



# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010**

**7:01 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**STAFF:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robin Middleton, Director of Financial Services  
Carollyne Evans, Corporate Administrator

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Desjardins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There was one late item:

7. a) Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project Community Liaison Committee Transit Master Plan Update dated February 25, 2010

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that the Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **MINUTES**

- (1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, February 15, 2010

Pg. 4 first paragraph: Change "Councillor Garrison, Council's representative on the Access Awareness Committee" to "Councillor Brame, one of Council's representatives..."

Pg. 7 item (2) change "Carried Unanimously", noting those in favour and Mayor Desjardins and Councillor Linge opposed.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, February 15, 2010 be approved as amended.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **PRESENTATION**

- (1) Brian Chelin, Ron Erdman and Justine Till, English Inn and Resort

Mr. Erdman stated he was a lender to the prior owner and became interested in purchasing this 5-acre piece of property through foreclosure issues. The focus of the Inn going forward is to make it affordable for the Esquimalt neighbourhood. Rather than offering a tourist destination and fine dining as in the past, the Inn will offer an attractive price point in the restaurant and be available to the community for retreats and weddings. Mr. Erdman hopes the neighbourhood will enjoy the changes to the Inn, and welcomes suggestions and guidance from the community.

Justine Till, long-time Esquimalt resident and the Inn's property manager spoke of the recent work to clean up the yards and

trees, replace the fencing, replace the boiler and upgrade the interior to reflect the Inn's unique personality and old English style.

Ms. Till noted the Inn is looking to donate a lot of items in the Inn to charity, donate event space to charitable organizations for good causes and join the Chamber of Commerce. Former employees, many long-time Esquimalt residents, are being brought back.

Ms. Till did not know when the Open House would be held and will keep the Township informed when it is. Council noted that the Heritage Advisory Committee that focuses on the preservation and promotion of Esquimalt heritage, will be very interested in contacting the Inn.

Mayor Desjardins thanked the presenters for coming and stated Council is pleased they want to be part of the community.

**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 public input and there was none.

**7. DELEGATION**

- (1) Bruce Devitt and Ruth D'Hollander, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2010 Lenten Concert Series

Mr. Devitt thanked Council for the opportunity to speak, and sent regrets from Tristan Rhodes. Mr. Devitt stated the Friends of St. Paul is a non profit group formed to preserve and promote the structure and contents of St. Paul's Church as a historical and educational resource. They welcome new members and volunteers.

Ms. D'Hollander stated the Friends are enlisting the support of the community in a fundraising initiative to maintain and restore the 119 year old pipe organ through a series of Lenten concert series starting February 28<sup>th</sup> and concluding on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The concerts start at 2 p.m. and will be held in the historic naval and garrison chapel in St. Paul's Anglican Church. Ms. D'Hollander encouraged Council to endeavor to attend some of the concerts.

Mr. Devitt noted that St. Paul's Church has been open for 150 years and has been classified as a hub church and may absorb the congregations of other Anglican churches that may be de-established in the Victoria area.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

*Administration*

- (1) Appointment of Director of Financial Services, Staff Report No. ADM-10-015

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the following person be appointed to the positions indicated:

Robin Middleton – Director of Financial Services  
– Collector of Taxes

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**9. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no reports from Mayor and Councillors.

**10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

- (1) Adopted Minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, January 28, 2010

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Adopted Minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, January 28, 2010 be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (2) Memorandum from the Environmental Advisory Committee, dated February 23, 2010, Re: Community Gardens Task Force Appointments

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Memorandum from the Environmental Advisory Committee, dated February 23, 2010, Re: Community Gardens Task Force Appointments be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS**

- (1) Letter from the Minister of Health Services, dated February 2, 2010, Re: Shift in the Delivery Model for Mental Health and Addiction Services on Vancouver Island

Councillors Hundleby and Gaul declared themselves in a conflict of interest due to their employment with the Ministry of Health and VIHA respectively and left Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Linge that the letter from the Minister of Health Services, dated February 2, 2010, Re: Shift in the Delivery Model for Mental Health and Addiction Services on Vancouver Island be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Council asked the Corporate Administrator to follow up on their invitation of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for a representative of VIHA to make a presentation to Council.

Councillors Hundleby and Gaul returned to Council Chambers at 7:37 p.m.

