



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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
G. Coté, Director of Engineering and Public Works
B. Snyder, Director of Development Services
A. Katschor, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation
P. Mulcahy, Human Resources Manager
M. Lagoa, Manager of Communications and Sustainability
D. Knight, Executive Assistant (recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **LATE ITEMS**

Late agenda item added under Item 9. Unfinished Business
(2) Police Budget

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

4. **PRESENTATION**

- (1) Dr. Richard Stanwick and Dr. Murray Fyfe, VIHA – Harm Reduction Briefing for Municipalities and Local Governments

Dr. Richard Stanwick presented a PowerPoint on Harm Reduction. Key points in the presentation included:

- Principles of harm reduction;
- Opportunities for engagement;
- Reducing harm to users and the rest of the community;
- Council requested a copy of the presentation;
- Everyone has a role to play.

He acknowledged that he is looking forward to a very productive relationship with the Township of Esquimalt.

Dr. Stanwick introduced Dr. Murray Fyfe. Dr. Fyfe advised that harm reduction is a full spectrum, from prevention, working with kids, treatment and rehabilitation.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Garrison to allow conversation between Dr. Richard Stanwick and Council.
The motion **CARRIED**.

Comments from Council include:

- Why aren't those doing drugs charged;
- We share a common goal and should work collectively with VIHA;
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be distributed to Council.

- (2) Mark McLaughlin, Crystal Meth Society of BC – Drug Prevention Program

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation and played a DVD on Crystal Meth and the impact on society. He requested support in the amount of \$2500 to continue work on drug

prevention and delivery of drug prevention program to local schools. Mr. McLaughlin will submit a Local Grant Application.

5. MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, April 20, 2009

It was noted that under section 9, paragraph 3 of the minutes the second sentence should read "Councillor Garrison suggested that a voluntary code of conduct be established by businesses."

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, April 20, 2009 as corrected 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.

Rod Lavergne, 45 Fraser Street, spoke on Item 13 (4). He expressed concern that the practice of putting up a tree in a municipal setting may be precedent setting, how long would it be there and who will maintain it. He also recommended that Item 14 and Item 15 be reversed so he could comment on the Rise and Report.

Muriel Dunn, 1193 Old Esquimalt Road, was happy to see information on Twinning on the agenda. She does not feel there is enough interest to spend money on Twinning.

7. HEARING

(1) Development Permit, 513 Sturdee Street

(a) Notice of Hearing

(b) Background Information – *Available for Viewing Separately*

- Staff Report No. DEV-09-021

PUBLIC INPUT

Deborah Waits, Wood Street, expressed concerns with proposed density, parking and loss of her view if the development is approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING

8. HEARING STAFF REPORT

(1) Hearing for Development Permit, 513 Sturdee Street, [Lot 53, Suburban Lot 53, Esquimalt District, Plan 2854], Staff Report No. DEV-09-023

The Director of Development Services noted that this property is quite small and the developer has created a unique proposal for

this site. There are five variances that staff feel are supportable.

Mr. Glenn Davies, Applicant, voiced appreciation for municipal staff in looking at development applications on a case by case basis.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the application for a Development Permit, limiting the form and character of development to that shown on architectural plans prepared by 3 Metro Urban Design and Development, stamped "Received March 10, 2009" and on the landscape plan prepared by Duane Ensing Landscape Design, stamped "Received April 7, 2009", and including the following variances to Zoning Bylaw No. 2050 be approved, issued and registered on the title of Lot 53, Suburban Lot 53, Esquimalt District, Plan 2854 [513 Sturdee Street].

Section 38(5) – Floor Area – a 30 square metre reduction to the minimum floor area of the first storey of the Principal Building from 88 square metres to 58 square metres.

Section 38(7) – Building Width – a 1.1 metre reduction to the minimum width of any Two Family Dwelling from 7 metres to 5.9 metres.

Section 38(9)(a)(ii) – Siting Requirements – Principal Building – a 0.6 metre reduction to the Interior Side Setback from 1.5 metres to 0.9 metres.

Section 38(9)(a)(ii) – Siting Requirements – Principal Building – a 1.3 metre reduction to the Exterior Side Setback from 3.6 metres to 2.3 metres.

Section 38(9)(b)(ii) – Siting Requirements – Accessory Building – a 0.7 metre reduction to the Exterior Side Setback from 3.6 metres to 2.9 metres.

The motion **CARRIED**.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) From the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 20, 2009
 - (a) Kim Bellefontaine, Sewage Treatment Action Group Delegation, Re: Resident Concerns with Community Engagement on Sewage Treatment Planning

Mayor Desjardins noted that she has requested further consultation from the CRD and that Esquimalt and Colwood are both lacking consultation on this issue.

(b) Police Budget

Council made the following comments:

- Have tried to embark on a new system for resolving budget issues;
- Want community to know that Council is not happy with this budget and will continue to address this issue;
- Police Chief and Comptroller were here and willing to speak and commit to working with Esquimalt
- Are we getting value for cost
- Encouraged that dialogue is happening
- Need to send clear message that we want input on police budget
- Audit process has started
- Have requested some change in Board procedure

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council instruct staff to reduce Esquimalt's contribution to the Police Budget by \$1.00.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Recess was called at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m

10.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation

- (1) Building Canada Fund – Communities Component, Staff Report No. P&R-09-018

The Acting Director of Parks and Recreation requested endorsement of a grant to construct a new all accessible playground in Memorial Park. There is a design for the playground but two more bids are still required. It is a Leeds certified playground and there is lots of interest in the community for this structure.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council endorse the British Columbia Building Canada Fund grant application for a new all accessible playground in Memorial Park.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Administration

- (2) Twinning Opportunities – Online Poll Results, Staff Report No. ADM-09-023

The Manager of Communications and Sustainability brought forward a recommendation that Council not review Twinning at this time. Public input was received through a survey on the municipal website.

Terry Milne spoke on this subject. He did not receive enough notification that this topic was being brought before Council. He would like more opportunity to inform the community about the proposal and requested that Council not make a decision today to support this initiative. It may be considered with the Navy's 100th Centennial next year.

Comments from Council include:

- Twinning is a positive step for the community;
- Would like to see the door open to consider both Mexico and Japan;
- Bruce McIlldoon volunteered himself and Councillor Linge to work on this initiative;
- Concerns were raised with costs, resources and staff time;
- Suggestion made that Council would like to see this initiative come forward from the community.

Moved by Councillor McIlldoon, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council receive this report for information and refer it to the first COTW meeting in July.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Development Services

- (3) Rezoning and Development Permit, 934 and 936 Craigflower Road, [Lot B, Section 10, Esquimalt District, Plan 326] and [Lot PT 8, Section 10, Esquimalt District Plan 6650, lying southerly of a boundary parallel to and perpendicularly distant 120 feet from the northerly boundary of said lot.], Staff Report No. DEV-09-024

The Director of Development Services reported that this Zoning and Development Permit has been before COTW and Advisory Planning Committee and the design ties in with existing properties in the area.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that:

1. Bylaw No. 2706, which would amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2050 by changing the zoning designation of 934 Craigflower Road and 936 Craigflower Road [Lot B, Section 10, Esquimalt District, Plan 326 and Lot PT 8, Section 10, Esquimalt District, Plan 6650, lying southerly of a boundary parallel to and perpendicularly distant 120 feet from the northerly boundary of said lot] shown cross-hatched on Schedule 'A' of the amending bylaw from RD-3 [Two Family/ Single Family Residential] to CD No. 68 [Comprehensive Development District No. 68], be given first and second reading; and
2. A Public Hearing be scheduled; and
3. Prior to a Public Hearing, a draft Development Permit limiting the form and character of the proposed development as

The motion **CARRIED**.

Engineering and Public Works

- (4) Impact of E & N Trail on Railway Crossings, Staff Report No. EPW-09-016

The Director of Engineering and Public Works reviewed the staff report on the impact of the E&N Trail on railway crossings and expressed concern that the crossings will need improvements if the train runs more frequently. The CRD has agreed to examine the railway crossings in Esquimalt and will provide the municipality with a more detailed cost analysis.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Garrison that Council receives Staff Report No. EPW-09-016 for information.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Finance

- (5) Local and Social Services Grant – Report from Local Grant Committee, Staff Report No. FIN-09-009

Comments from Council include:

- need to let grant applicants know that the municipality also contributes in other ways such as policing;
- applicants commended the Local Grant Committee on a great evening, very responsive group;
- commends the Local Grant Committee that L'Ecole Brodeur is included in the policy.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that:

1. Grants in the amount of \$80,914 as set out on the attached schedule be approved by Council.
 2. Esquimalt's grant to the four Social Services agencies be increased to \$10,561 in total, pursuant to the 2009 Intermunicipal Formula as indicated on the attached schedule.
 3. Wherever appropriate, advise applicants that the Township of Esquimalt provides "in kind" contribution by payment of joint costs such as policing.
- (6) Acceleration of Community Works Funding, Staff Report No. FIN-09-010

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Gaul that Council receive Acceleration of Community Works Funding, Staff Report No. FIN-09-010 for information.
The motion **CARRIED**.

11. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no Reports.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (1) Draft minutes of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting, April 1, 2009

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the draft minutes from the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting, April 1, 2009 be received.
The motion **CARRIED**.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Letter from Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated February 19, 2009, Re: 2009 Annual Conference

Mayor Desjardins requested approval from Council to apply as the British Columbia Director for FCM. She feels it would be beneficial to the community if she were more involved with FCM.

Council did raise some concerns about the costs incurred with becoming a Director for FCM and where they would come from.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Gaul to allow Mayor Desjardins to apply to FCM as a Director.
The motion **CARRIED**.

- (2) Letter from Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia, dated April 15, 2009, Re: Support of Ambulance Emergency Response Services

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the letter from Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia, dated April 15, 2009, Re: Support of Ambulance Emergency Response Services be received.
The motion **CARRIED**.

- (3) Letter from Municipal Finance Authority, dated April 20, 2009, Re: MFA Program Dividends

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the letter from Municipal Finance Authority, dated April 20, 2009, Re: MFA Program Dividends be received.
The motion **CARRIED**.

- (4) Letter from Esquimalt Neighbourhood House, dated April 27, 2009, Re: Request to Place a Decorated Christmas Tree in a Municipal Building

Council agreed to allow Esquimalt Neighbourhood House to place a decorated Christmas Tree in a Municipal Building.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

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

There were none.

15. RISE AND REPORT

Mayor Desjardins gave a verbal report on the decision to restructure the Esquimalt Fire Department and made the following points:

- no plans to amalgamate;
- proud of the high quality of services provided by our Fire Department;
- the restructure will continue to provide effective service delivery and reflects the organizations of comparable fire departments;
- will ensure that our firefighters continue to be highly trained;
- discussions have been held In Camera because of Collective Agreement issues;
- there will be no contracting out of services, reduction in services or layoffs.

16. MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

- (1) Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby to go *In Camera* pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to discuss labour relations and other employee relations, pursuant to Section 90 (1) (c) and that the general public be excluded.

The motion **CARRIED**.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED**.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2009

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LAURIE HURST
A/CORPORATE OFFICER