



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2012**

**5:45 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Dave Hodgins
Councillor Lynda Hundleby
Councillor Robert McKie
Councillor Tim Morrison
Councillor David Schinbein

STAFF:

Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Scott Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation Services
Pat Mulcahy, Human Resources Manager
Anja Nurvo, Manager of Corporate Services
Louise Payne, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Muriel Dunn, resident, expressed her appreciation to the West Division Police Services following a break and enter at her mother's home, especially to Inspector Keith Lindner who emailed her to inquire about her mother following the incident. She also expressed her concern regarding no notification that the Council Agenda was back online, having to read about this change in procedure in the local newspaper.

5. STAFF REPORT

Parks and Recreation

(1) Age Friendly Community Project Grant Application, Staff Report No. P&R-12-001

The Director of Parks and Recreation reviewed the grant application report and answered questions from Council.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hodgins:
That Council support the submission of a grant application under the 2012 Age-friendly Community Project Grant, funded through the Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT PERIOD

Terry Prentice, resident, reported on his observations of voting in the State Legislature in Atlanta, Georgia, noting that there was no doubt who had voted in what way. He expressed concern with voting by Councillors in British Columbia, as they are deemed to vote "Yes", unless they raise their hand in response to the Chair's question "Who is opposed?" He recommended to Council that they change their voting procedures to ensure that a Councillor has an obligation to vote against a motion if they do not support it.

7. MOTION TO GO *IN CAMERA*

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That Council convene *In Camera* pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to discuss:

- Labour relations or other employee relations; and
- The receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
- Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and
- The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

in accordance with Section 90 (1) (c), (i), (k) and 90 (2) (b) of the *Community Charter*, and that the general public be excluded.

CARRIED (Councillors Morrison and Hodgins opposed).

The Special Meeting of Council reconvened at 6:48 p.m. with all members of Council present.

7A. NOTICE OF MOTION

Council agreed to allow the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Hodgins as an addition to the Agenda:

WHEREAS public safety and security are a fundamental building block for community success; and

WHEREAS the public deserves to be provided with effective, efficient, ethical and economical policing services; and

WHEREAS the Township of Esquimalt has completed a report of current and future policing services as undertaken by the Policing and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel including a specific recommendation; and

WHEREAS the public has requested information associated with the report as it relates to the current and future state of policing services for the Township of Esquimalt and its public; and

WHEREAS the public have expressed a desire to be better informed about policing services and related recommendations; and

WHEREAS the public have expressed a keen desire to be further engaged going forward; and

WHEREAS the Township of Esquimalt strives to be an open, transparent municipality that values the fundamental principle that successful future policing models will only be realized if the community's residents are fully informed prior to the advancement of the recommendation; and

WHEREAS the Township of Esquimalt has already informed the community that the RCMP is the recommended proponent for the future of Esquimalt's policing, but has yet to release any relevant information regarding the impact on the community; specifically the costs, service levels, programs, and governance of the RCMP recommendation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, by March 1, 2012, the Township of Esquimalt release to the public an information bulletin that advises the public of the annual operating costs, required capital costs, policing service model including the number of police officers and types of programs, and the governance and community relations structure of the RCMP's proposal as recommended to Council by the Policing and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel. This information will include public access to all information from the Policing and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel's report to the Solicitor General and Director of Policing Services dated June 29, 2011 that does not violate any official obligation related to confidentiality agreements or as required by provincial legislation.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Esquimalt notify the successful proponent (RCMP) that the municipality will be releasing to the public any and all information from the Policing and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel's report to the Solicitor General and Director of Policing Services dated June 29, 2011 that does not violate any official obligation related to confidentiality agreements or as required by provincial legislation.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Esquimalt prepare a special page of the municipality's website to provide all of the aforementioned information as well as provide a feedback section on the website for the public to provide comments on the RCMP proposal to the municipality.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor McKie/Councillor Brame:
That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2012

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER