



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 9, 2012

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

7:03 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Chair), Councillor Meagan Brame, Councillor Dave Hodgins, Councillor Lynda Hundleby, Councillor Robert McKie, Councillor Tim Morrison, Councillor David Schinbein

STAFF: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Barbara Snyder, Director of Development Services
Anja Nurvo, Manager of Corporate Services
Louise Payne, Recording Secretary

OTHERS: Inspector Keith Lindner, West Division, Police Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

Mayor Desjardins welcomed Inspector Keith Lindner as the newly appointed leader of the West Division, Police Services.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor McKie:
That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole, December 12, 2011

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole, December 12, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

(1) Voting on Motions, Staff Report No. ADM-12-001

Mayor Desjardins advised that she had brought this matter forward as it may not be clear to Councillors how to vote on motions.

Moved by Councillor Schinbein to table consideration of voting on motions. There was no seconder.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Hodgins:
That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that it continue to vote on motions in the manner set out in the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2715, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Development Services

(2) Report on Development Permits Issued by the Director, Staff Report No. DEV-12-001

The Director of Development Services presented Staff Report No. DEV-12-001 and was available to answer questions from Council.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Brame:
That the Director of Development Services continue to review and issue Development Permits for projects that fall within the scope of the work authorized by Bylaw No. 2751.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(3) Limiting Certain Types of Commercial Businesses, Staff Report No. DEV-12-002

The Director of Development Services presented Staff Report No. DEV-12-002 and Mayor Desjardins advised that the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce will be meeting to discuss these types of commercial businesses. Also, a representative of "Payday Loans" has requested to make a presentation to Council prior to a decision.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hodgins:
That Council direct staff to prepare the bylaws necessary to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2050 to define "commercial use", "cheque cashing facility", and "financial institution" so as to prohibit additional cheque cashing businesses from locating in Esquimalt's commercial core.

Council comments:

- Issue of our relationship with the business community; these businesses make a negative contribution to our community; want to make Esquimalt a more desirable community to live;
- Main street is littered with these types of businesses, which discourage other types of businesses;
- Time (2012) to get serious about rebranding Esquimalt, in its centennial year;
- If limit/push these businesses downtown, people cashing cheques will spend their money downtown;
- Concerned about labeling people who use this service - includes students, military personnel, and families;

- Direct request from Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce for an opportunity to comment on this issue;
- Believe the market will dictate if these businesses succeed or fail;
- Cannot disenfranchise members of our community who need this service;
- Not banning this type of business, just limiting additional ones.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hodgins:
That the motion regarding limiting certain types of commercial businesses, as outlined in Staff Report No. DEV-12-002, **be tabled.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(4) Esquimalt Village Plan (EVP) Update, Staff Report No. DEV-12-003

The Director of Development Services presented Staff Report No. DEV-12-003 and answered questions from Council.

Council comments:

- Need another public information meeting to discuss whether the site should be retained, sold or developed prior to the Public Hearing;
- Want public to be more engaged in this process;
- Important to clarify where we left off with this issue;
- Timelines? *Next Committee of the Whole meeting discuss site issues; then to Regular meeting of Council for public input.*

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor McKie:
That Staff Report No. DEV-12-003 regarding the Esquimalt Village Plan (EVP) Update be received for information;
That discussion take place around whether the site should be retained by the Township, sold outright, or developed in partnership with one or more developers;
That a public meeting be held prior to the official Public Hearing to convey factual information and hear concerns; and
That a Public Hearing be scheduled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(5) Development Permit, 880-D Esquimalt Road, [Lot 2, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 47946], Staff Report No. DEV-12-004

The Director of Development Services introduced the applicant who made a presentation to Council and answered questions.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hodgins:
That the application for a Development Permit limiting the form and character of development to that shown on architectural plans provided by Graphvette Design and Drafting, stamped "Received December 5, 2011", for the proposed tenant improvements and signage located at Lot 2, Section 11, Esquimalt District, Plan 47946 [880-D Esquimalt Road], be forwarded to Council with a **recommendation of approval.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

John Bergbusch, resident, requested clarification on what matters could be discussed, and inquired about Council's definition of a "village" and stated his opposition to any development over 4-storeys on the Esquimalt Village site. He invited members of Council to visit his property to see the impact this proposed development would have on the neighbourhood.

Muriel Dunn, resident, thanked Inspector Keith Lindner for the care and concern he showed to her mother following a recent break and enter at her home. She also expressed her disappointment with Council's postponement of a decision on limiting cheque cashing businesses in the community. She also stated that, with respect to the Esquimalt Village Plan, that a 12-storey or 8-storey building was not part of a "village" plan. She suggested that Council think carefully to whom they may sell the land.

Corey Payne, resident, spoke in favour of the Esquimalt Village development plan, pointing out that there is no money (for developers) in 4-storey buildings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Brame:

That the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 9, 2012 be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2012

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER