



## Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, July 12, 2010

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

**STAFF:** Scott Hartman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Robin Middleton, Director of Financial Services  
Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services  
Marlene Lagoa, Sustainability Coordinator  
Diane Knight, Executive Assistant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. LATE ITEMS

There was one late item:

- (1) Addition to Item 6 (1) Staff Report No. ADM-10-043, Feedback on Plastic Shopping Bags as pages 14 (a) and (b).

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### 4. MINUTES

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

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Councillor Linge that the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole, June 14, 2010 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Larry Dill, Vice Chair, Environmental Advisory Committee, Bottled Water and Plastic Bag Resolutions

Mr. Dill recommended that the Township phase out the sale of bottled water at their facilities. He commented on the large environmental cost of having plastic bags and plastic bottles and that a large number of these end up in

landfills. Plastic bags have a huge impact on the marine environment. He reviewed what other jurisdictions have done with these issues. He suggested that Esquimalt be a leader for the greenest community in the CRD by approving the recommendations for plastic shopping bags and plastic water bottles made by the Environmental Advisory Committee.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

**Administration**

- (1) Feedback on Plastic Shopping Bags, Staff Report No. ADM-10-043

Comments from Council include:

- This is a good beginning in dealing with plastics and people need an opportunity to change their habits;
- Supports having a timeline to implement change;
- Suggestion to bring businesses on side with new habits;
- Recognize the need to deal with issue at a higher level;
- Suggestion was made for Esquimalt to create their own reusable bags.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul that Council:

- a. Implement a voluntary ban on the distribution of single use plastic bags within the Township to take effect December 31, 2011 and design a recognition program for those businesses who are able to comply which would include a certificate and public recognition of their compliance;
- b. Request the Environmental Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Esquimalt business community, develop and implement a social marketing campaign to reduce the distribution of single-use plastic shopping bags in the Township of Esquimalt;
- c. Send a letter to the Capital Regional District, copying Mayor and Council of the 13 member municipalities, lobbying the development of a model plastic shopping bag bylaw; and
- d. Send a letter to the Ministry of Environment lobbying for the inclusion of plastic bags in the BC Recycling Regulation.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (2) Solar BC – Solar Community Invitation, Staff Report No. ADM-10-046

Marlene Lagoa, the Sustainability Coordinator, advised that Solar BC has provided support with their staff and their time.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council accept SolarBC's invitation for the Township of Esquimalt to become a Solar Community based on the revised solar hot water initiatives and action plan [Option 2].

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (3) Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation, Staff Report No. ADM-10-048

The Sustainability Coordinator advised that the regulation will come into effect in the Fall.

Barbara Snyder, the Director of Development Services, advised that currently the municipality could suggest Solar Hot Water but could not enforce the regulation that new developments are required to include them in their building plans.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that Council request the Township of Esquimalt's inclusion in the list of 'Solar Hot Water Ready' local government jurisdictions.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (4) Energy Study of Municipal Facilities, Staff Report No. ADM-10-049

The Sustainability Coordinator provided Council with results of the energy study.

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council receive the energy study reports of municipal facilities prepared by Coral Engineering and Quantum Lighting.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

***Parks and Recreation***

- (5) Bottled Water, Staff Report No. P&R-10-010

Scott Hartman, the Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that he has directed his staff to phase out the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities. He noted that the vending machine contracts are up for renewal and staff are looking at filling stations for water. He hopes to have the water bottles phased out by the end of the year. The Director advised that fountains and filling stations would be heavy industrial grade and built to withstand vandalism. The staff recommendation would exclude the Fire Department as they would still use bottled water for Emergency Services.

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council ban the sale of bottled water in our facilities and the free distribution of bottled water by the Township at our events effective December 31, 2011, and that staff implement a plan to refit existing water fountains by that same date.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- (6) Archie Browning Sports Centre Construction Schedule, Staff Report No. P&R-10-011

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that the project is ahead of schedule and on budget. He will provide another update in September.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that Council receive Staff Report No. P&R-10-011 report for information.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**Development Services**

- (7) Development Variance Permit, 920 Yarrow Place, [Lot 8, Section 2, Esquimalt District, Plan 45523], Staff Report No. DEV-10-048

The Director of Development Services advised that she has obtained additional information and noted that any new proposal for this space would necessitate coming forward to Council with another variance.

The proponent advised that the property is available and that the deck is near the end of its usefulness. He would like to build a more usable deck.

Comments from Council include:

- Concerns that a future owner may fill in the deck to extend the home;
- Concerns that this may be precedent setting;
- The OCP does not support this change;
- The request is not out of line with other buildings in the area;
- Keep in mind the practicality of what we are doing;
- Council has an obligation to residents to make their properties more usable;
- There are no violations or damage to foreshore;
- The OCP should be used as a guideline only.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Councillor Brame that the application for a Development Variance Permit reducing the required setback from the Gorge Waterway for a principal building as detailed on the site plan prepared by J.E. Anderson and Associates shown integrated with architectural plans submitted by Key and Associates Architects Ltd, stamped "Received May 27, 2010", and including the following relaxations to Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2646, be forwarded to Council with a recommendation of approval.

**Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2646, Section 9.6.5(a)** – a 2 metre reduction in the required setback between any building or structure and the High Water Mark of the Gorge Waterway from 20 metres to 18 metres.

The motion **CARRIED** with Mayor Desjardins, Councillors Hundleby, Linge, Brame, Gaul in favour and Councillors Garrison, McIldoon opposed.

- (8) Development Variance Permit, 1243 Park Terrace, [Lot 1, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 12985], Staff Report No. DEV-10-050

The applicant, Mike Miller, came forward to talk about his renovation to the existing rental building. He proposes to add an additional suite which would be handicap accessible along with two others. He requested a small variance to create a more efficient flow for tenants to access the walkway. This would also allow for more greenspace.

Council commended the applicant for creating additional much needed accessible housing.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hundleby that the application for a Development Variance Permit authorizing the construction shown on the site plan and construction drawings prepared by Northwest Designs, stamped "Received May 25, 2010", and including the following variance, at Lot 1 Section 11 Esquimalt District Plan 12985 [1243 Park Terrace] be forwarded to Council with a **recommendation of approval**.

**Bylaw 1992, No. 2050: Section 44(6)(ii) – Interior Side Yard Setback** – a 2.9 metre decrease in the required 6.0 metre setback between the principal building and the western property line, ie. from 6.0 metres to 3.1 metres.

The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

Muriel Dunn of Old Esquimalt Road advised that she thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Dill's presentation. This issue is bigger than most of us and so much a part of society today. She concurred with Councillor Linge, that to address this issue, we need help.

Beth Burton-Krahn of Hadfield Road stated that it is a great idea to be an environmental leader.

Dale Wood of Greenwood Road advised that he is disappointed to see a prohibition against bottled water and plastic bags. If you have dogs, you need plastic bags. The CRD should be told to recycle plastic, not our role. Suggest looking at plastic bag alternatives. Reusable are worse than plastic. Think through from a consumer perspective. If people insist on bottled water, add a levy. Alternatives are fountains and reusable bottles. It is a job for senior government. Try to be environmental. There were solar panels on the Recreation Centre, but are now gone. Why did we not incorporate them into the Recreation Centre?

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hundleby, seconded by Councillor Brame that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT  
THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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SCOTT HARTMAN  
ACTING DEPUTY CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR