



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, August 13, 2012

Esquimalt Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LATE ITEMS

Mayor Desjardins congratulated volunteers and members of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Committee on their successful Arts Festival held this past weekend.

Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to the volunteers and members of the Esquimalt Residents Association on the success of the Gorge Swim Fest.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hundleby:
That the Regular Committee of the Whole minutes of June 11, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Development Services

- (1) Creation of a Second Advisory Planning Commission to Be Known as the "Esquimalt Advisory Design Panel", Staff Report No. DEV-12-032

The Director of Development Services presented Staff Report No. DEV-12-032 and answered questions from Council.

Council Comments:

- Larger municipalities have used these advisory bodies, with complaints from developers about added bureaucracy in processing development applications;
- Look at role of heritage preservation and conservation as part of any Design Panel mandate;
- Members of Design Panel need to be residents of Esquimalt?
- Concerns about costs and staff time with creating another committee;
- Opportunity to have a "lens" on accessibility through architecture as well as "Crime Prevention by Design of Buildings".

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor McKie:

That the Committee of the Whole:

1. Receive Staff Report No. DEV-12-032 for information;
2. Direct staff to confirm legislation regarding non-resident members on Design Panels;
3. Direct staff to ensure that Advisory Planning Commission recommendations are included in the reporting; and
4. Direct staff to proceed with the preparation of a report for Council's review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administration

- (2) Bylaw Amendments – Priority Targeted List, Staff Report No. ADM-12-043

The Manager of Corporate Services presented Staff Report No. ADM-12-043 and answered questions from Council.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Schinbein/Councillor Hundleby:

That the Committee of the Whole:

1. Receive Staff Report No. ADM-12-043 for information; and
2. Direct staff to proceed with the preparation of revised bylaws for Council's review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHANGE TO ORDER ON THE AGENDA:

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Morrison/Councillor McKie:

That Agenda Item 7 – Public Question and Comment Period be considered before Agenda Item 6 – Other Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Terry Prentice, resident, expressed support for the proposal for an Esquimalt Advisory Design Panel to provide design comments later in the process.

Sandy Best, resident, expressed concern with overgrown hedges on sidewalks along Lampson Street. She also expressed concern with notices stapled onto telephone poles and suggested that this “graffiti” on utility poles be included in bylaws.

Muriel Dunn, resident, expressed concern with difficulty seeing a Yield Sign in the hedge along Lampson Street. She also expressed concerns with paying for “door to door garbage service”.

Colleen Matthews, resident, expressed concern with “Garage Sale” signs posted on utility poles that should be taken down by residents after their garage sale.

Mayor Desjardins summarized the concerns expressed that fall within the municipality’s bylaws for staff to clarify:

- Hedge heights/clearance;
- What can/can’t be put on utility poles?
- Garbage situation (reference to Bylaw No. 2630).

Nick Kovac, resident, expressed appreciation to Parks and Recreation staff for their assistance with the Gorge Swim Fest.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Policing Services – Mediator’s Report and Discussion Re: Response

Mayor Desjardins stated that the purpose of the discussion of the Ministry of Justice mediator’s report was to formulate a written response from Council.

Council comments:

- Recommendations #42 and #43 – need to identify a fair and equitable formula for financial costs of policing the region;
- Costs of the Policing Advisory Panel process, the mediator’s report and negotiations for a framework agreement;
- Role of Provincial Government and their level of financial support - vague language regarding funding;
- Who is responsible for the implementation of this plan (recommendations of the mediator’s report) and time lines?
- Key element is governance and the funding formula;
- Key concern – monitoring of the negotiated agreement.

Staff were directed to:

1. Request a meeting with the Minister of Justice and the Premier to be held either outside or during the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention in Victoria in September; and
2. Develop a strategic direction to be brought back to Council at their Regular meeting on August 20, 2012 for consideration.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor McKie:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 13, 2012 be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTING MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER