



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 5, 2010

7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

STAFF: Scott Hartman, A/Chief Administrative Officer
Barb Snyder, Director of Development Services
Robin Middleton, Director of Financial Services
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Carollyne Evans, Corporate Administrator

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) Municipal Appointment – Staff Report ADM-10-047 to be added as 8(7).

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 Meeting of Council, June 14, 2010

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held June 14, 2010, be adopted.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) Tom Watkins and Wendy Dunn, CRD Environmental Resource Management, Enhanced Curbside Recycling Program

The CRD representatives handed out slides from their power point presentation and gave an overview of the recycling program. They explained the enhanced program which would add kitchen scraps, milk cartons, tetra paks, plastic bags, plastic wrap and styrofoam and talked about the next steps.

Mr. Watkins stated the CRD has sufficient funds for the new program and a collection of vehicles would be provided by the successful proponent under contract.

Question was raised if any of the municipalities had expressed a desire to opt out of the program and how the CRD would deal with that. Mr. Watkins responded that Saanich is reviewing the program and has asked to have until the end of August to make a decision. The CRD would like this to be a region-wide program for economies of scale.

Council questioned the awarding of the contract in September before scheduling the public consultation. Mr. Watkins noted that some public consultation has been done and they have

received favourable feedback from the public and support for the program. Council asked to be informed of the public consultation dates and know the costs involved before the contract is awarded.

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

Mayor Desjardins called for public input.

Rod Lavergne of Fraser Street began to comment on the Chafe House when Councillor Linge declared himself in a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers at 7:22 p.m. Mr. Lavergne spoke to the conditions of the gift resulting in lost taxes and a revenue source to the Municipality and Council should reconsider the gift.

Muriel Dunn of Old Esquimalt Road stated she is an avid recycler and asked why milk cartons are not part of the blue box program.

7. DELEGATIONS

- (1) Peter March, Property Taxes

Mr. March stated he has talked with his neighbours and there is confusion about the calculations used in setting the property taxes and concerns about the impact of the tax increase to home owners. Question was asked how sustainable is this for Esquimalt if houses can't be sold at assessed value because the property taxes are so high. Homeowners may become unable to maintain their homes and the neighbourhood could become rundown.

Mayor Desjardins encouraged Mr. March to meet with the Director of Financial Services, Robin Middleton, to explain how his taxes were calculated. Director Middleton added that homeowners are seeing high increases this year because BC Assessment lifted the two-year freeze on assessment values.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- (1) Municipal Appointment, Staff Report No. ADM-10-044

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the following person be appointed to the position indicated:

Jeff Miller, Acting Director of Development Services (in the absence of Barbara Snyder)

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Engineering and Public Works

- (2) Update – Harbour Initiatives Agreement, Staff Report No. EPW-10-020

Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering & Public Works, stated that there are still some outstanding issues to work through with the CRD including how the funding formula would look and method of allocating costs. Director Miller added that the CRD will look at the health of the harbour as part of the Core Liquid Waste Management Program, and will bring together organizations to promote habitat restoration through education. The Township of Esquimalt is the last remaining municipality to sign on; only the CRD municipalities sharing the watershed are participating in the agreement.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt enters into a one (1) year agreement with the Capital Regional District for the Harbours Initiatives.

Discussion:

Question was raised if the Township could opt out of the agreement. Comment was made if there is a need for a separate body as the federal government already looks after tidal water.

The Question was called on the motion and declared **CARRIED** with Mayor Desjardins, Councillors Linge, Brame, Garrison, Gaul In Favour and Councillors McIldoon, Hundleby Opposed.

Financial Services

- (3) Local Grant Application – Greater Victoria Film Commission, Staff Report No. FIN-10-013

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council postpone consideration of the Greater Victoria Film Commission's application for a Local Government Grant to when the proponent is in attendance.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Development Services

- (4) Rezoning Application, 398 Fraser Street, [Lot 6, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 5510] , Staff Report No. DEV-10-045

Council asked staff to bring back information on tax revenue as a result of rezoning the property to Park designation. Council noted that they are most appreciative of the generous gift of property and are clarifying, not questioning, the conditions of the transfer to the Township.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor McIldoon:

- a. That the application for an OCP Amendment and Rezoning authorizing a change in land use designation from "Single and Two Unit Residential" to "Parks and Open Space" and authorizing a change in zoning from RS-1 [Single Family

- b. That staff be instructed to prepare the necessary amending bylaws.

Discussion:

Mayor Desjardins noted Council would be interested to hear from the residents on the use of the property.

The Question was called on the motion and declared **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (5) Application for Development Permit, 1233 Juno Street, [Lot 2, Block B, Suburban Lot 49, Esquimalt District, Plan 772], Staff Report No. DEV-10-046

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the application for a Development Permit, limiting the form and character of development to that shown on architectural and landscaping plans provided by Zebra Design, stamped "Received May 31, 2010" and sited as shown on the survey plan prepared by Richard J. Wey & Associates Land Surveyors Inc. stamped "Received May 4, 2010", be forwarded to the July 12th, 2010 meeting of Council for consideration.

Discussion:

Barb Snyder, Director of Development Services, provided clarification that was requested at the June 21, 2010 meeting and noted that the applicant is willing to develop the house without a basement if required. Council expressed concerns of the front to back duplex structure; the basement stairs in the rear; only a single driveway in the back for both residents to park, with no pad; and one resident having only one entrance located at the front of the building.

The Question was called on the motion and declared **DEFEATED** with Mayor Desjardins, Councillors McIlldoon, Hundleby, Brame, Garrison, Gaul Opposed and Councillor Linge In Favour.

- (6) Development Permit Amendment, 1258 Esquimalt Road, [Lots 1 to 21, Suburban Lot 40 & 42, Esquimalt District, Plan VIS4390], Staff Report No. DEV-10-047

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Garrison that Council approve amendments to Development Permit No. 05-96 permitting changes to the exterior colours as detailed on the colour renderings provide by Spratt Emanuel Engineering Ltd., stamped "Received June 29, 2010".
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (7) Municipal Appointment – Acting Deputy Corporate Administrator, Staff Report ADM-10-047

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Linge that as the Chief Administrative Officer holds the appointment of Deputy Corporate Administrator per section 148 of the *Community Charter*, that the senior staff appointed as Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer also be appointed as Acting Deputy Corporate Administrator when acting in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

9. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Garrison thanked Council members for joining him in the Pride Parade as well as Esquimalt High School students and members of the public.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (1) Committee of the Whole Report, June 14, 2010

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the Committee of the Whole Report, June 14, 2010, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (2) Draft minutes from the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, May 18, 2010

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the draft minutes from the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, May 18, 2010, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (3) Draft minutes from the Access Awareness Advisory Committee meeting, June 9, 2010

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the draft minutes from the Access Awareness Advisory Committee meeting, June 9, 2010, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (4) Draft minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, June 24, 2010

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the draft minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, June 24, 2010, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

11.

COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Letter from the District of North Saanich, dated May 10, 2010, Re: Farmers Access to Organic Matter from the CRD Waste Management Systems

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the letter from the District of North Saanich, dated May 10, 2010, Re: Farmers Access to Organic Matter from the CRD Waste Management Systems, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (2) Letter from the District of Central Saanich, dated May 18, 2010, Re: Capital Regional District Request for Proposals 10-1666 & 10-667 – Processing / Marketing of Processed Household Organics

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the letter from the District of Central Saanich, dated May 18, 2010, Re: Capital Regional District Request for Proposals 10-1666 & 10-667 – Processing / Marketing of Processed Household Organics, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (3) Letter from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated June 2010, Re: Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the letter from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated June 2010, Re: Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (4) Letter from Child Find British Columbia, dated June 15, 2010, Re: 20th Annual Michael Dunahee Slo-Pitch Tournament of Hope

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the letter from Child Find British Columbia, dated June 15, 2010, Re: 20th Annual Michael Dunahee Slo-Pitch Tournament of Hope, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (5) Letter from Captain M.J.M. Hallé, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt, dated June 17, 2010, Re: Letter of Appreciation for Hosting Namesake Program Presentation Ceremony

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the letter from Captain M.J.M. Hallé, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt, dated June 17, 2010, Re: Letter of Appreciation for Hosting Namesake Program Presentation

Ceremony, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (6) Letter from Captain M.J.M. Hallé, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt, dated June 17, 2010, Re: Letter of Appreciation for Gift Received

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the letter from Captain M.J.M. Hallé, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt, dated June 17, 2010, Re: Letter of Appreciation for Gift Received, be received.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (7) Letter from the Capital Regional District, dated June 23, 2010, Re: Sludge Transmission

Discussion ensued on the statement in the letter from the CRD that “the current plan is based on sludge being pumped” as well as what mitigation measures would be in place should the infrastructure fail.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Township of Esquimalt Council is seeking a commitment from the Capital Regional District to state in the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan that there will be no trucking of sludge through Esquimalt streets.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RISE AND REPORT

- (1) From the *In Camera* Council Meeting, June 21, 2010

- (a) IAFF Family Illness

Mayor Desjardins read Council Policy FIRE – 02:

Upon approval by the Employer an Employee may be entitled to use up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) hours of Accumulated Sick Leave per year in circumstances when:

1 - no person other than the Employee can provide for the needs of an immediate family member who is continuously resident in the Employee’s home; and

2 - the Employee maintains a minimum of nine hundred [900] hours of Accumulated Sick Leave.

13.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Peter Justo of Esquimalt Road referred to the sewage treatment plant issue and cautioned Council about approving P3 developments. He noted they could be slow to respond to repairs and breakdowns in

transmission of substance as well as could incur a lot of overtime costs.

Muriel Dunn of Old Esquimalt Road commented that there is no immediate use for the Chafe House and questioned whether it would be less money to keep it standing or to tear it down. Mrs. Dunn noted she was asked by Tim Murphy to send the letter out to her contacts advising them that the CRD letter on the sewage treatment plant would be on the agenda tonight. Mayor Desjardins commented she could meet with Mrs. Dunn to answer any other questions.

Dale Wood of Greenwood Avenue thanked Peter March for expressing his concerns about property taxes. Mr. Wood noted that policing costs for the Olympic Games cost over \$400,000 in overtime, he disagreed with the surveillance cameras, believes Esquimalt should disengage with the City of Victoria immediately and the Minister of Public Safety should look at going with another policing model. Alternatively, a citizens committee could be set up to deal with emergency services and develop a viable police model.

Mr. Wood asked how much was spent on the Esquimalt Village Plan and the consultants should be asked to give a refund up to \$100,000. An alternative would be for the Township to set up a citizens committee to look at options for developing the town core.

Mayor Desjardins responded that there would be an Open House on the Esquimalt Village Plan scheduled for the evening of July 7th, 2010 with the purpose to assist the Township with identifying economic development opportunities that will bring better use to the properties, bring more people to Esquimalt, and help the Township provide services to residents

Mayor Desjardins responded that the Esquimalt Policing Advisory Board is a voluntary board that will be going out into the community and looking at what changes can be made to the policing structure. Mayor Desjardins added she would be pleased to discuss the issues further with Mr. Wood.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CAROLLYNE EVANS
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR