

Township of ESQUIMALT Current

community newsletter: summer 2022

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Gorge Park Pavilion opens its doors



(L) Representatives from the architectural, construction and project management teams join Mayor Desjardins, Councillor Hundleby and Councillor Brame at unveiling a commemorative stone to mark the building's opening.



Drumming with Uminari Taiko drummers.

The grand opening on June 18 was a well-attended affair, including performances by the Ləkʷəŋən Traditional Dancers and Uminari Taiko drummers.

The pavilion and grounds are intended to be a community gathering space. The township is providing programming like art and yoga classes, in addition to renting the building for events. While there

is no daily tea or other drinks for sale, the building's design influence comes from the original tea house that was located on the site from 1907 to the mid-forties.

The garden is the oldest Japanese Garden in North America. Garden designer Isaburo Kishida also designed the Japanese Gardens at Royal Roads and Butchart Gardens. For bookings call 250-412-8539.



Members of the Takata family and Esquimalt Council.

Parking study coming up

We want to hear from you!

The Township of Esquimalt is undertaking an Integrated Parking Strategy and Regulatory Framework project. The municipality recognizes the importance of making smart use of our shared spaces and want to ensure businesses, residents and local organizations have input on how to accommodate and regulate parking in the public right-of-way and in new developments.

Your input will help direct staff toward parking management priorities that will form the basis of the Integrated Parking Strategy and Regulatory Framework. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and all responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

The survey is open July 4 to 11:59 p.m. on July 24, 2022.

Go to EngagingEsquimalt.ca or contact Communications staff for a hard copy.



Ləkʷəŋən Traditional Dancers

Township contacts

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Esquimalt Municipal Hall

1229 Esquimalt Rd; Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1
 Municipal hall reception 250-414-7100
 Building Inspections 250-414-7103
 Bylaw Enforcement 250-414-7161
 Corporate Services 250-414-7136
 Development Services 250-414-7103
 Engineering/Public Works 250-414-7108
 Finance 250-414-7100
 Parks and Recreation 250-412-8500

Esquimalt Municipal Archives

1149-A Esquimalt Rd (temporarily closed; call, go online or archives@esquimalt.ca)
 1229 Esquimalt Road (mail)
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1 250-412-8540

Esquimalt Recreation Centre

527 Fraser Street
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 6H6 250-412-8500

Archie Browning Sports Centre

1151 Esquimalt Road
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 3N6 250-412-8510

Public library—Esquimalt branch

501 Park Place 250-940-4875

Fire Rescue Services

1151 Esquimalt Road 250-414-7126

VicPD- Esquimalt Division

500 Park Place
 Non-emergency police 250-995-7500

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Esquimalt Fire Rescue shares training with regional & Indigenous crews

On June 4, firefighters from First Nations across the province gathered in Esquimalt to put their skills to the test in the 38th Indigenous Firefighters Competition. Esquimalt Fire members acted as judges.



Some of the hard-working competitors. (photo: FNESS)

Organized by the First Nations' Emergency Services Society, the annual event sees firefighters compete while performing standard firefighting tasks.

Also in June, fire crews from all 13 municipalities gathered for a day of training in Esquimalt.

The focus was on skills such as fire hose deployment techniques where members practiced using high flow volumes of water. These hose advancement techniques are an energy-efficient way to move a heavy hose.

There was also a focus in establishing water sources in high-rise buildings, a response to an increase in tall buildings in the region.

Aligning training helps neighbouring fire departments work more efficiently together when called out to a fire needing mutual aid support.

A big thanks to Aaron Fields of Seattle FD and Nate Jamieson of Denver FD for sharing their knowledge.



Crews practiced on one of the rainier days this spring.

Get out and vote this October 15

The next local government election is scheduled for October 15. A Mayor, six Councilors and nine School Trustees will be elected for a 4-year term in the 2022 election.

