



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011**

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

- PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Lynda Hundleby
Councillor Bruce McIldoon
Councillor Don Linge
- REGRETS:** Councillor Alison Gaul
- STAFF:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Mary Turner, Deputy Director of Financial Services
Trevor Parkes, Senior Planner
Marlene Lagoa, Sustainability Coordinator
- OTHER:** Carla Venter, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated.
MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Rod Lavergne, 485 Fraser Street, commented on the need to complete work on the ramp at the Chafe house. Mr. Lavergne also raised his concern about the condition of the roof on the building which houses the fire trucks. He also voiced his opposition that grants are being requested from the municipality while other areas that need money are being ignored.

Muriel Dunn, 1193 Old Esquimalt Road, voiced her concern that no action had been taken on the welcome signs and that time is running out with the Centennial Kick-off Celebrations coming up on October 8th.

Anita Roberts, 1415 Craddock Street, a teacher at Esquimalt High School spoke to the need for a welcoming sign at the school entrance to include the First Nations students who represent one third of the total students enrolled at Esquimalt High School. Ms. Roberts noted that the placement of a pole and art work will be an acknowledgement of the Coast Salish culture.

Rupert Downing, Executive Director at Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria, gave a short overview of services provided to the communities in Victoria also including Esquimalt in terms of reducing poverty in these communities. Mr. Downing requested a contribution from the municipality for their 75 Year Celebrations.

5. DELEGATIONS

(1) Deborah Nohr – BC Thanksgiving Food Drive

Ms. Nohr gave a short overview of the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive and noted that the success of the project on the mainland led to the idea of expanding the project throughout the Province. Ms. Nohr noted that various churches and organizations will be involved and that the food drive in Victoria will take place on September 17, 2011.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

(1) List of Municipal Appointments, Staff Report No ADM-11-041

MOTION:

1. That the following persons be appointed to the positions as indicated:

Jeff Miller – A/Chief Administrative Officer

– A/Deputy Corporate Administrator

Anja Nurvo – Corporate Administrator

– Head, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

2. That the A/Chief Administrative Officer role be designated to those persons appointed according to workload and priorities rather than on a hierarchal basis.

MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Linge/Councillor Brame. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Finance

(2) Request for 2011 Property Tax Penalty Reversal, Staff Report No FIN-11-029

Members of Council noted they did not wish to set a precedent.

MOTION: That Council NOT forward the request for reversal of the 2011 property tax penalties to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(3) Auditor's Follow-up to Communication, Staff Report No FIN-11-030

MOTION: That this report be received for information. MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Brame/Councillor Linge. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(4) Request to Change Use of Grant Funding (2), Staff Report No FIN-11-031

Janet Christie spoke to the request from the Addiction Recovery Coach of Canada Society to modify the use of funds received in response to their grant application. Ms. Christie noted that they were unable to raise the necessary funds to roll out a complete program. She informed Council that the funds can still be utilized by matching high-risk mothers living in Esquimalt with already trained coaches from a previous program.

Discussion ensued around the request to modify the funds for a new purpose. Council expressed concern around the need for specified expenses and public accountability. Council further noted that when a grant is approved for a specific project, it should be used for that

project and not be changed afterwards. Council also applauded the applicant for bringing back her request to Council.

MOTION: That Council approve the request from the Addiction Recovery Coach of Canada Society to modify the use of 2011 Local Grant funds towards the new purpose as presented. **MOVED/SECONDED.** Councillor Brame/Councillor Linge. **DEFEATED** (Councillors Brame and Linge in favour; Mayor Desjardins, Councillors Hundleby and McIldoon opposed).

(5) Fourth 2011 Local Grant Distribution, Staff Report No FIN-11-032

Ms. Lorna Reid addressed Council and spoke on her request for a local grant for the Coast Salish cultural acknowledgement project for Esquimalt High School. Ms. Reid informed Council that a local artist is interested in taking part in the creation of the carved welcome figure.

Discussion ensued and Council expressed its concern that First Nations students feel alienated in the school. Council also noted the significant amount of First Nation students in this year's graduating class. Council suggested to Ms. Reid that all avenues for funding should be researched, including support from the School Board. Finally, Council confirmed their support for the concept and noted that it should be brought forward again to Council in the new financial year.

MOTION: That Council approve \$1000 of 2011 Local Grant funding to the Coast Salish Cultural Acknowledgement Project for Esquimalt High School. **MOVED/SECONDED.** Councillor Hundleby/Councillor McIldoon. **CARRIED** (Councillors McIldoon, Brame and Hundleby in favour; Mayor Desjardins and Councillor Linge opposed).

Discussion then ensued on the local grant request from the Community Social Planning Council to sponsor their 75th Anniversary Celebration. Concerns were raised about the funding needs for the municipality's own Centennial Celebrations in 2012.

MOTION: That Council approve \$500 of 2011 Local Grant funding to the Community Social Planning Council to sponsor the 75th Anniversary Celebration. **MOVED/SECONDED.** Councillor Linge/Councillor Brame. **DEFEATED** (Councillor Linge in favour; Mayor Desjardins, Councillors McIldoon, Brame and Hundleby opposed).

Development Services

(6) OCP Amendment Application, 521 – 529 Comerford Street, [Lot 266, Suburban Lot 40, Esquimalt District, Plan 2854], [Lot 267, Suburban Lot 40, Esquimalt District, Plan 2854], Staff Report No. DEV-11-066

MOTION:

1. That Bylaw No. 2774, which would amend Official Community Plan

Bylaw, 2006, No. 2646 by changing the land use designation of Lot 266, Suburban Lot 40, Esquimalt District Plan 2854 and Lot 267, Suburban Lot 40, Esquimalt District, Pan 2854 [521 – 529 Comerford Street], shown cross-hatched on Schedule 'A' attached hereto, from DND Federal Land to Commercial Mixed-Use, be given first and second reading; and

2. That a Public Hearing be scheduled.

MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Linge/Councillor Hundleby.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no reports.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (1) Draft minutes from the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, June 21, 2011

MOTION: To receive Draft minutes from the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, June 21, 2011. MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: That Council receive the following communications:

- (1) Letter from Minister Michael de Jong, Minister of Health, received August 9, 2011, Re: Creating an Age-Friendly Business in BC – A New Guide for Businesses
- (2) Letter from Brant Felker, UBCM, dated August 12, 2011, Re: Amendment to the Pooled Funds Funding Agreement
- (4) Letter from Mike Furey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community, Sports and Cultural Development, dated August 17, 2011, Re: British Columbia Climate Action Charter
- (5) Letter from Lee Loftus, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Union Local 118, dated August 19, 2011, Re: Request to Support Mechanical Insulation Resolution at UBCM Convention.

MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Linge/Councillor Brame. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (3) Letter from Minister Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, dated August 12, 2011, Re: Esquimalt's Financial Partnership Contribution to the Seaspans Bid

MOTION: To receive the Letter from Minister Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, dated August 12, 2011, Re: Esquimalt's Financial Partnership Contribution to the Seaspans Bid. MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby.

Council discussion ensued and it was suggested that the Minister should be informed that the request is currently under review before responding. Councillor Brame withdrew the motion to receive the report. Council directed staff to bring back an update on what can be provided within the tax policies of the municipality.

MOTION: That the Township respond to Minister Pat Bell advising that the Township is reviewing its taxation structure before replying to his request. **MOVED/SECONDED.** Councillor Hundleby/Mayor Desjardins. **CARRIED** (Mayor Desjardins, Councillors McIldoon, Brame and Hundleby in favour; Councillor Linge opposed).

10.

NOTICE OF MOTION

(1) Graffiti in the Community

Discussion ensued on the hard work done by community members involved with Esquimalt Together Against Graffiti (ETAG). Concerns were raised that more enforcement would lead to penalizing local businesses twice. Council directed staff to bring back a report with an option to reward businesses who do maintain a graffiti free property and an option for the municipality to assist businesses with graffiti clean up.

MOTION:

WHEREAS the Township of Esquimalt currently has a Maintenance of Property Bylaw, 1996, No. 2180, which states in Part 500 that:

2. (1) Persons are prohibited from placing graffiti on walls, fences or elsewhere on or adjacent to a public place; and
2. (2) Owners or occupiers of real property are prohibited from allowing their real property to become or remain unsightly;

WHEREAS Council's 2009-2011 Strategic Plan states it wishes to support further development of community based programs such as Esquimalt Together Against Graffiti (ETAG);

WHEREAS ETAG has worked tirelessly within the community and with various businesses to eradicate graffiti when it is found, but have found that short term solutions such as a "community event" are not as valuable as an ongoing commitment by the Township; and

WHEREAS businesses should be educated that immediate removal is the most effective method of deterring further graffiti; and

WHEREAS the Township of Esquimalt recognizes the importance of controlling graffiti within the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to bring back a report to Council including possible methods on discouraging graffiti and engaging the business community in controlling graffiti, and identifying any necessary changes to the Maintenance of Property

Bylaw, 1996, No. 2180, to permit more effective enforcement.

MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Muriel Dunn, 1193 Old Esquimalt Road, requested Council to expedite the report on banners and banner poles.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. MOVED/SECONDED. Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Brame.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER