



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012**

**7:03 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
Mary Turner, Deputy Director of Finance & IT
David Ward, Fire Chief, Fire Rescue Services
Anja Nurvo, Manager, Corporate Services
Louise Payne, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items. Mayor Desjardins advised that public input would be allowed following the 2012 Property Tax Rate presentation, prior to Council consideration of the presentation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 6 and 7, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hodgins:
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 6 and 7, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(2) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 19, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor McKie:
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 19, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(3) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, March 19, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor McKie:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 19, 2012 be adopted as amended:

- Under Item 10.(2) – Animal Control Services Proposal Call, Staff Report No. EPW-12-005, the motion should read: “3. That staff ensure, through negotiations with Victoria Animal Control Services Ltd., there is bylaw enforcement throughout the week, including weekends, with variable hours.”
- On the cover page, “Mayor Meagan Brame” should read “Councillor Meagan Brame”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(4) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, March 26, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 26, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **2012 PROPERTY TAX RATE PRESENTATION**

- (1) 2012 Property Tax Rates – Power Point Presentation by Laurie Hurst, CAO

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a Power Point presentation on the 2012 Property Tax Rates.

6. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Vicky Vukmirovic, resident, expressed concern with expenditures for policing services.

5. **2012 PROPERTY TAX RATE PRESENTATION, CONTINUED**

Council Comments (*Responses in Italics*):

- Concern for maintaining municipal infrastructure, and continuing to allocate money to Capital Reserve Fund; *Because of additional expenditures in 2012, reducing contributions to Capital Reserve Fund to \$940,000 instead of \$1Million, and contributions to the Contingency Fund would be reduced from \$250,000 to \$200,000 for Scenario #1;*
- Another scenario may be to change/lower the multiple for “Business/Other” property class to help with economic development by providing business incentives; *Would be disregarding Financial Plan objectives and strategies; as part of an overall Economic Development Master Plan to be developed, the Community Charter allows a municipality to designate a “revitalization area”.*

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Hodgins:

That the 2012 tax revenue increase be 2.49%, with contributions to the Capital Projects Reserve Fund maintained at \$1Million and to the Contingency Fund at \$250,000; and that the “Business/Other” property class tax revenue rates be adjusted to net \$63,000 less than projected by a 2.49% tax revenue rate for 2012.

DEFEATED (Councillors Hodgins, McKie and Hundleby in favour).

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Schinbein:

That staff provide a report reviewing the different multiples for “Business/Other” property class and how these multiples would impact other property class rates.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hundleby:

That the motion be amended to include “with tax revenue rates for other classes to be 2.49% or less”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The question was called on the motion as amended and declared **CARRIED** (Councillor Hundleby opposed).

RECESS AND RECONVENE

The Regular Meeting of Council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m. with all members of Council present.

7. DELEGATIONS

- (1) Katrina Andres, University of Victoria Environmental Law Clinic on Behalf of Dogwood Initiative, Capital Regional District Process to Update Regional Growth Strategy

Ms. Katrina Andres of the University of Victoria Environmental Law Clinic, on behalf of Dogwood Initiative, made a presentation on the Capital Regional District process to update Regional Growth Strategy.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor Hundleby:
That the presentation handout from Ms. Andres regarding the Capital Regional District process to update Regional Growth Strategy be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- (1) 2012 Strategic Priorities Report – Approval, Staff Report No. ADM-12-021

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Morrison:
That the 2012 Strategic Priorities Report be referred to staff to incorporate into the Executive Summary and the Strategic Priorities Chart the Environmental Advisory Committee's comments on sustainability.

CARRIED (Councillor Schinbein opposed).

- (2) Esquimalt Buccaneer Days Committee Appointments, Staff Report No. ADM-12-022

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That Council ratify the 2012 appointments to the Esquimalt Buccaneer Days Committee as set out in the letter from the Esquimalt Buccaneer Days Committee, dated January 11, 2012, attached to Staff Report No. ADM-12-022 and in accordance with Council Policy ADMIN-39, Buccaneer Days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Rescue

- (3) Community Engagement in Capstone Project, Staff Report No. FIRE-12-004

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Brame:
That Council support the Community Engagement Capstone Project and pursue the substantial reduction of disaster losses, in lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets of the Township of Esquimalt.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Morrison declared a conflict of interest with the upcoming Agenda item, as the BC Assessment Authority is his employer, and left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Finance

- (4) 2011 Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Final Payment and Accepted Values, Staff Report No. FIN-12-003

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Brame:
That Staff Report No. FIN-12-003 regarding the 2011 payment in lieu of taxes be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Hundleby:
That a letter be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requesting information on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) in other communities, noting a disturbing trend toward municipalities having to budget conservatively with regard to the amount of these PILT payments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Morrison rejoined the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

- (5) Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement, Staff Report No. FIN-12-004

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Hodgins:
That Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to ratify the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no reports.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor McKie:
That the following minutes be received for information:

- (1) Draft Minutes from the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting, February 2, 2012;
(4) Adopted Minutes from Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, February 29, 2012;

- (6) Adopted Minutes from Centennial Celebrations Select Committee Meeting, February 29, 2012; and
- (7) Draft Minutes from Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting, March 22, 2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (2) Adopted Minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, February 23, 2012

A discussion ensued regarding providing guidelines to event planners for the “Zero Waste Events” initiative.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Brame:
That the adopted minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held February 23, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED (Councillor Schinbein opposed).

- (3) Memorandum from Environmental Advisory Committee, dated February 24, 2012, Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Activities and Accomplishments in 2011

Council requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Environmental Advisory Committee for their report for 2011.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the memorandum from the Environmental Advisory Committee dated February 23, 2012 regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee Activities and Accomplishments in 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (5) Memorandum from Heritage Advisory Committee, dated February 29, 2012 Re: Esquimalt United Church, 500 Admirals Road

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Schinbein:
That the memorandum from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 29, 2012 regarding the Esquimalt United Church – 500 Admirals Road – be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Letter from Malcolm Barker, Seaspan Victoria Shipyards, dated March 15, 2012, Re: Vancouver Island Rail Corridor

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the letter from Malcolm Barker, Seaspan Victoria Shipyards dated March 15, 2012 regarding the Vancouver Island Rail Corridor be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER