



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, March 8, 2010

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Marlene Lagoa, Sustainability Coordinator
Diane Knight, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

She reported on a spectacular weekend of events for Esquimalt. The Paralympic Torch Relay started in Esquimalt on Saturday, March 6th, with Councillor McIlldoon speaking at the event. She acknowledged the good work of volunteers, staff and all of the people who attended the event. Brian Gray, one of the Torch Bearers, will speak about his participation in the Torch Relay.

Esquimalt also organized the Lifemark 5K run, which was successful beyond their dreams with over 600 people registering for the event. The person who placed second was one of the youngest runners in the event.

Mayor Desjardins also recognized that today is International Women's Day, recognizing what women contribute to society.

2. LATE ITEMS

Mayor Desjardins requested that the following late agenda item be added and that the following changes to the agenda be made:

1. 5 (2) Presentation from Brian Gray, Paralympic Torch Relay
2. Remove 6 (5)
3. Remove 6 (9)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the agenda be approved as amended.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, February 8, 2010

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, February 8, 2010 be approved as amended.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (2) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, February 15, 2010

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole, February 15, 2010 be approved as amended.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

5. PRESENTATION

- (1) Lembi Buchanan, BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform

Councillors Hundleby and Gaul declared themselves in a conflict of interest due to employment with the Ministry of Health Services and Vancouver Island Health Authority respectively, and left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Ms. Buchanan also acknowledged that it was International Women's Day. She presented the recommendations of the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform. One of the key recommendations is to reduce the price of alcohol for the lower alcohol content drinks and increase the cost of the higher alcohol content liquor. If a product has a higher alcohol content, the cost should be higher. Currently, the higher content alcohol seems to be less expensive therefore encouraging people to buy it. She is requesting that Council write a letter to Premier Gordon Campbell expressing Council's concerns and asking our government to adopt responsible pricing structures on alcohol products to reduce related harms.

Mayor Desjardins thanked Ms. Buchanan for her presentation and advised that her request for a letter from Council will be brought forward at the next Council meeting for action.

Councillors Hundleby and Gaul returned to the meeting at 7:20 pm.

- (2) Brian Gray, Paralympic Torch Relay

Mr. Gray thanked Council for the opportunity to present his experience with the Paralympic Torch Relay. He noted that he had never had his picture taken so many times and everyone wanted to hold the torch and take pictures. Mr. Gray thanked Lorne Argyle, Vice-Chair of the Access Awareness Committee and Sue Sharock, for their efforts in gathering volunteers. He talked about the Norwegian Paralympic Curling Team and the cooperation and positive reactions to everything. It was all very positive and he hopes that the community can build on it. He really enjoyed encouraging the children to come up and talk to him. Mr. Gray stated that he was very proud to represent Esquimalt.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- (1) Bill 27 OCP Amendment – Bylaw No. 2732, Staff Report No. ADM-10-016

The Coordinator of Sustainability advised that all OCPs are required to have Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets. An Open House will be scheduled during Earth Week and a Climate Action Plan will be developed. As we move forward, more information will become available. The Bylaw will be amended to remove any specific reference to provincial legislation.

Comments from Council include:

- Proud that we are meeting a provincial mandate and setting a higher target than required;
- This is a positive step for Esquimalt;
- Thank you to staff;
- The suggestion was made to remove any specific reference to provincial legislation as legislation changes, therefore the OCP would have to be amended;
- Discussion took place regarding the use of the word “regularly” and exactly what it meant in this context;
- Council wants to hear from the public and move as quickly as possible.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Garrison that 1st and 2nd reading of Bylaw No. 2732, which would amend Bylaw No. 2646, cited as the “Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2006, No. 2646” by adding Section 7.1.2.6, Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets, be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval as amended.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Engineering and Public Works

- (2) Update – Report on Craigflower Road, Phase 1 Issues, Staff Report No. EPW-10-005

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul that residents be permitted to speak for two minutes.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

John Noyes of Garthland Road requested to have 4 of the 8 islands landscaped. One reason for this is security, landscaped islands are more calming. There are also no sidewalks, creating a hazardous situation for pedestrians. Environmental benefits, more environmentally friendly. Appearance, this is a residential area, and do not want it looking commercial. Two other things, there are too many signs, and the signs are so high that drivers cannot see pedestrians and vice versa. He recommended removing one sign. Also, there are too many arrows, which do not do any good, therefore remove some. The engineering report states that the road lines have been covered over, but there is still one by the golf course. He suggested to black the line out.

Mayor Desjardins suggested looking at a smaller number of signs. She also suggested solar powered lights. Discussion took place regarding solar

powered lighting.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that the cost of solar powered lighting is approximately \$8000 and may not provide enough light during the winter months.

Comments from Council include:

- Concerns with light at the bus stop, anything that can be done to encourage bus use is a positive step;
- Planting islands increase their visibility and encourage pedestrians to use crosswalks, not islands;
- Would prefer to see 2 stationery lights, they would provide more light;
- Concerns expressed regarding the continuous maintenance and upkeep of planted islands;
- Concerns raised regarding long term costs and safety of staff maintaining the islands;
- Would need to use drought resistant plantings as medians would not be irrigated.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council approve the following for the Craigflower Road, Phase 1 Issues:

1. That the Township landscape four out of the six median islands;
2. That two street lights be installed on the existing poles on either side of the Ironwood Development bus stop.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

(3) Harbour Initiatives Agreement, Staff Report No. EPW-10-006

The Director of Engineering and Public Works noted that the figures supplied by the CRD included DND Lands. He will contact them to revise their figures. Mr. Miller also advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada and the Ministry of Environment all have jurisdiction over the area.

Comments from Council include:

- Requests for clarification and more information;
- There is an obligation to protect the quality of water in the Harbour.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council approve the following:

That the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt postpone entering into the Harbours Initiatives Agreement with the Capital Regional District until financial and organization information is provided that details the extent of the program and the impact it will have on Township Works along the shorelines.

The motion **CARRIED** with Mayor Desjardins, Councillors Brame, Gaul, Hundleby, Linge and McIldoon in Favour and Councillor Garrison Opposed.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works will report back to Council with more details.

Development Services

- (4) Green Checklist for Development Proposals, Staff Report No. DEV-10-013

The Director of Development Services advised that the checklist has been forwarded to various groups. The recommendation is for a combination Checklist and Information Brochure. Each section has an educational component.

Comments from Council include:

- Thank you, would not like to see us lose our leadership role;
- Support from Council for the idea of the list.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that Option 3, the creation of a combined Green Checklist and Information Brochure, be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (5) Update on 24 Hour Business Openings, Staff Report No. DEV-10-014

Removed from the Agenda

- (6) Rezoning Application and Development Permit, 847 Carrie Street, [Lot 3 and Lot 4, Section 10, Esquimalt Land District, Plan 329], Staff Report No. DEV-10-016

The Director of Development Services advised that the applicant, Rus Collins, and the owner, Martin Whitehead, were in attendance to answer questions.

The applicant is requesting support to rezone property at 847 Carrie Street. The proposal is for three lots and retention of a heritage home built in 1905. In keeping with the neighbourhood, they are incorporating green planning and recycling. The proposal has been reviewed by neighbours and has received a positive response. The existing dwelling is respected and is worth saving. The intention is to retain as much of the landscaping as possible.

Comments from Council include:

- Questions regarding how the new design fits in with heritage design;
- Response was that the new lots do not compete with the heritage home, they have form and character with more modern overtones;
- Great fit and addition to the neighbourhood;
- Pleased to see protection of heritage house.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the application for rezoning and a development permit authorizing three single family dwellings with landscaping as shown on the plans provided by Zebra Design, and stamped "Received January 29, 2010" and the survey plan prepared by Powell & Associates, BC Land Surveyors stamped "Received February 5, 2010" be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The Director of Development Services advised that the home is currently not on the Heritage Register and she would discuss this with the applicant.

- (7) Rezoning Application and Development Permit, 1187 Colville Road, [Lot 1, Block 17, Section 10, Esquimalt District, Plan 2546], Staff Report No. DEV-10-017

The Director of Development Services advised that the property is zoned for duplex or single family and the applicant wishes to build two detached single family residences.

The applicant, Gaston Cote, and Dave Lunt, Mesa Design were available to answer questions.

Comments from Council include:

- Question regarding impact of proximity to railway;
- Response by Director was that there are no special requirements when building close to a railway track;
- Question regarding railway frontage;
- Response by applicant was that there is currently vegetation and a six foot fence will be built;
- Good use of property and efficient use of a corner lot.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the application for rezoning authorizing two single family dwellings and a development permit limiting the form and character of development to that shown on architectural plans provided with the application stamped "Received January 29, 2010", the survey plan prepared by J.E. Anderson & Associates, BC Land Surveyors stamped "Received February 19, 2010", and a landscape plan prepared by Koi Dragon Enterprises Ltd. and stamped received on "January 29, 2010" be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (8) Rezoning Application and Development Permit, 933 Colville Road [Lot 6, Block 1, Section 10, Esquimalt District, Plan 6277], Staff Report No. DEV-10-018

The Director of Development Services advised that the application is for a single family residence currently used as a meditation centre. The applicant had been encouraged to bring the rezoning forward. The Director reported that all new buildings are required to be hooked up to the storm drain system. When the building permit is evaluated, the municipality will also look at the water problem.

The applicant, Ken Hoang, and Ken Marr, Hartman Design, were available to answer questions. Mr. Hoang advised that the current structure has serious drainage problems.

Comments from Council include:

- How will the drainage problem be addressed in the new building?
- What about handicapped access?
- Response was that there is a handicapped accessible washroom on the main floor;
- Concern was also raised regarding parking.

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the application for rezoning, authorizing one single family dwelling including a Meditation Centre, and a development permit limiting the form and character of development to that shown on the architectural plans provided by Hartmann's Drafting and Design and stamped "Received January 25, 2010, a landscape plan prepared by Doug McLean, Landscape Design and stamped received on "January 25, 2010", and the survey plan supplied by Glen Mitchell Land Surveying Inc. and stamped "received February 19, 2010", be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (9) 625 Constance Avenue, Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw, 2001, No. 2482, Staff Report No. DEV-10-020

Removed from the Agenda

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) 2009 – 2011 Strategic Plan

Moved by Mayor Desjardins, seconded by Councillor Hundleby to receive the 2009 – 2011 Strategic Plan.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

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

Doug Grant of Head Street stated he is distressed at the inappropriate and untrue distribution of documentation and information to Council concerning the issue of the Legion's use of the Archie Browning Sports Centre. Mayor Desjardins responded that she has the information from Mr. Grant and will forward to staff.

Kathleen Troger of Shirley Road spoke regarding an update to Craigflower Road issues. She thanked the municipality for the islands and the lighting and stated concerns with bus stops and pullouts. Concern is that the main purpose of the islands is traffic calming not traffic stopping. Drivers will drive up on the medians to get by the bus. She has concerns with idling cars as well. She requested consideration of the possibility to relocate the two bus stops, east and west, by Garthland, with the next phase?

Wade Walters of Shirley Road thanked the municipality for the landscaped islands.

Barb Noyes of Garthland Road spoke about signs. She stated that Lampson Street to Admirals Road, there is one sign per island; on Esquimalt Road from Dunsmuir to Head totaled 7 islands and 12 signs; Garthland Road to Sioux, Road 4 islands. She

would like to see the yellow and black obstruction signs removed and the curbs painted yellow. She noted that Garthland Road to Sioux Road, has 10 arrows, and she would like to see 7 removed.

Mayor Desjardins responded that when traffic patterns change, the purpose of the signs is to indicate to drivers that there has been a change. It is not just residents using these roads. It is best to err on the side of caution.

Mr. McNab of Forshaw Road thanked the municipality and has attended meetings. In reality, it comes down to budget. Compromise becomes part of the equation. He noted that he is not critical of Council or Public Works. He advised that residents are passing on their concerns as they are users of this road. No one wants to see Craigflower as a pass to the Western Communities.

John Noyes of Garthland Road congratulated Mayor and Council on what he had received from the community. He expressed hope that in the future these decisions will continue. He was very impressed with the willingness of Council to have two way discussions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 12th DAY OF APRIL, 2010

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CAROLLYNE EVANS
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR