

Township of

# ESQUIMALT Current

community newsletter: spring 2019

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## McLoughlin Amenity Funds: community conversations

We have hit an exciting phase in the McLoughlin Amenity Funds project.

After undertaking two rounds of public engagement, we were able to use the resulting community feedback to create a list of themed projects to consider for funding.

At a high level, project ideas had to benefit the entire community; meet diverse community needs; achieve multiple purposes and uses; support healthy lifestyle choices and connect people to each other and the natural environment.

On January 23, Council approved selection criteria for the evaluation and scoring of the multiple projects identified during the two rounds of public engagement and directed staff to apply the selection criteria to the projects.

On March 25, Council reviewed the evaluated projects and further refined the list of project ideas.

Staff will now begin to develop some initial concept design plans. This will facilitate further analysis and allow for the development of preliminary capital and operating budget estimates. This work is being undertaken this spring and findings should be reported to Council in early fall.



*Both the creation of a multi-purpose venue and a Japanese teahouse were suggested for Gorge Park.*

### Council refined the list of project ideas to include:

#### Waterfront parks

- Acquire new parkland
- Multi-purpose venue integrating a possible Japanese Tea House concept at Esquimalt's Gorge Park
- Boardwalk and/or pathway connections at Saxe Point Park
- Dog-related enhancement at Esquimalt's Gorge Park and/or Macaulay Point Park
- Enhanced lookout areas at Macaulay Point Park on Township property

#### Downtown recreation facilities

- Existing field upgrades
- Washrooms fieldhouse/changerooms at Bullen Park
- Indoor courts
- Track/trail infrastructure
- Artificial turf field
- Additional multipurpose space with inclusion of arts/cultural studio/gallery
- Picnic facilities
- Climbing wall
- Youth recreation opportunities

#### Downtown Emergency Services & Public Safety facilities

- Emergency Coordination Centre
- Community multipurpose space: public meeting rooms and arts & culture space
- Multi-use considerations to include housing and commercial space



**A summary of all the projects' ranking can be found on [esquimalt.ca/engage](http://esquimalt.ca/engage)**

## Local grant program

The local grant program is designed to financially assist community groups and not-for-profit societies and organizations in achieving their objectives. These community organizations provide the citizens of Esquimalt with a range of benefits: arts and culture events, community resources, access to services and support for students to name a few.

Some highlighted initiatives include:

- Scholarship funds for Esquimalt Secondary School and L'Ecole Victor Brodeur students
- Rainbow Kitchen Society
- Township Arts Council
- Buccaneer Days and
- Esquimalt Farmers Market Society

We congratulate all the grant recipients and look forward to their positive impacts in the community.

**More information on the process as well as this year's recipients at [esquimalt.ca/grants](http://esquimalt.ca/grants).**



## The rhodos are coming!

We have a very exciting project happening at Esquimalt's Gorge Park this spring.

The Victoria Rhododendron Society has made a generous donation of plants to develop a rhododendron garden in the park. The garden will run 120 metres with approximately 70 plants and compliment a new trail in the park.

Parks staff are currently underway with the construction of the crushed gravel pathway. The planting will take place on April 27 and involve the members of the Victoria Rhododendron Society and parks staff. A big thank you to both the Society and our staff for making this idea come to life!

**Look for updates on [esquimalt.ca](http://esquimalt.ca).**



*Site preparations are underway in anticipation of a new trail and garden in Gorge Park.*

## EfficiencyBC - Renovation Program

EfficiencyBC is a new Provincial program offering financial incentives, information and support to help households and businesses save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by switching to high-efficiency heating equipment and making building improvements.

The EfficiencyBC website is B.C.'s online hub for homeowners and businesses to access information, incentives and support to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing homes and buildings. **More information at [efficiencybc.ca](http://efficiencybc.ca).**

## Is your garden bloomin'?

Esquimalt's Bloomin' Beautiful campaign celebrates the pride residents and businesses have in their properties.

On June 15 a variety of gardens will be showcased, highlighting garden innovations in small spaces, landscape design, remarkable curb appeal, notable environmental practices and artistic elements and creativity.

Residents are invited to become a tour host. If your property is selected, you receive a \$50 gift card from one of our sponsors.

Take one minute to nominate your property!  
**Go to [esquimalt.ca/blooming](http://esquimalt.ca/blooming)**

## Checkout bag survey

The Township wants to hear from residents and businesses on how best to phase out the use of single-use checkout bags of all kinds used in the municipality.

We are looking for direction from you. Our goal is to balance the need to reduce single-use bags' harmful impacts on our community with the ability for businesses to serve their customers efficiently.

We encourage residents and businesses to take our short survey to help us work with the community on this new initiative.

**Exemption information, frequently asked questions and the survey can be found at [esquimalt.ca/bags](http://esquimalt.ca/bags).**



Construction site at Macaulay Point | February 2019

## Upcoming emergency preparedness workshops

### Emergency preparedness for pet owners

Wednesday, April 17, 7 - 8 p.m.

This one hour presentation will discuss how to prepare you and your pet family for an emergency, including planning, what to expect, services available, and tips and tricks.

### Emergency preparedness workshop

Saturday, May 18, 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a hands-on workshop where we'll provide simple steps and resources to start getting prepared today. Included is a guide to create your own family emergency plan.

Workshops will be held in Council Chambers at Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road. Q & A to follow both workshops.

Please RSVP to [NEPP@esquimalt.ca](mailto:NEPP@esquimalt.ca)

## Wastewater Treatment Project update

Construction is well underway on the CRD's Wastewater Treatment Project with significant progress being made in Esquimalt. In February, work started on Wollaston Street for the Residual Solids Conveyance Line. Work includes digging a trench, laying pipe, backfilling the trench, and restoration of the surface. To see where construction is headed next, please follow the progress on our website: [wastewaterproject.ca](http://wastewaterproject.ca).

The sites at McLoughlin Point and Macaulay Point are also taking shape with concrete pouring for the foundation and walls.

Underground utility work and pipe installation have closed Peters Street for the next two months. Work on the Macaulay Forcemain will begin in April.

We recognize the impact this road work has and want to thank residents for their patience as this work is being completed.

**Questions? Contact the project team at 1-844-815-6132.**

*This is the anticipated summer truck traffic route taking effect during summer school break.*



# Community calendar

All event & meeting details available at [esquimalt.ca/events](http://esquimalt.ca/events) or subscribe to our event emails.

## Lion's Easter Extravaganza

April 21, 12–3 p.m.

The Esquimalt Lions are again proud to present their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Gorge Park. The event includes entertainment, food, crafts, face-painting, and of course, a massive Easter Egg Hunt. An egg-ceptional event for the whole family!

## Esquimalt's Earth Day Celebration at Highrock Park

April 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Earth Day is being celebrated in Esquimalt on Wednesday, April 24 with a community clean-up, planting and environmental awareness event at Highrock Park.

Several local schools will be participating with some 600 students pitching in. Activities for the students include invasive species removal, planting, trail building and nature walks.

## Splash of Light

May 4, 6–9:30 p.m.

Esquimalt's Lantern Festival is renewed! Join us at Captain Jacobson Park for the celebration. There will be community workshops, dancers, music and parade. More at [townshiparts.org](http://townshiparts.org).

## Buccaneer Days

May 10–12

Get your eye patch and sword ready—it's pirate time!! More info: [esquimaltbuccaneerdays.ca](http://esquimaltbuccaneerdays.ca).

## Buccaneer Days Community BBQ

May 10, 12–1:30 p.m.

Join your friends and neighbours for another delicious meal at the Buccaneer's Day BBQ. Space is limited so register early to reserve your seat. Lunch is served at noon with entertainment to follow. This is an all ages event held at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre.

## Outdoor farmers market

Thursdays, May 16–September 19

The Esquimalt Farmers Market is taking it outdoors to Memorial Park starting May 16. Same time (4:30–7:30 p.m.) and day of the week as the current indoor market, along with a great fantastic lineup of vendors, food trucks and musicians.

## Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretive Event

May 25, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Fifth Annual Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Event will take place at Macaulay Point Park. Points of interest at the historic site will all be numbered and indexed to a handout with brief historical references

to each. Guided tours will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tours are led by local historian, Jack Bates. The event will also feature members of the Victoria-Esquimalt Military Re-enactors Association, the Esquimalt Archives and others. The Esquimalt Lions will provide a cash-only BBQ, serving up their famous hamburgers and hot dogs with proceeds going back into the community.

## Neighbourhood Party

June 1, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Esquimalt Recreation is ready to kick off the summer season with a huge party and we want you to bring your neighbours and join us!! Esquimalt is working hard on building a strong, resilient community and it has been proven that communities that celebrate together are safer and more enjoyable to live in. We will be closing down the Esquimalt Recreation Centre parking lot for the festivities so plan your travel accordingly.

## World Oceans Day 2019

June 8, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

In celebration of this international day, World Fisheries Trust and the Township of Esquimalt are hosting a World Oceans Day event with interpretive walks, guided canoe tours, sea creature touch tanks, crafts, games, live music and food! Many other local organizations that share an interest in our ocean will be joining the celebration with informative displays and ocean-related activities for all ages at Gorge Park.

# Council meeting schedule

## Council meetings

April 15, 2019

May 6, 2019

May 27, 2019

## Committee of the Whole meetings

May 13, 2019

Note: 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 call 250-414-7157 to confirm meeting times.

## Esquimalt Municipal Hall closed:

Good Friday: April 19, 2019

Easter Monday: April 22, 2019

Victoria Day: May 20, 2019

# Township contacts

Emergency

9-1-1

## Esquimalt Municipal Hall

1229 Esquimalt Road  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Municipal hall reception	250-414-7100
Building Inspections	250-414-7103
Bylaw Enforcement	250-414-7161
Development Services	250-414-7103
Engineering/Public Works	250-414-7108
Finance	250-414-7100
Parks and Recreation	250-412-8500

## Esquimalt Municipal Archives

1149-A Esquimalt Road (civic)  
1229 Esquimalt Road (mail)  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1 250-412-8540

## Esquimalt Recreation Centre

527 Fraser Street  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 6H6 250-412-8500

## Archie Browning Sports Centre

1151 Esquimalt Road  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3N6 250-412-8510

## Public library—Esquimalt branch

1231 Esquimalt Road  
(behind municipal hall) 250-414-7198

## Public Safety Building

2nd Floor, 500 Park Place  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 6Z9

Police Department 250-995-7500  
Fire Department 250-414-7126



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