



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

STAFF: L. Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Knight, Executive Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There was one late item:

- (1) Addition to Agenda Item 7. Staff Reports (3) Staff Report No. FIN-09-030, Building Access Control System.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

4. **PRESENTATION**

- (1) Murray Collins, Olympic Torch Relay Participant

Mayor Desjardins welcomed Murray Collins, Olympic Torch Bearer, to the Township of Esquimalt to tell Council about his experience.

Mr. Collins advised that being chosen to be an Olympic Torch Bearer was a dream of a lifetime. It was wonderful watching the event bringing Canadians together. He carried the Torch from McDonalds on Esquimalt Road to Memorial Park. One million people applied to be torch bearers and only 12, 000 were selected. He provided Council with a copy of a video of his share of the Relay.

Mayor Desjardins thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation and for the video.

5. **MINUTES**

- (1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, November 2, 2009

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, November 2, 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.

Mayor Desjardins called for input from the public.

Rod Lavergne – Mr. Lavergne spoke about the correspondence from Maurine Karagianis regarding deer. He noted that Esquimalt is green

and deer eat greenery. He does not support a bylaw prohibiting deer. Keep the animals.

Charles Lavoie – Mr. Lavoie stated that the situation is getting worse. Deer are eating everything you grow. Are we going to do with deer what UVic did with rabbits. We should have a bylaw to prevent people from growing things. Something has to be considered. The deer are a problem for myself and others.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- (1) Application for Change of Hours – Tudor House Sports Pub, Staff Report No. ADM-09-064

The CAO advised that the change of hours for the Tudor House Sports Pub is for Sunday only and proposes to open one hour earlier and close one hour later to accommodate planning for NFL football.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council pass a “no comment” resolution to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch concerning the application for change of hours submitted by the Tudor House Sports Pub, and that Council has no objection to the application being approved. The motion **CARRIED**.

- (2) Authority to Issue Traffic Orders, Staff Report No. ADM-09-065

The CAO noted that this staff report is a housekeeping issue which provides for the New Director of Engineering and Public Works to execute Traffic Orders.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Garrison that upon the appointment of a new Director of Engineering and Public Works on October 26, 2009, the resolution made September 8, 2009 authorizing Barb Snyder, Director of Development Services, to execute Traffic Orders in the absence of a Director of Engineering and Public Works be rescinded. The motion **CARRIED**.

- (3) Building Access Control System, Staff Report No. FIN-09-030

The CAO advised that this reallocation of funds is to move funds formerly allocated to air conditioning to a Building Access Control System. The system will provide for additional security for the Municipal Hall as currently staff use keys to access the building and have been known to lose them. There will be no cost saving by installing the new system.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby

that Council approve the reallocation of \$7,000 in the capital budget in order to purchase a Building Access Control System. The motion **CARRIED**.

8. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- (1) Report from Councillor Brame, Re: UBCM Conference
- (2) Report from Councillor Brame, Re: Cities Fit for Children Conference

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Gaul to receive the Reports from Councillor Brame regarding the UBCM Conference and the Cities Fit for Children Conference. The motion **CARRIED**.

Council commented that Councillor Brame's reports were appreciated and well put together.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Linge that Committee of the Whole Report, November 9, 2009 Items 2-8 and Item 10 be approved. The motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Hundleby and Councillor Gaul excused themselves from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Garrison that Committee of the Whole Report, November 9, 2009 tem 1 be approved. The motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Hundleby and Councillor Gaul returned to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole held November 30, 2009 to approve Bylaw No. 2723 which would amend Animal Bylaw, 2002, No. 2495 to provide for the spay or neuter of cats over the age of 5 months be denied. The motion was **DEFEATED**. Councillors McIldoon, Garrison, Linge and Gaul **OPPOSED**.

10.

COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Letters from Esquimalt High School, dated October 23, 2009, Re: Letters of Appreciation for Scholarship Awards

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the letter from Esquimalt High School, dated October 23, 2009, Re: Letters of Appreciation for Scholarship Awards be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (2) Letter from Maurine Karagianis, MLA, dated November 3, 2009, Re: Urban Deer Population

Discussion took place regarding suggestions to deal with the increasing deer population and the impact on Esquimalt residents.

Comments from Council include:

- Suggestion to develop a bylaw to prohibit residents from feeding deer;
- Glad to see that the Province is looking at the issue of urban deer;
- Suggestion to send letter to Minister of Environment;
- Is there currently a public education program in place about deer, if not, suggestion to develop one for the municipality;
- Need to be more assertive, prohibit feeding of raccoons and squirrels;
- Lots of people like deer;
- Suggestion to have a conservation specialist come in to talk to Council.

Staff will report back to Council with what action has been taken in the past and work with Parks staff regarding public awareness campaign.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the letter from Maurine Karagianis, MLA, dated November 3, 2009, Re: Urban Deer Population be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (3) Letter from PEERS Resources Society, dated November 3, 2009, Re: Fundraising Request

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the letter from PEERS Resources Society, dated November 3, 2009, Re: Fundraising Request be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (4) Letter from the Capital Regional District, dated November 5,

Comments from Council include:

- Public consultation was not good enough and decisions were not thorough;
- Council has major concerns which have not been addressed;
- Appears there will be no consultation regarding site selection;
- Did not feel that Esquimalt received the same full engagement that other municipalities had, not a fair process;
- CRD is taking credit for our public consultation;
- Western Communities are separate from the process;
- Suggestion to organize a meeting with Chair Geoff Young and Chair Judy Brownoff to answer questions before November 25th;
- Suggestion for letter to CRD with a copy to Minister Penner regarding CRD holding consultation after a site has been selected, and CRD ensuring that public consultation does not conflict with municipal meetings;
- Residents should know that we have not been treated fairly;
- Mayor Desjardins has not supported McLoughlin Point as a potential sewage treatment site and has fought for an extension to the deadline.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Linge that the letter from the Capital Regional District, dated November 5, 2009, Re: Public Consultation in Esquimalt, Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program be received. The motion **CARRIED**. Councillor Garrison **OPPOSED**.

- (5) Email from Marie Letham, dated November 12, 2009, Re: CUPE and Municipality Food Drive

Council suggested that staff contact Esquimalt Neighbourhood House Society (ENHS) and ask them who they would like to see the excess food delivered to. The Township can deliver the excess food to the charity that ENHS suggests.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Linge, that correspondence is received and that congratulations be sent out to Public Works Staff for their success with the "Food Drive". The motion **CARRIED**.

11. **BYLAWS**

For Adoption

- (1) Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2009, No. 2721

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2009, No. 2721 be adopted.

The motion **CARRIED**.

12. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

- (1) Policy on Youth Involvement in the Community

Councillor Brame brought forward her request for a policy on youth involvement in the community. She has heard that youth want to be part of the process. She reported that Esquimalt High School Leadership Class is becoming more active in the community and that it takes a lot of energy to get students involved.

Comments from Council include:

- Community involvement is lacking in young adults after leaving high school;
- Mayor Desjardins reported on meeting with students who were enthusiastic about being involved in the community;
- Students felt information was lacking from Council;
- A suggestion was made to spend time with Mayor and Council.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that Council request staff to develop a policy that would be fitting our current direction on Youth in our community.

The motion **CARRIED**.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

D'Hollander – Mr. D'Hollander spoke about the letter from Maurine Karagianis regarding feeding the deer. If they do not eat, they will do damage during the rut. The only solution is a controlled cull as they are multiplying quickly.

Rod Lavergne – Mr. Lavergne has heard there is a preliminary police report on the street. He questioned whether the report is available to the public and that he had heard that the Mayor had read the report.

Mayor Desjardins advised that the police report was complete and needed to go forward and at the end of report, we may be looking at a different way of policing in Esquimalt. The Mayor will follow up on the status of the police report.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion **CARRIED**.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

LAURIE HURST
DEPUTY CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR