



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

**MINUTES
INAUGURAL MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor B. Desjardins
Councillor B. McIlldoon
Councillor D. Linge
Councillor A. Gaul
Councillor R. Garrison
Councillor L. Hundleby

STAFF: T. Day, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Hurst, Director of Financial Services
L. Randle, Manager of Corporate Services
Other Township of Esquimalt Staff members

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Manager of Corporate Services called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

The honourable Judge Evan Blake of the Provincial Court of British Columbia was present to administer the Oaths of Office. Affirming their Oaths of Office were Mayor-Elect Barb Desjardins and Councillors-Elect Bruce McIlldoon, Lynda Hundleby, Don Linge, Randall Garrison and Alison Gaul.

3. **MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

I would like to welcome you to Esquimalt town hall. Welcome to our special guests. It is both an honour and a privilege to be able to speak to you. I would like to thank you all for attending this very special night. I was told that this is the first time in Esquimalt's history that this speech has been given by a woman.

This Council was given the mandate of change. It was given through the election of the new faces at your council table, the election of younger people, and the election of a female dominated council. On behalf of this new council I want to thank you for this. It will be important during this period of economic challenge, for your council to have this mandate of change so that we will be able to responsibly move Esquimalt forward, and implement many of the great ideas that we heard at your door steps over the last few months.

It is my key priority to provide you with action oriented, goal driven, government. It is my goal that this council will be responsive to you, the community. Change can be scary. Change is ongoing. Change is exciting, and change can be great for our community. By facing this head on we will be pro-active instead of reactive, a much better way to get what we want for our community.

It is my task to try to take the fear out of the change we will make in Esquimalt. I will do this through public consultation and dialogue, and it is my hope that the rest of Council will work toward this as well. It was mentioned over and over to me during canvassing that you, the residents, do not feel connected to city hall and that there is very little communication.

In fact there are many ways that we try to connect with you, but with a voter turnout of only 27%, it is apparent that we need to try new methods of reaching out. This election, I received many surveys and questions from people who were doing research online. Esquimalt needs to continue to work toward communication via the internet whether it is by our website, or internet forums, it is clear we can do more to get our information out and feedback in.

The most rewarding comments were about the fact that you appreciated us coming out to your doors to speak to you about issues. I will be asking Council to consider this route of communication twice yearly. Done right, we can each cover the municipality over our three-year mandate.

One of the changes that will be occurring is with respect to our committee structure. Having had the privilege of sitting on all but one committee of council, I have seen the great work that has been accomplished. I have also seen the frustration of work duplication and stress, both on staff and volunteers. I heard a quote this past weekend that is appropriate to my decision to make changes to our committees. "It doesn't matter what road you take if you don't know where you are going."

I have decided not to finalize some of the committee appointments at this time. I have asked Mr. Day, our Chief Administrative Officer, to bring forward a report and provide a workshop for council in January. This will occur after council has developed our goals and objectives for the next year. It makes sense to have our committees working with council toward the accomplishment of those goals that we set.

I am pleased to announce that I am making the Sewage Treatment Action Group a select committee of council. They will provide community input as to sewage treatment issues and solutions, and report their findings and opinion to council. We will meet with them in the New Year to develop terms of reference for this committee.

Our community has been offered an opportunity to work with Jon O'Riordan, one of the authors of the Integrated Resource Management Report, commissioned by the provincial government. This opportunity will help Esquimalt to explore Integrated Resource management within our community. This is important both from a perspective of waste management and community sustainability. The Sewage Treatment Action Group will be valuable for us in this process.

This council will be proactive in addressing Esquimalt's concerns with policing. I have already initiated this through discussion with our new police chief. During our initial meeting we had an understanding of Esquimalt's concerns and expectations on a broad basis. I have identified police presence and response, as key areas of concern.

I have already set up a meeting with the solicitor general's office to start a review of our police force amalgamation parameters. It is important for Esquimalt to have this review done of the governance, the funding, and the service model, 5 years after our police amalgamation. From this knowledge, council can determine what direction it may want to take with respect to policing in the future.

Within the areas of development and growth, it is important that we

complete the business started by the last council with respect to the village core project. I would like to see the municipality take the step forward that will get some benefit from the old city hall and public works sites. Turn them from a liability into an asset.

We must complete our policy development with regard to legalization of secondary suites, thereby providing clear direction and security to homeowners and renters. This council will complete a review of our Official Community Plan with regards to the high-density designation. This will help us to do a planning strategy in greater detail for Esquimalt's main area designated for increased density. The review, coupled with the formulation of Development Cost Charges will give us better funding of infrastructure for development as well as amenity funding. A win/win for the community.

Your community will be undergoing two major infrastructure projects over this term. These are Colville-Admirals intersection, and Craigflower Road upgrades with cycling and pedestrian improvements. This is an exciting time for our community. There is momentum within the region for increased rail transportation, and Esquimalt must be positioned to benefit from this.

One of the exciting tasks that this council has, will be the planning of Esquimalt's centennial celebration in 2012. This work will start immediately after committees have been finalized and council will be asking for public input and assistance with this project. This council will focus on our tourism strategy and its implementation to participate in and benefit from the 2010 Navy centennial celebrations as well as our own celebrations.

Esquimalt is an active community, which values its parks and recreation options. For this reason we will be meeting with the friends of Archie Browning to explore their possible role in working with the municipality with respect to our sports centre. We have already worked together in getting our community registered in the Kraft Hockeyville contest, which at the very least gives greater profile to our community and at the best \$100,000.00 toward arena upgrades. Esquimalt has been chosen as one of the communities the Olympic torch will be carried through, and I would hope we could have some of our own residents doing this.

Change is exciting. The future of Esquimalt is exciting. Together, we will make things happen in Esquimalt.

4. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

ACTING MAYOR – ROTATING BASIS

Mayor Desjardins appointed Council members to the position of Acting Mayor in her absence, as follows:

December 2008 – January 2009	Councillor Lynda Hundleby
February 2009 – March 2009	Councillor Bruce McIldoon
April 2009 – May 2009	Councillor Don Linge
June 2009 – July 2009	Councillor Alison Gaul
August 2009 – September 2009	Councillor Meagan Brame
October 2009 – November 2009	Councillor Randall Garrison

INTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Desjardins appointed the following Council members to the following internal appointments:

Advisory Planning Commission Liaison - Councillor Randall Garrison

ETAG - Councillor Lynda Hundleby

Local Grant Committee - Councillors Meagan Brame, Don Linge, Bruce

EXTERNAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Desjardins announced the following external appointments:

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Mayor Barb Desjardins

Councillor Alison Gaul

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE

Councillor Bruce McIldoon

Councillor Alison Gaul

CAPITAL REGION HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD

Councillor Don Linge

CAPITAL REGION HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION

Councillor Don Linge

CAPITAL REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATION (C.R.E.S.T.)

Councillor Bruce McIldoon

Mayor Barb Desjardins (alternate)

CAPITAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

Councillor Meagan Brame

**COMMUTER TRAIN STEERING COMMITTEE (Langford-Victoria
Commuter Rail Initiative)**

Mayor Barb Desjardins

(alternate) Councillor Randall Garrison

ESQUIMALT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Barb Desjardins

Councillor Alison Gaul

Councillor Meagan Brame

ESQUIMALT/VICTORIA POLICE BOARD

Mayor Barb Desjardins

(Council Appointee) *(Province of BC, Order in Council No. 298, Appointed to December 31, 2008)*

FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Councillor Bruce McIldoon

Councillor Meagan Brame

**GREATER VICTORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD**

Councillor Alison Gaul

GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Mayor Barb Desjardins

GREATER VICTORIA LABOUR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Barb Desjardins

Councillor Bruce McIldoon

GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor Alison Gaul

**ISLAND CORRIDOR FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

(CRD – E&N TRAIL CORRIDOR POLITICAL LIAISON COMMITTEE is not longer functioning - falls under CRD Parks)

Councillor Randall Garrison

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TREATY COMMITTEE (TE'MEXW TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

Mayor Barb Desjardins

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mayor Barb Desjardins

MUNICIPAL AUDITORS – KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants

Mayor Desjardins read aloud the following statement from Councillor-elect, Meagan Brame:

I regret that I could not be in attendance this evening. My husband surprised me with a trip for our 16th wedding anniversary and unfortunately the dates conflicted. I would however, like to thank all of those who voted and supported me in my campaign. I will work hard to get your concerns and visions to the table and will always work for the greater good of the residents and the Municipality of Esquimalt.

Mayor Desjardins allowed each new Council member to introduce themselves and to make a brief statement.

5. **RECOGNITION OF PAST COUNCIL**

Mayor Desjardins recognized the service of the previous Council presenting them with gifts in appreciation of outstanding service and dedication to the community. She also presented a gift and thanked Councillors Hundleby and Linge who are continuing as Councillors.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

FINANCE

(1) Banking and Cheque Signing Resolution, Staff Report No. FIN-08-025

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that Council adopt the attached resolution for banking and cheque signing authority for the Township.

The motion **CARRIED**.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED.**

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008

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LARRY RANDLE
CORPORATE OFFICER