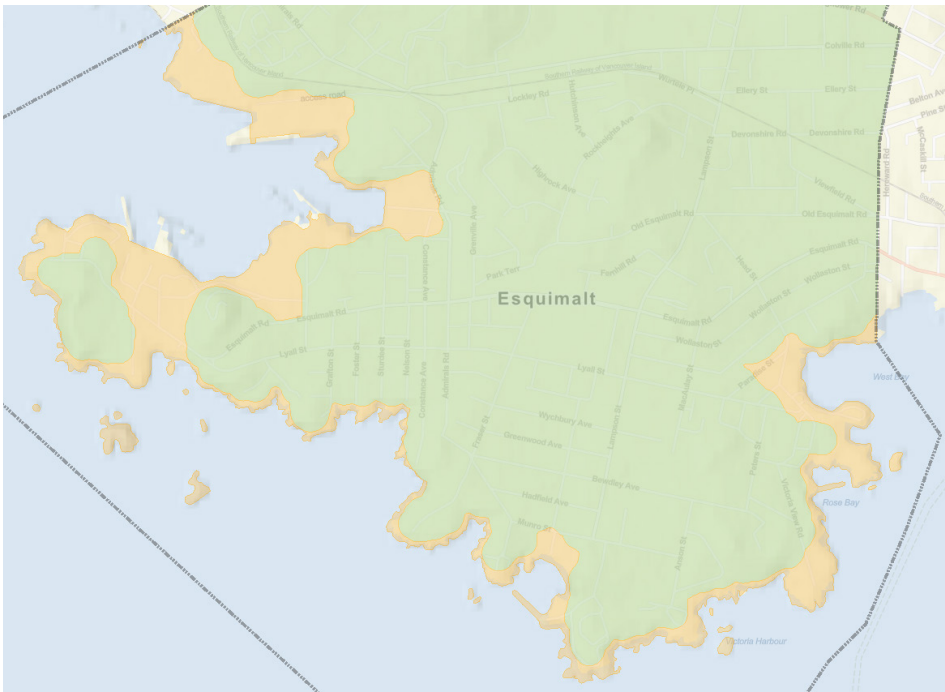
The School District Trustees Election will be conducted by the Township of Esquimalt. Information on the Trustee Elections can be found at the Greater Victoria School District website.

Two advance voting days are scheduled for October 5 and 12, 2022 (8 a.m.–8 p.m.) at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St, Esquimalt.

General Voting Day is scheduled for October 15, 2022, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. The Township will be using the Provincial Voters List for the 2022 general local elections. You can check to see if you are a registered voter by visiting elections.bc.ca/voting/register-to-vote/

More at esquimalt.ca/election

esquimalt.ca



In Greater Victoria, the most dangerous tsunami threat will follow a major earthquake.

Tsunami map: what's your zone?

This spring, an updated tsunami map was released to CRD residents. The map is based on 11 different tsunami sources that may cause tsunamis in our region, including, different magnitudes and sections of the Cascadia Subduction zone, Aleutian Trench, Alaska, Haida Gwaii, Devil's Mountain Fault, and Southern Whidbey Fault.

Esquimalt residents can view this latest map at Esquimalt.ca/emergency. The map indicates hazard zones and safety zones for the township's shorelines and surrounding areas.

The last major tsunami to hit B.C. shores was on March 27, 1964 when Port Alberni was inundated with water following the 9.2M Great Alaska Earthquake.

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY



The grand opening was held May 7. The new library features large open spaces and kids' play area.

Hither Green Park opens

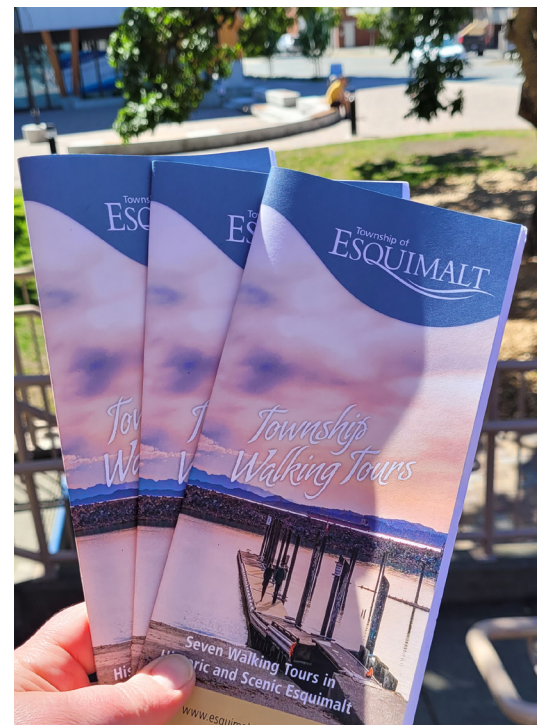
This small green space has been outfitted with a playground and is open to the public.

We went to the community to see what type of play area you wanted. That consultation told us that residents wanted a natural play structure.

Visit the park soon and check out the playful logs, rock and other features great for climbing and using one's imagination.



Find the park on Bewdley east of Lampson Street.

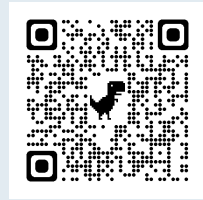


The Esquimalt Walking Tours are available in a single handy booklet.

Available at the municipal hall and other Township facilities, the 20-page booklet brings all seven tours together into a single publication along with a tour locator map.

The township conducts its business on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples and works to be increasingly mindful of its commitment to more inclusive governance with our neighbours.

Go to esquimalt.ca/events for a list of events or scan



Esquimalt Farmers Market

Mondays at Gorge Park and Thursdays at Memorial Park | 4:30PM–7:30PM

Esquimalt Farmers Market provides a marketplace which serves as a community gathering point that builds relationships and encourages healthy, local living. Find locally grown produce, live music, food trucks and artisans! Follow EFM on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @esquimaltmarket or visit esquimaltmarket.com.

Memorial Park Music Fest

Music starts 6 p.m. at Memorial Park:

- July 5 – Soul Shakers
- July 12 – Black Angus
- July 19 – Daniel Cook & the Radiators
- July 26 – Cookeilidh
- Aug 2 – BackBeat
- Aug 9 – Cold Sweat
- Aug 16 – The KingmiXers
- Aug 23 – Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy

Bard Across The Bridge

June 30, July 1,2, July 7,8,9 & 14,15,16
Gorge Point Park

The Greater Victoria Shakespeare Festival presents “As You Like It”
Tickets: vicshakespeare.com/tickets

Sculpture Splash! Salish Wolf

July 8-24

First Nations carver, Rupert Jeffrey will demonstrate traditional coastal carving and create a Welcome Pole representing Coast Salish Lekwungen territory with Xwsepsum territory. Come to the Esquimalt Town Square and

Council meeting attendance: online and in-person

Meetings will still be streamed live and residents unable to attend in person may register to provide comments electronically via telephone by contacting the Corporate Officer at corporate.services@esquimalt.ca or calling 250-414-7135 prior to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

share in culture and awareness through the wolf symbol. Elders teachings will be seen in the movement of the sculpture and its positions. townshiparts.org

Hop & Talk: Creative Meetups for Inspired People

July 10; 1-2:30 PM

Join our ECAH network for a gallery tour and casual conversations with other members. This is an ECAH members-only event- please consider joining the network!
Details at ecah.ca

Splash! Of Paint

July 16

Artists will “paint Esquimalt” in this plein air Event that will culminate with an art show at Esquimalt Town Square: townshiparts.org

Bottle Drive with the Esquimalt Lions July 23; 9AM-3PM

Bring your bottles, cans and milk jugs and help the Esquimalt Lions raise funds to purchase a Bed for a Vet through Cockrell House.

Canadian Peacekeeping Memorial Day Ceremony

August 9; 7-8 PM

DND is leading the ceremony and parade that begins at the Tudor House and travels to and from the Esquimalt Memorial Cenotaph.

Council meeting schedule

Council meetings

July 11; Aug 15 & 29; Sept 19 & 26

Committee of the Whole meetings

August 22

Unless otherwise noted, council meetings take place at 7 p.m. and Committee of the Whole at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at 1229 Esquimalt Road. Please check the website or call 250-414-7157 to confirm meeting times.

Esquimalt Municipal Hall closed:

August 1; Sept 5; October 10

Pet-A-Palooza: Day of the Dog

August 13-14; 10 AM–4PM

The West Coast’s largest outdoor pet festival is back. Bring your pet to sample treats, food, accessories, toys and get hooked up with loads of free swag! Free event in Bullen Field. petapaloozawest.com

Splash! Of Light

Sept 4

The magic of lantern-fest returns to Gorge Park. Lantern making classes TBA. More at townshiparts.org

Township Classics on Sundays

Sept 2022-March 2023

World class music at CFB Esquimalt Wardroom.

Tickets are available at the Sharkz Store for \$20. Proceeds fund our youth mentorship program. Details at townshiparts.org

Esquimalt Ribfest

September 9-11

Esquimalt RibFest is all about family, community, volunteers, kids, participation, and fun.

Sign up to Esquimalt Alert

Find out about significant weather warnings, large fire or traffic incidents and other emergency situations with our handy app.

Alerts can come via text or voice as well, so you don’t need to have a smart phone to use the service. Go to esquimalt.ca/alert or call 250-414-7122 with questions.

