



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, December 10, 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: Jeff Miller, Acting CAO and Director of Engineering and Public Works
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Anja Nurvo, Manager of Corporate Services
Louise Payne, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES

(1) Regular Committee of the Whole, November 26, 2012

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Morrison:
That the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole held November 26, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Administration

(1) Council Procedural Issues, Staff Report No. ADM-12-059

The Manager of Corporate Services presented Staff Report No. ADM-12-059 and answered questions from Council.

Council Comments:

- Delegations versus Presentations – it is important that people know if there will be an opportunity for questions from Council (presentations);
- The appropriate time frame for reconsideration of a resolution - suggestion that could bring back a resolution within six months and only once;
- If resolution is to be reconsidered, should require a statement as to the purpose of the reconsideration.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor McKie:

That Staff Report No. ADM-12-059 regarding Council procedural issues be received; and

That staff be directed to prepare a report and revisions to Council Procedure Bylaw, 2009, No. 2715, as amended, for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Development Services

- (2) Addition of Old Esquimalt Road to the Esquimalt Community Heritage Register, Staff Report No. DEV-12-043

The Director of Development Services presented Staff Report No. DEV-12-043 and answered questions from Council.

Council Comments:

- Like tourism aspect of the "oldest road";
- Concerned with suggestion of signage because of potential vandalism;
- Commend the Heritage Advisory Committee for their research and Statement of Significance;
- Concern expressed from development community – is there any affect on development? *Staff advised that there would be no impact on development as the addition to the Heritage Register does not amend the OCP or Zoning Bylaw;*
- Within our communications strategy, should make this clear – that there is no impact on development.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Brame:

That Staff Report No. DEV-12-043 regarding the addition of Old Esquimalt Road to the Esquimalt Community Heritage Register be received; and
That Committee of the Whole supports the Heritage Advisory Committee's recommendation that Old Esquimalt Road be added to Esquimalt's Community Heritage Register.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- (1) Report from Mayor Barbara Desjardins, Re: Commuter Rail Service

Mayor Desjardins reported on a meeting of Mayors of the region held in June, 2012 that recommended seeking the support of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board for funding the "Salish Express Implementation Plan". The CRD Board approved funding conditional upon the return of VIA Rail service.

Council Comments:

- Is there will to proceed with just four interested municipalities as this Plan deals with East/West transportation issues?
- This is part of our Strategic Plan; however uncertain as to the benefit to Esquimalt, and some of the assumptions appear to be underestimated;
- Esquimalt taxpayers would be paying into a system that would subsidize Langford residents working in Esquimalt – our Strategic Plan was to attract people to live and work in Esquimalt;
- How much spent on road repairs because of people “travelling through” but not living here?
- Concerned about (CRD) governance;
- Like to know more about transit levies and how to do this;
- Cost of crossings that will be upgraded by CRD? *Staff advised that four crossings have to be upgraded to the new standard, based on the number of vehicles transiting the crossing.*

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor McKie:

That the Committee of the Whole receives the Mayor’s report regarding commuter rail service; and

That staff be directed to provide more information on governance and economic drivers (current cost of road repairs, transit levy, cost to Esquimalt taxpayers) to clarify the benefits to Esquimalt.

CARRIED (Councillor Hundleby opposed).

6. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Muriel Dunn, resident, expressed her concern with the Council configuration, particularly the location of the staff table, but like the raised platform for better view of Council. She requested an assurance, in writing, that restrictions relating to properties along Old Esquimalt Road would not change due to the addition of Old Esquimalt Road to the Community Heritage Register.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hundleby/Councillor Brame:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 10, 2012 be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO
CORPORATE OFFICER