



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2012**

**7:00 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
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Anja Nurvo, Manager of Corporate Services
Louise Payne, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

The following late items were added to the Agenda:

- Pertaining to Agenda Item 8.(1) Public Hearing – 521-529 Comerford Street
 - Email from Kevin Youck, received March 2, 2012, Re: 521-529 Comerford Street
 - Esquimalt Petition in Support of Comerford & Carlisle Development
- Added as Agenda Item 13.(5) & (6) Communications
 - Email from Graham Bruce, Island Corridor Foundation, received March 5, 2012, Re: Letter of Support Request: Island Corridor Foundation
 - Letter from Larisa Hutcheson, CRD received February 17, 2012, Re: 2011 Performance Audit of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan

Mayor Desjardins introduced Mr. Bill Brown, the new Director of Development Services and welcomed him to the Township of Esquimalt.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor McKie:
That the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor McKie/Councillor Hodgins:
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, February 20, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PRESENTATION

(1) Suzanne Steffler, Ali Gaul and Mary-Ann Scott, 7th Raven Guides

The 7th Raven Guides Troupe made a presentation to Council on their activities in 2011.

(2) Recognition of Bev Hopkins, Esquimalt Garden Club, Victoria Flower Count Launch

Mayor Desjardins expressed appreciation to Bev Hopkins of the Esquimalt Garden Club for her assistance with Esquimalt's winning entry into the Victoria Flower Count Launch.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

7. DELEGATIONS

- (1) Dino P. Fiorin, Celebration of Lights Committee, Presentation to Council and Municipal Departments

Mr. Fiorin of the Celebration of Lights Committee expressed the Committee's appreciation for support at the Celebration of Lights, and presented plaques to the following:

- Mayor Desjardins, on behalf of Council
- Councillor Morrison, on behalf of Parks & Recreation Committee
- Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of Department of Public Works

- (2) Darwin Robinson, Taxpayer Concern

Mr. Robinson expressed his opposition to the proposed speed humps on Old Esquimalt Road as a solution to the speeding problem. He noted that the objective was to keep traffic off Old Esquimalt Road. In surveying residents on Old Esquimalt Road, he noted that most were against the proposed speed humps, and concerned that they would devalue their property.

8. HEARING

(1) HEARING – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT [521-529 COMERFORD STREET]

- i) Notice of Hearing
- ii) Background Information:
 - Staff Report No. DEV-11-066
 - Staff Report No. DEV-11-007
 - Staff Report No. DEV-11-090
 - Staff Report No. DEV-12-012

The Director of Development Services gave a brief overview of the proposed Development Permit application and proposed variances.

The applicant reviewed the Development Permit application, noting the changes to the proposed development, including a reduction in the number of units from 45 to 35. He added that he hoped to have the project completed by the summer, 2013.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kevin Youck, resident, spoke against the variance, stating that he had concerns with the lack of off-street parking and affected property values. He presented a petition dated February 25, 2012 to the Corporate Officer.

Darwin Robinson, resident, suggested that if the developer consolidated his lot with the adjacent parking lot, he may be able to provide underground parking for his development.

Emily Schudel, resident, expressed concern for the parking situation; however she was not against the proposed development. She suggested that the developer needs to find other ways to provide parking.

Mike Mayer, resident, stated that he was against the proposed development as he was concerned about the lack of on-street parking in the area, and about the affect on property values.

Gina Sundberg, real estate agent, expressed her appreciation and support for development coming to Esquimalt, and she noted that she did not see parking as an issue for this development.

Pete Hartman, resident, stated that he was not in support of the proposed development as he felt that the requested parking variance was an abuse of the “rules” and was too much of a variance.

Muriel Dunn, resident, expressed her support for the development, noting that this represented a new concept in affordable housing.

Ed Williams, on behalf of the Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber would like to see more development in the core of Esquimalt. He noted that development cannot be stopped because of parking issues. He pointed out that this proposed development was next to a bus stop and within walking distance to services.

Mayor Desjardins called three times for any other persons who wished to speak at the Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING

Mayor Desjardins declared the Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m. with all members of Council present.

9. HEARING STAFF REPORT

- (1) Development Permit, 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-12-015

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor McKie:
That the application for a Development Permit limiting the form and character of development to that shown on architectural plans provided by Vic Davies Architect stamped “Received January 10, 2012”, and

sited as detailed on the survey plan prepared by Powell and Associates, BC Land Surveyors, stamped "Received December 2, 2011", and including the following relaxations to Zoning Bylaw, 1992, No. 2050 and Parking Bylaw, 1992, No. 2011, be **approved, issued and registered** on the title of Lot 266, Suburban Lot 40, Esquimalt District, Plan 2854 and Lot 267, Suburban Lot 40, Esquimalt District, Plan 2854 [521-529 Comerford Street],

Zoning Bylaw, 1992, No. 2050, Section 24 (1) – Visibility at Intersections – an exemption from the requirement that there shall be no obstruction to the line of vision by Buildings, Structures or vegetation between the heights of 1 metre and 3 metres above the established grade of streets within an area bounded by the centre lines of intersecting streets and a line joining a point on each of the centre lines 25 metres from their intersection.

