



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

LATE AGENDA ITEMS COUNCIL

Monday, March 15th, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Esquimalt Council Chambers

- (1) **PERTAINING** to Item No. 9 (2): **COMMUNICATIONS** – Email from Collette Thomson, Executive Assistant, Victoria Police Department, dated March 8, 2021, Re: Project 529 Garage Bike Theft Prevention
- Email from Kym Thrift, Esquimalt Local Committee of the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, dated March 15, 2021, Re: Transition from the Victoria Police Bike Registry to Garage 529

Kim Maddin

From: Laurie Hurst
Sent: March-15-21 1:24 PM
To: Kim Maddin
Subject: FW: Item 9.2 of March 15 Council Meeting Agenda (Bike Registry)

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Referred: Rachel		
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For mail log, thanks.

Laurie Hurst, CPA, CGA
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esquimalt.ca/covid19

From: Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: March-15-21 1:21 PM
To: Kym
Cc: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; Corey Burger
Subject: Re: Item 9.2 of March 15 Council Meeting Agenda (Bike Registry)

Thank you for your email and I will forward to staff to be added as input in our Budget discussions

Councillor Meagan Brame
Township of Esquimalt

I acknowledge with respect the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territory I live, learn, work and play.

Meagan Brame
Councillor

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 12:58 PM, Kym wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

In consideration of item 9.2 of the March 15, 2021 Council meeting I have some comments with respect to the transition from the Victoria Police Bike Registry to Garage 529 on behalf of the Esquimalt Local Committee of the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition:

- The transition to Garage 529 as the bike registry is generally supported given the success it has had in reducing bike thefts and supporting stolen bike recovery in numerous other North American communities.

- Bike theft is a serious concern for cyclists; bikes are often a critical or only way people meet their daily needs (e.g., commuting, shopping, recreation etc.).
- Recommend that Esquimalt Council through the Policy Board ask Victoria Police to:
 - consult with local cycling groups (e.g., Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, South Island Mountain Bike Society, etc.) to support a successful transition from the Victoria Bike Registry to Garage 529.
 - Not delete all the bikes in its current registry at the end of June 2021 as currently contemplated.
 - The current timeline is too short and there has been inadequate consultation or notice about the change - there is a very real risk that in July 2021 there will be far fewer bikes registered! The current Vic PD bike registry should not be deleted or decommissioned until such time there is equivalent or greater uptake of bikes registered through Garage 529.
- Recommend that Esquimalt Council advocate for a regional (CRD) approach to the adoption and promotion of Garage 529 - bike theft is a regional issue and there does not appear to be a need or value to have Garage 529 websites branded on a municipality-by-municipality basis.

Kind regards,

Kym Thrift

[Esquimalt Local Committee of the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition](#)