



## An Esquimalt welcome!

The annual Esquimalt Fire Department open house was held on September 28. It was a family-friendly affair with kids and kids at heart enjoying the sunny weather and learning about the work of our Esquimalt members.

The open house's success was a reminder of all the positive partnerships we have in the community.

Members of the CRD Hazmat team were on site with their emergency trucks to show some of the supplies they use when containing hazardous spills and minimizing the impact on the safety of people

and the environment.

Lions Club members were on hand to provide delicious food and refreshments as well as share stories and laughs. The Club is a long-standing supporter of several local events like our car seat clinics.

A big part of the morning's fun was due to the bouncy castle—always a hit. The recreation staff on hand took great care of the kids and made sure that everyone had a good time.

The event also marked the launch of Esquimalt Alert, the township's new emergency notification system. Emergency program staff and volunteers

were on site to help educate guests about emergency preparedness and the new system. The volunteers are tremendous assets both as part of our public education team and importantly during emergencies.

Finally, our neighbours from CFB Esquimalt Fire were on scene as well. Their presence at this social event is a great reminder of the shared efforts we have to keep Esquimalt residents safe. Thanks, for example, to collaborations like our mutual aid agreement, we have the option of adding extra fire fighters from CFB Esquimalt to an incident in Esquimalt, taking the number of on-scene



fire fighters from 5 to 11.

We extend a big thank you to our Esquimalt Fire Department team; both to on and off-duty fire fighters and staff, many of whom planned or came out to support the event. The hard work and good spirits you share with to the community are truly appreciated!

## Department highlights

Did you know that we've achieved our highest Public Fire Protection Classification rating ever? All communities are rated by their ability to combat major fires and minimize risk in the community.

Improved ratings mean lower insurance costs for residents and helps underscore the positive steps the department is taking to keep residents safe.

Some of these steps include:

- our mutual and automatic aid agreements that ensure we're always staffed and prepared to deal with fires;
- maintaining and strategically replacing our apparatus to balance cost and effectiveness; and
- having timely responses to calls for service.

Find out more about our Fire Department in our 2018 Fire Department Annual Report.

## Recent activities

1. Four car seat education and installation workshops
2. "Learn not to burn" campaign targeted at elementary school-aged kids
3. Residential smoke and carbon monoxide alarm campaign
4. Piloted no-breath CPR training for the public



See all the great open house photos on our Facebook page!

## 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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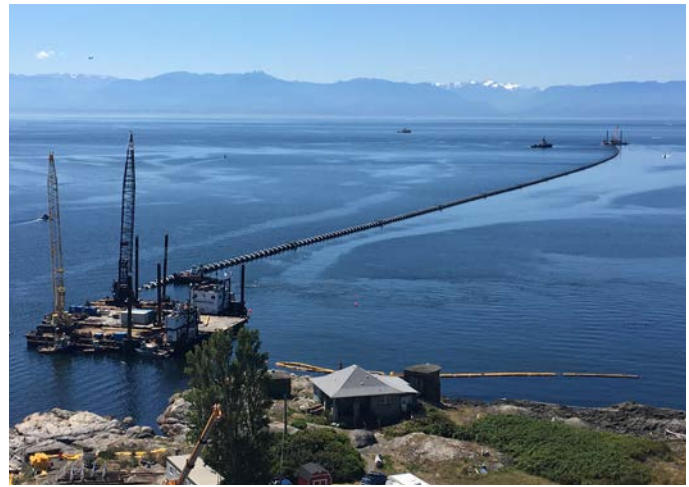
## Wastewater Treatment Project update

Construction activities in Esquimalt remain on schedule for the Wastewater Treatment Project.

Construction to install the Residual Solids Conveyance Line under the Tillicum Bridge began October 15 and will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete. Southbound traffic will be reduced by one lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and northbound traffic will not be impacted.

Construction crews are completing work for the Residual Solids Conveyance Line at Gore and Lyall streets, before moving to Dominion and Belton streets, then Craighflower and Arm streets, and lastly Tillicum Road.

The Macaulay Forcemain is



The 1.9 km pipe en route to the plant's outfall site.

progressing with construction currently on Bewdley Ave. There remains local traffic only on this street as this work is completed. The Macaulay Point Pump Station will begin to construct the above-ground wood structure this fall.

McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant is

making significant progress with structural steel and concrete work continuing on site. The 1.9 km outfall pipe was successfully installed in the summer.

**Questions? Contact the project team at 1-844-815-6132 or [wastewater@crd.bc.ca](mailto:wastewater@crd.bc.ca).**

### Storm drain maintenance

Prepare your home and property for winter rain and snow storms.

We advise that homeowners check gutters, downspouts and perimeter drains around their house to ensure everything is working properly, and free from debris.

The Township makes every effort to keep roadside catch basins clear. We ask residents to help by not depositing debris, leaves or garden trimmings on the road, and by preventing debris from accumulating against curbs, in gutters or catch basins.

### Homeowner drainage checklist

Clear your gutters and downspouts of all leaves and debris. Ensure that they remain clear through the winter.

Have your drain system cleaned and repaired if necessary. Remember, drain tiles will plug over time with mud, silt or roots, and in some cases, may even fail due to age.

Ensure that any surface that drains, such as those located at the bottom of driveways and stair wells, are clear of mud and debris and remain clear through the winter.

**If you notice flooding during office hours, please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 250-414-7108, or after hours public works emergency number 250-995-7654.**

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## Latest round of engagement goes to Council

The latest round of public engagement seeking input on ideas for Esquimalt Gorge Park and Saxe Point Park is summarized in a report and is posted on [Esquimalt.ca/engage](http://Esquimalt.ca/engage).

Council received the report at the October 22 Committee of the Whole. The purpose of the presentation was not to make a decision about a specific project, but for council to review the report, ask questions and give direction on next steps.

At the meeting, Council reviewed the public input and continues to refine the development of plans for enhancements at Gorge Park and Saxe Point Park. Additionally, plans are being developed for the new Public Safety Building. A public engagement process for the possible downtown recreation facility enhancements are being planned for 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

## Public input on multi-family housing

The Township of Esquimalt and Island Health are partnering on a project looking at the effect of housing design on the social well-being of residents.

Through this project, the Township will be developing policies and guidelines for developers to encourage and promote the inclusion of spaces designed to foster social interaction in multi-family housing.

We've held various rounds of engagement and the study results are posted on [esquimalt.ca](http://esquimalt.ca) and have been reviewed by Council. Staff are now working on draft design guidelines and a social well-being checklist for multi-family buildings.

## Moving ahead on climate change

Council endorsed a Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Planning Project on October 22. The plan includes a goal for Esquimalt to become a 100% renewable community by 2050.

A climate emergency report will be delivered early in the new year and will recommend immediate steps for the municipality to cut GHG emissions.

In the longer term the project will include a combined community mitigation and adaptation plan as well as assess municipal facilities for potential energy savings. Staff will be preparing a request for proposals for consulting assistance with this project before the end of the year.

## Reducing risk through tree maintenance

Do you have trees on your property? When is the last time you had them assessed by an arborist?

Trees are part of our natural assets and benefit from proper care. Failing to do so can be risky from both a financial and safety perspective. Proper tree care can improve the overall health, safety and stability of your trees. By investing in trees when they

are young—through activities such as tree branch training—it is possible to reduce the occurrences of major structural defects that pose higher risks in mature trees. As trees are living organisms, their health, structure and vigor can change in a short time.

A certified arborist will look at things like the tree's structure and function of the

roots, trunk, scaffold branches and canopy as well as the tree's location relative to your home and street. Also, fall is a great time to perform pruning as trees are dormant.

The township has our public trees assessed in the same manner. We want to keep our trees healthy and public safe. For more information about trees in Esquimalt, go to [esquimalt.ca/branchout](http://esquimalt.ca/branchout).

## Esquimalt's first emergency notification system launched on September 28.

With almost 800 people registered in the first three weeks, the service is off to a great start.

Esquimalt Alert's primary role is to provide emergency notification information for tsunamis, earthquakes and other large-scale events that will affect people in the

township.

There is an option to sign up for more general notices: traffic advisories, pool closures and other convenient information.

**Find out how to subscribe at [esquimalt.ca/alerts](http://esquimalt.ca/alerts)**



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# Township & community events

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

## Esquimalt Farmers Market fall indoor markets

Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St.

Thursdays, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays until November 14 (no market on October 31), EFM is back inside Esquimalt Rec Centre. Come check out why EFM has achieved the title of "Best Market in BC" in both 2017 & 2018! Find locally grown produce, live music, artisans, food trucks, locally made foods and a buzzing community hub, every week! Full vendor lineups will be posted weekly on the FB page and our website, [esquimaltmarket.com](http://esquimaltmarket.com).

Volunteers are needed, too!

## Music bingo

Archie Browning Sports Centre, 1151 Esquimalt Rd.

Nov 9, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14; 7 to 11 p.m.

Open to those 19 years+, drop-in for a beverage and enjoy a game of music bingo! Bring your friends and meet new ones. Music Bingo will be available on select Saturdays this fall. Snack foods are available at the bar or by the slice Pizza from Panago. Check the website for other food options! Free admission and play for bingo. The bar takes debit, credit or cash.

## Halloween bonfire

Archie Browning Sports Centre, 1151 Esquimalt Rd.

October 31, 6 to 9 p.m.

Hosted by the Esquimalt Lions, this is one of Esquimalt's favourite fall community events. Enjoy the huge bonfire while sipping hot chocolate and eating a hot dog at the Archie Browning Sports Centre rear parking lot. There is also a costume contest for all ages. Hot dogs and hot chocolate are by donation with proceeds going to the Esquimalt Lions' community fundraising efforts.

**Wood drop-off:** Esquimalt residents may drop off clean, untreated wood anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 31 at the Archie Browning Sports Centre rear parking lot.

## Remembrance Day service at Memorial Park

Memorial Park, 1200 Esquimalt Rd.

November 11, 11 a.m.

Join us for a service of remembrance followed by a post-ceremony reception hosted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch #172 will be held at CFB Esquimalt's Chief and Petty Officer's Mess on Lyall Street.

## Esquimalt Farmers Market

### 5th Annual Christmas Market

Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St.

November 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EFM's fifth annual Christmas Market is back! Santa will be there from 2:30-5 p.m. with a professional photographer and FREE photos!

Find locally grown produce, live music, artisans, a food truck, locally made foods and a buzzing community hub! Full vendor lineups will be posted on the FB page and event as well as [esquimaltmarket.com](http://esquimaltmarket.com).

There will 70+ vendors including a food truck, several local farmers and several artisan food producers and artists! Guests are encouraged to bring reusable bags and dinnerware from home to help make this a zero-waste event.

## Celebration of Lights

Archie Browning Sports Centre, 1151 Esquimalt Rd.

December 8, 2019 – 5 p.m.

Put on your winter woollies and join us for a festive parade, Esquimalt plaza light-up, visit from Santa, entertainment and refreshments. This event is an Esquimalt favourite and is always a huge success for people of all ages. Volunteers are needed for parade marshaling. For detailed event, parade route and volunteer opportunity information, go to [celebrationoflights.ca](http://celebrationoflights.ca). Parade application: early submission is strongly encouraged. Application deadline Nov 26.

## Jolly Jingle Story Mingle

Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St.

December 13, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Throw on your PJs and come on down to sit around the fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy some interactive secular holiday storytelling. The energy is awesome and the storytelling is engaging. This is sure to get your whole family in the holiday spirit!

## Council meeting schedule

### Council meetings

Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 25, Dec 16

### Committee of the Whole meetings

Nov 18, Dec 9

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:

Nov 11, Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 1

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## Township and CUPE employees Christmas food drive

### Supporting Esquimalt Neighbourhood House

To participate, place non-perishable food items in bags labelled, "Food Drive" out on your garbage day.

A separate vehicle will pick up your donation.

- Week of December 2-6, 2019 (north side route)
- Week of December 9-13, 2019 (south side route)

Food donations will also be accepted November 27 to December 18, 2019 at Township of Esquimalt municipal facilities.

**Thank you for your support!**

### Holiday Light-Up map: deadline: November 29 at noon

Are your holiday decorations the talk of your neighbourhood? Do your neighbours tell you every year how awesome your place looks? We want to help you get the word out to the rest of Esquimalt.

Submit your address if you want us to add your residence to the 3rd Annual Holiday Light-up Map that will be available on our website early December. Email your property details to our Community Development Programmer at [shelann.kowalewsky@esquimalt.ca](mailto:shelann.kowalewsky@esquimalt.ca).

We can't wait to see how bright you can shine this holiday season!