Parking Bylaw, 1992, No. 2011, Section 11(1) – Visitor Parking – a reduction in the required number of dedicated visitor parking spaces from 1 of every 4 to 1 of every 8 [i.e. from a total of 12 visitor spaces to 6 visitor spaces]

Parking Bylaw, 1992, No. 2011, Section 13(1)(a)(v) – Number Of Off-Street Parking Spaces – a reduction in the required number of parking spaces from 1.3 spaces per dwelling unit to 0.64 spaces per dwelling unit [i.e. from a total of 45 spaces to 22 spaces].

Council comments:

- Different definition of homeownership with this development;
- Brings young people into the community;
- Developer has made some positive changes to the original application;
- Parking still an issue; understand concerns raised but see this development as a "first phase" in this area, and are other opportunities for parking;
- Size of units/lifestyle choice – "being green" – residents may not own a vehicle – bike/walk/bus to work;
- Is accessible housing, on a bus route;
- Increasing tax revenue for this property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration

(1) 2012 Strategic Priorities Report, Staff Report No. ADM-12-015

Council comments:

- Format difficult to follow; suggest an "Executive Summary";
- Suggest put key page (76) at front of the report;
- Valuable process but need Budget funds linked to priorities;
- "Future Legacy" – public may not understand what it means (image of Esquimalt and marketing our community);
- Suggest "leaflet" summary of chart placed at the Library, Recreation Centre and Municipal Hall;
- Request to have a summary page with budget information as a

page in every Council Agenda package, to keep the Strategic Priorities foremost in Councillors' minds;

- Requested that each Committee of Council be provided with a copy of the draft report for their input.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Brame:
That the Draft 2012 Strategic Priorities Report be approved in principle;
That opportunity is provided for public input; and
That the Draft 2012 Strategic Priorities Report be returned to Council for consideration at the Regular Council meeting on April 2nd, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- (1) Report from Councillor David Schinbein, Re: Greater Victoria Public Library Report, CEO Report to the Board, February 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Morrison:
That the CEO Report to the Greater Victoria Public Library Board, February, 2012 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (1) Adopted minutes from the Centennial Celebrations Select Committee meeting, January 24, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Schinbein/Councillor Brame:
That the adopted minutes from the Centennial Celebrations Select Committee meeting, January 24, 2012 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (2) Adopted minutes from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, January 25, 2012

A member of Council questioned the heritage designation of a road and what that might mean for that road, and the Council representatives were requested to take this inquiry back to the Heritage Advisory Committee for further information.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor McKie:
That the adopted minutes from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, January 25, 2012 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (3) Draft minutes from the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, February 21, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the draft minutes from the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, February 21, 2012 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:

That the following correspondence be received:

- (1) Letter from Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated February 20, 2012, Re: RCMP Contract – Issues Update
- (2) Letter from Bev Highton, The CRD Business & Residential Taxpayers Association, dated February 20, 2012, Re: 2012 Property Taxes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (3) Letter from Karen Felker, British Columbia Honors and Awards Secretariat, dated February 20, 2012, Re: Order of British Columbia – 2012 Call for Nominations

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Hundleby:

That the letter from the British Columbia Honors and Awards Secretariat dated February 20, 2012 regarding the Order of British Columbia – 2012 Call for Nominations be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (4) Letter from Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated February 21, 2012, Re: Local Government Awareness Week & National Public Works Week: May 20 – May 26, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor McKie:

That the letter from Union of British Columbia Municipalities dated February 21, 2012 regarding Local Government Awareness Week and National Public Works Week: May 20 – May 26, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (5) Email from Graham Bruce, Island Corridor Foundation, received March 5, 2012, Re: Letter of Support Request: Island Corridor Foundation

Council comments:

- Concern that will lose opportunity to develop a comprehensive corridor plan for the entire length of the line;
- Have not written a letter of support since Seaspan was awarded their shipbuilding contract from the Federal Government;
- Need to emphasize the need for this corridor plan;
- Lack of decision and lack of funding for this plan has increased gridlock in the community.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:

That a letter be drafted, for the Mayor's signature, in support of the Island Corridor Foundation's application for funding from the Vancouver Foundation to develop a comprehensive plan for the Island rail corridor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (6) Letter from General Manager, Environmental Sustainability, CRD, dated February 16, 2012 re: 2011 Performance Audit of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan

Mayor Desjardins pointed out that the Township of Esquimalt would be significantly impacted by this Plan.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Brame:
That the letter from the General Manager, Environmental Sustainability at the Capital Regional District dated February 18, 2012 regarding 2011 Performance Audit of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Hodgins:
That the Township of Esquimalt Council provide comment on the 2011 Performance Audit of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan report to the Capital Regional District, emphasizing that this is the “wrong plan”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. RISE AND REPORT

- (1) Report from the *In Camera* Meeting of Council, February 20, 2012, Re: 2012 Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commission and Board

At the Special *In Camera* meeting of Council held on February 20, 2012, Council passed the following resolution:

“That Council approve the following appointments:

1. That Peter Ryan be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) as a Full Voting Member for the purpose of providing an accessibility focus to the PRAC; and
2. That Heidi Bada and Paul Newcombe be appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) as Non-Voting Members for the purpose of providing an accessibility focus to the APC.”

- (2) Report from the *In Camera* Meeting of Council, February 27 & 28, 2012, Re: 2012 Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commission and Board

At the Special *In Camera* Meeting of Council, February 27 and 28, 2012, Council passed the following resolution:

“That the following persons be appointed to the Township of Esquimalt Council Advisory Committees, Commission and Board, as well as the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, as indicated, **effective March 1, 2012:**

Advisory Planning Commission

Bill Lang - Term expires December 31, 2013

Miklos Kovacs - Term expires December 31, 2013
Blair J Bouchier - Term expires December 31, 2013
Mark Salter - Term expires December 31, 2012 **
*** Represents the Environmental Advisory Committee in a Non-Voting Capacity on the Advisory Planning Commission*

Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee

Pamela Martin - Term expires December 31, 2012
Sandi Best - Term expires December 31, 2013
Bill Percival - Term expires December 31, 2013
Sue Donaldson - Term expires December 31, 2013
James Harada-Down - Term expires December 31, 2013
Annie Do - Term expires December 31, 2012 (*Youth Representative*)

Board of Variance

Darwin Robinson - Term expires December 31, 2014

Environmental Advisory Committee

Chris Zegger-Murphy - Term expires December 31, 2013
Mark Salter - Term expires December 31, 2013
John Willow - Term expires December 31, 2013
Annie Do - Term expires December 31, 2012 (*Youth Representative*)

Heritage Advisory Committee

Dar Purewall - Term expires December 31, 2012
Heather Gillis - Term expires December 31, 2013
Catherine McGregor - Term expires December 31, 2013
David Coney - Term expires December 31, 2013
John Willow - Term expires December 31, 2013

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

John Noyes - Term expires December 31, 2013
Mark Harris - Term expires December 31, 2013
Celia Owen - Term expires December 31, 2012
Darwin Robinson - Term expires December 31, 2013
David Coney - Term expires December 31, 2013

Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Tammy Percival - Term expires December 31, 2012"

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hodgins:
That the list of 2012 appointments be placed on the Township's website, as an announcement, as soon as possible expressing Council's congratulations and appreciation for all committee volunteers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

John (last name unclear), resident, advised that the installation of speed humps on Old Esquimalt Road would create problems, and many residents were not aware of this proposal for traffic calming. There currently is a parking problem with the number of church activities in the area, and the proposed speed humps would take away some of

the existing parking. He also pointed out that the signage at Head Street should be reviewed.

Sandra Dixon, resident, commented that it is difficult to stop speeding on Old Esquimalt Road. She also pointed out that there was a problem with drop-offs at Macauley School, and there needs to be a sign for this “school zone”.

Pete Hartman, resident, commented that there are two sides of the issue of Old Esquimalt Road speeding. He also pointed out that, as a committee volunteer, he participates “from the heart”.

Tony Cond, resident, stated that 97% of the residents surveyed were concerned about speeding on Old Esquimalt Road. The Engineering Department made the proposal for speed humps; however there are other ways to slow down traffic. He noted that if Old Esquimalt Road becomes a Heritage Road, Council would control the speed on this road.

Robert Youds, resident, commented that it was great that there is passion for the community; as a new member of this community, would like to see the Old Esquimalt Road streetscape preserved. He expressed concern that this may become an industrial corridor.

Muriel Dunn, resident, inquired as to what constitutes a “heritage road”. She advised that there has been a speeding problem on Old Esquimalt Road for over fifty years, and she suggested that it be left to the engineers to solve the speeding problem.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Hundleby:
That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2012

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER