



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Bruce McIldoon
Councillor Alison Gaul
Councillor Lynda Hundleby
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Donald Linge
Councillor Randall Garrison

STAFF: T. Day, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Hurst, Director of Financial Services
B. Snyder, Director of Development Services
A. Katschor, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation
D. Knight, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the agenda be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. **PRESENTATION**

(1) Jody Watson, CRD Harbours and Watershed Coordinator

Ms. Jody Watson gave a brief summary of the request for the one year service agreement between the CRD and the Township of Esquimalt. This agreement does not change the service only the mechanism through which the service occurs. The CAO noted that staff supported the terms of the Agreement and that there is no change in service costs.

(i) Funding for Harbours Environmental Action, Staff Report No ADM-09-018

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council execute an agreement for the 2009 calendar year with the CRD to continue its work through the Harbours Environmental Action Program with the \$12,985.00 funding requirement to be covered through CRD tax requisition.
The motion **CARRIED**.

5. **MINUTES**

(1) **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, March 2, 2009**

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, March 2, 2009 be adopted.

The motion **CARRIED**.

(2) **Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 9, 2009**

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 9, 2009 be adopted.

The motion **CARRIED**.

6. PUBLIC INPUT (On items listed on the Agenda)

Excluding items which are or have been the subject of a Public Hearing.

- (1) Rod Lavergne, 485 Fraser Street commented on the letters sent out by the municipality to residents regarding a neighbour removing trees. He did not want neighbours pitted against each other. He commented that people should be allowed to take down trees on their own property.
- (2) Emmy LaBonte, 873 Dunsmuir, noted that she is a tree hugger and likes to keep the trees because of the oxygen exchange and environment. We need a tree bylaw because there are not as many trees as there used to be.
- (3) Muriel Dunn, 1193 Old Esquimalt Road says she does not support the bylaw regulating trees. If a resident plants the trees they should be allowed to also cut them down.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) From the Regular Council Meeting, February 2, 2009
 - (a) Tree Removal Permit #1175 at 1107 Bewdley Avenue
 - Tree Removal Permit Appeal #1175 at 1107 Bewdley Avenue, Staff Report No. P&R-09-010

The Acting Director of Parks and Recreation presented background information on tree removal at 1107 Bewdley Avenue. He commented that there is a tree strategy in place.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon to hear from the applicant.

The motion **CARRIED**.

The applicant responded to questions from Council. She had no concerns about planting four more trees on her property.

Comments from Council include:

- Have staff review the Bylaw to Provide for the Protection of Trees to clarify native vs. non native trees.
- Consider the carbon footprint when removing and planting trees.
- Identify what the municipalities' needs are for planting trees.
- Tree issues should be dealt with at the staff level.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council approve the removal of two trees on the condition that the resident plant four replacement trees on the property.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Brame **OPPOSED**.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hundleby to amend the motion by adding the words 'or elsewhere in the municipality'.

The motion was **CARRIED**.
Councillors Brame and Garrison **OPPOSED**.

Councillor Hundleby would like to be on record as being supportive of the Tree Bylaw and stated that Esquimalt has an obligation to maintain the urban forest and canopy both visually and because of carbon credits.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that staff prepare a report for Council reviewing the Tree Bylaw with a view to the sensibility for landowner rights and matching long term benefits to Esquimalt and addressing trade-offs for non-native and non-landmark trees only.
The motion **CARRIED**.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation

- (1) Infrastructure Planning Grant Application from the Provincial Ministry of Community Services for the Environment House in Esquimalt Gorge Park, Staff Report No. P&R-09-011

Moved by Councillor McIlldoon, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council support the infrastructure Planning Grant application from the Provincial Ministry of Community Services for the Environment House in Esquimalt Gorge with a motion and letter.
The motion **CARRIED**.

9. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- (1) 2009 – 2011 Draft Strategic Plan

The CAO reported that the Draft Strategic Plan is available for public review and input. The Draft Plan will be available on the website and can also be picked up at the Municipal Hall.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the 2009 – 2011 Draft Strategic Plan be received for information.
The motion **CARRIED**.

- (2) Verbal report from Mayor Desjardins Re: Centennial Celebrations Select Committee appointments

Mayor Desjardins reported that the term for this Committee is three years and they will be developing and implementing a plan for centennial celebrations for 2012. She announced the

following appointments to the Centennial Celebrations Select Committee:

- Terry Eckstein
- Jennifer Parlee
- Bob McKie
- Janet Jones
- Sandy Rozon
- Dino Fiorin
- Sherri Robinson
- Marilyn Kraeker
- Joe Buczkowski
- Bruce Devitt
- Karol Sanderson
- Elisabeth Nelson

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Centennial Celebrations Select Committee appointments be approved.
The motion **CARRIED**.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (1) Committee of the Whole Report, March 9, 2009

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 9, 2009 be approved.
The motion **CARRIED**.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Federation of Canadian Municipalities 72nd Conference and Municipal Expo

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon, that Mayor Barbara Desjardins, Councillor Randall Garrison and Councillor Alison Gaul be approved to attend the FCM Annual Conference in Whistler, June 5-8, 2009.
The motion **CARRIED**.

- (2) Letter from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, dated February 9, 2009, Re: Emergency Management Workshops

The CAO recommended that Councillors attend the Emergency Management Workshops which takes place in Victoria on April 24, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby to receive the letter from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated February 9, 2009 Re: Emergency Management

Workshops.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (3) Letter from the Times Colonist, dated February 12, 2009, Re: Request for Endorsement of Canwest Canspell 2009

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council endorse the Canwest Canspell initiative.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (4) Letter from the City of Burnaby, dated February 18, 2009, Re: Burnaby School Lands

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that a copy of this correspondence be forwarded to AVICC and UBCM to determine whether there is any support municipally.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon that Council support in principle the comments raised by the City of Burnaby.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (5) Letter from the Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development, dated February 25, 2009, Re: Requesting Support for the Implementation of BizPal

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from the Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development, dated February 25, 2009, Re: Requesting Support for the Implementation of BizPal be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (6) Letter from the Greater Victoria Public Library Board, dated February 26, 2009, Re: Library Final Five Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013) and 2009 Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from the Greater Victoria Public Library Board, dated February 26, 2009, Re: Library Final Five Year Financial Plan (2009 – 2013) and 2009 Operating Budget be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (7) Letter from the Greater Victoria Spirit Committee, dated March 5, 2009, Re: Request of Support for Community Celebration

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the letter from the Greater Victoria Spirit Committee, dated March 5, 2009, Re: Request of Support for Community Celebration be referred to the Local Grant Committee for their review.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (8) Email from the Municipal Finance Authority, received March 11, 2009, Re: Municipal Finance Authority Credit Rating

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the email from the Municipal Finance Authority, received March 11, 2009, Re: Municipal Finance Authority Credit Rating be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

- (1) Muriel Dunn, 1193 Old Esquimalt Road is unhappy about the sign at the base of the Recreation Centre sign. How much does it cost to put those signs up that weren't needed? Why don't we give the money to the Sports Centre or Recreation Centre instead of wasting it on signs. The logo is not indicative of Esquimalt and a frivolous waste of taxpayers money.
- (2) Rod Lavergne, 485 Fraser Street stated that the Tree Bylaw reads that you take down one tree and you replace it with another. How does he get carbon offsets for all the trees on his property. He feels he is owed \$4000 for his share of carbon credits which benefit the municipality.

13. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Councillor Brame to go In Camera pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to discuss the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality, pursuant to Section 90 (1) (e) and that the general public be excluded.

The motion **CARRIED**.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED**.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2009

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LARRY RANDLE
CORPORATE OFFICER