down to Esquimalt Gorge Park and take a dip in the warm ocean water!

Canada 150 at Bullen Field

August 12, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Canada 150 at Bullen Field as Esquimalt continues its 150th celebrations with music, cultural performances, food, and more! Watch for event updates at www.esquimalt.ca/Canada150.

Esquimalt Lantern Festival

August 19, 5 to 10 p.m.

Enjoy a magical evening of light, music and entertainment at the Esquimalt Lantern Festival! Bring your lantern and participate in a lighted walk along the Westbay Walkway to Barnard Park.

Beat the Heat Summer Skates

August 21 - September 1, 1 to 2:50 p.m.

Need a break from the summer sun? Come cool off with a fun summer skate at the Archie Browning Sports Centre!

Esquimalt's RibFest

September 8 - 10

A tradition for Esquimalt residents and visitors. Join us as we transform Bullen Park into a destination for delicious ribs, music and fun! For details, please visit www.esquimaltribfest.com

Seventh Annual Cars, Rods and Rides

September 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come see some of the coolest cars, hot rods and motorcycles around to raise funds for the annual Christmas light up and parade.

Senior's Appreciation Day Tea

October 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon

In recognition of National Senior's Appreciation Day, join us at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre for complimentary coffee, tea and light snacks while enjoying some local entertainment.

Tour de Rock Arrival

October 6, 2017, 9 to 11 a.m.

Join the Township staff in welcoming the Tour de Rock Riders to the Archie Browning Sports Centre in Esquimalt. Help us make Esquimalt the most welcoming community for these dedicated riders.

Esquimalt Children's Story Festival

September 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Help us celebrate the 14th year of Esquimalt's Story Festival with another awesome line-up of great story tellers at the Archie Browning Sports Centre. Developing literacy allows children to use their imagination, dream big dreams and express themselves better.

Halloween Bonfire

October 31, 6 to 9 p.m.

Hallowe'en just isn't Hallowe'en in Esquimalt without a bonfire! Hosted by the Esquimalt Lions and located at the Archie Browning Sports Centre rear parking lot, this event is a great way to wind down the festivities.

Creative Knitters & Crafters Sale

November 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find unique, hand-crafted items for your family and friends during our annual Creative Knitters & Crafters Sale at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Knitted items, handmade greeting cards and a wide assortment of gift ideas will be for sale.

Council Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings

August 21, 2017
August 28, 2017
September 11, 2017
October 2, 2017
October 23, 2017
November 6, 2017

Committee of the Whole Meetings

September 18, 2017
October 16, 2017
November 20, 2017

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:

BC Day - August 7, 2017
Labour Day - September 4, 2017
Thanksgiving - October 9, 2017

Township Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
Finance	414-7100
Engineering/Public Works	414-7108
Development Services	414-7103
Building Inspections	414-7103
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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