- (2) Letter from Dr. Keith Martin, MP, dated February 12, 2010, Re: Cuts to Esquimalt Neighbourhood House for USTAT

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from Dr. Keith Martin, MP, dated February 12, 2010, Re: Cuts to Esquimalt Neighbourhood House for USTAT be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (3) Letter from Times Colonist, dated February 8, 2010, Re: Invitation to Participate in Canwest Canspell 2010

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from the Times Colonist, dated February 8, 2010, Re: Invitation to Participate in Canwest Canspell 2010 be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (4) Letter from the Greater Victoria School District, dated February 11, 2010, Re: Support of a Public Water and Sewage System

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from the Greater Victoria School District, dated February 11, 2010, Re: Support of a Public Water and Sewage System be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (5) Letter from Mayor Fortin, City of Victoria, dated February 12, 2010, Re: Grant to Assist with Funding Our Place

Chief Administrative Officer Laurie Hurst explained how the Inter-Municipal Social Services formula is apportioned amongst the four core municipalities. She noted that March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is the submission deadline for local grants. The Inter-Municipal Social Services Grant portion does not impact the Township's grant funding program.

Comment was made that funding for the NEED Crisis Line through the Inter-Municipal Social Services program has been removed, however, it is unclear what that impact will be until the evaluation in April is completed.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the letter from City of Victoria Mayor Fortin dated February 12, 2010 to the four core municipal councils to consider

contributing to the Our Place early morning hours initiative be forwarded to the Local Grants Committee to review funding the request through the Inter-Municipal Social Services portion of that grant.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (6) Email from the Cowichan Energy Alternative Non-Profit Society, dated February 16, 2010, Re: Vancouver Island Bio-Fuel Network – Request for Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the email from the Cowichan Energy Alternative Non-Profit Society, dated February 16, 2010, Re: Vancouver Island Bio-Fuel Network – Request for Letter of Support be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was noted that Sustainability Coordinator Marlene Lagoa has asked for more information and suggested the Society come to make a presentation to Council.

- (7) a) Letter from BC Transit, dated February 17, 2010, Re: Victoria Regional Rapid Transit – Status Update
- b) Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project Community Liaison Committee Transit Master Plan Update dated February 25, 2010

Discussion ensued on the Transit Master Plan update and the noticeable lack of mention of any rapid transit going through Esquimalt. It was noted that both Mayor Desjardins and Councillor Garrison, Esquimalt's representatives on the Committee, have been very vocal in promoting transit through Esquimalt.

The Plan is not finished and the process is fairly long. A concern is that the Committee is only looking at buses at this point and not considering other modes of rapid transit.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Linge that Council send a letter to BC Transit strongly voicing Esquimalt Council's concerns with the Community Liaison Committee's Transit Master Plan Update that gives no mention of Esquimalt, specifically:

- a) 25 year rapid transit network shows no proposed rapid transit going through Esquimalt;
- b) no provision for E&N Rail for next 25 years
- c) no proposed rapid transit network between Craigflower Road and Esquimalt Road going to DND and Dockyards accessed by 6,000 workers

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (8) Letter from St. Paul's Anglican Church, dated February 18, 2010, Re: Note of Thanks

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from St. Paul's Anglican Church, dated February 18, 2010, Re: Note of Thanks be received.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (9) Email from the NEED Crisis and Information Line, dated February 22, 2010, Re: Update from NEED

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the email from the NEED Crisis and Information Line, dated February 22, 2010, Re: Update from NEED be received.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (10) Letter from the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce, dated February 23, 2010, Re: Plastic Shopping Bag Resolution

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the letter from the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce, dated February 23, 2010, Re: Plastic Shopping Bag Resolution be received.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## 12. **RISE AND REPORT**

Mayor Desjardins read the Rise and Report from the In Camera Meeting of Council, February 22, 2010, Re: Fire Department Restructuring.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried:

That the Township of Esquimalt Council implement the Oak Bay Model for Esquimalt Fire Rescue;

And That the Chief Administrative Officer and employer representatives for the Township of Esquimalt be directed to enter into discussions with IAFF Local 4264, with the assistance of a mediator and without preconditions, to develop an implementation plan that will endeavour to avoid job loss for the current members of IAFF Local 4264.

## 13. **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

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

Rod Lavergne of Fraser Street asked Council if the rumors were true that Esquimalt Council has been negotiating with the management of the Esquimalt Legion to commit the Archie Browning Sports Centre for the Legion's Use should their proposed development come forward and be approved. Mayor Desjardins stated no proposal has come

forward to Council and no discussions have taken place currently concerning the Legion's use of Archie Browning.

Mr. Lavergne commented on Council's initiative to contribute to Our Place early morning initiative. He invited Council to see Our Place at 6:30 – 7 a.m. to see what's going on.

Muriel Dunn of Old Esquimalt Road thanked the Corporate Administrator for correctly recording her four items at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Ms. Dunn stated she has been getting a lot of enquiries regarding the Legion using the Archie Browning Sports Centre and she will refer people to Mayor and Council.

Rod Lavergne of Fraser Street stated he has been asking for a long time that Public Question Period be changed to Public Question and Answer Period.

14. Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council reconvene *In Camera* pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and that the general public be excluded.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT  
THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2010

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CAROLLYNE EVANS  
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR