



## Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, February 9, 2009

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Chair), Councillor Meagan Brame, Councillor Randall Garrison, Councillor Bruce McIldoon, Councillor Alison Gaul, Councillor Lynda Hundleby, Councillor Don Linge

**STAFF:** Tom Day, Chief Administrative Officer, Gilbert Coté, Director of Engineering and Public Works, Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services, Larry Randle, Manager of Corporate Services (recorder), Marlene Lagoa, Manager of Communications and Sustainability

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. LATE ITEMS**

- 1) Pertaining to Agenda Item 6 (1), Rezoning Application, 1191 Munro Street, [Lot AM5, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 5391], Staff Report No. DEV-09-012
  - Letter from Richard and Kim Fisher, received February 9, 2009
  - Letter from Valerie Nathan and Edris Seale, received February 9, 2009

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor McIldoon that the agenda as amended be approved.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**4. MINUTES**

- (1) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole, January 12, 2009
- (2) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, January 26, 2009

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held January 12, 2009 and the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held January 26, 2009 be adopted.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

- (1) Valerie Nathan, Presentation of Petition Opposing Rezoning Application at 1191 Munro Street  
Ms. Nathan stated that a letter submitted on February 3, 2009 in support of the application is not accurate. She also said that just

because people apply to rezone their property doesn't mean the application should always proceed. She read a prepared statement which included a statement that residents don't want panhandle lots.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that members of the public who wish to address Council on the matter at hand be given the opportunity.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

Ms. Colleen Mathews of 1195 Munro stated she is opposed to the rezoning of 1191 Munro that would lead to the creation of a panhandle lot. She said that rezoning is a privilege, not a right.

Mr. Richard Fisher of 678 Fernhill Road is strongly opposed to the rezoning. He fears that if it is approved it will set a bad precedent. It will increase noise, traffic and congestion in the area. The property is near Saxe Point Park and should not proceed at the expense of the community.

Mr. Andrew Holenchuk of 629B Fernhill Road says that 4 out of 5 homes to the east are panhandle lots and that the subject property is very large. He says rezoning to allow the creation of another panhandle lot would suit the area if the development is done correctly.

Ms. Penny Campbell of 329 Plaskett Place says that some panhandle lots are very appropriate and is in favour of the proposed rezoning. She feels that two homes on the property is the best use of the land.

Ms. Donna Humphries, daughter of the property owner and applicant says that two lots are better than one large lot and that if done tastefully, it will be a great advantage to the area.

Filippo Ferri of 1162 Hadfield Avenue is opposed to the proposed rezoning and subdivision of the property as it will negatively affect privacy. Once approved, he says there is no control as to what is tasteful development.

## 6. STAFF REPORTS

### *Development Services*

- (1) Rezoning Application, 1191 Munro Street, [Lot AM5, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 5391], Staff Report No. DEV-09-012

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the application for Rezoning, authorizing the creation of a new Single Family Panhandle Residential [RS-2] lot, as shown on the survey plan prepared by John Motherwell & Associates stamped "Received October 21, 2008" for Lot AM5, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 5391 [1191 Munro Street] be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**Finance**

- (2) Police Budget Discussion as Requested By Council  
(Kathy Mick in Attendance)

Ms. Mick noted that she is not closely involved in the Police budget process. She explained that since July, 2006 she has been the Esquimalt representative on the Victoria Police Board and attends their monthly meetings. She summarized her involvement with the Board and other sub-committees and groups associated with it.

It was suggested that Mayor Fortin of the City of Victoria who is the Police Board Chair, Police Chief Graham and Controller Scott Seivewright be invited to speak to Council in March some time and for them present some options for the police budget (i.e. 5% increase, 10% increase etc.).

**Administration**

- (3) Proposed Council Procedures Bylaw Revisions, Staff Report No. ADM-09-001

Council will send their comments and suggestions about the proposed Council Procedures Bylaw revisions to the Manager of Corporate Services who will then report back to Council on the feedback received.

- (4) Twinning Opportunities, Staff Report No. ADM-09-003

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Linge that Council not review twinning opportunities at this time due to limited resources and indeterminate benefits related to twinning due to today's economic environment.

The motion **CARRIED**.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Councillor Brame that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT  
THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2009

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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LARRY RANDLE  
CORPORATE OFFICER