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**Esquimalt Centennial  
September 2012**

[www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca](http://www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca)

**Getting the Word Out on 2012**

**W**e're continuing our countdown to Esquimalt's Centennial in 2012. As we get closer to this historic date, I encourage individuals and community groups to get involved in any way they can. Let's all get the word out. One way of becoming a part of the centennial legacy is to purchase an inscribed paving brick for the planned Centennial Walkway at Memorial

Park. It's the perfect tribute for a family member or a community pioneer. Go to our website at [www.esquimalt.ca](http://www.esquimalt.ca) and follow the centennial links to learn more.

This Naval Centennial year, with its theme of "Bring the Navy to Canadians" will be remembered as a truly banner year. The light that has illuminated CFB Esquimalt during 2010 has also made our community shine, and I thank our partners for involving the Township in so many ways. We treasure this partnership as we get closer to our own significant milestone.

It is almost time to start thinking about our municipal budget. Do you feel vulnerable to tax increases? Are the cost of services too high? Should we be shifting the emphasis of our municipal services? If you have concerns or comments on how we can best provide services, we want to hear from you.

Provide your feedback through our website, by phone, or by attending community meetings. You can also send an e-mail to [council@esquimalt.ca](mailto:council@esquimalt.ca). I look forward to hearing from you.



**Mayor Barb Desjardins**



Mayor Barb Desjardins with Mark Salter of the Community Gardens Task Force and Olga Liberchuk of the Community Gardens Society at the grand opening of the Esquimalt Community Garden on October 22, 2010.

**New Ladder  
Truck at  
Esquimalt  
Fire Rescue**



**E**squimalt Fire Rescue took delivery of a new ladder fire truck in September and is currently conducting training exercises on the unit throughout the community. The truck—which replaces a 34-year-old Snorkel truck—is equipped with a 105 foot rear mount ladder and has a 2250 gallon per minute pump.

"This vehicle is very versatile and is a vast improvement over the Snorkel," said **Fire Chief David Ward**. "It has a higher reach, more power and water capacity, modern lockouts and safety features, and it can go below grade to perform over-the-bank rescues."

It is expected the truck will be operational in the coming weeks.



## Community Volunteers Making a Difference :

### Walk Fit Program a Success

The Walk Fit, Walk Faster Walking Clinic at Esquimalt Recreation has become a success with local residents, thanks in no small part to energetic and committed community volunteers.

“We wanted to build on the success of the TC 10K training clinics, but provide a program specifically for walkers,” said Adult Programmer **Melissa Wight**. “Through one of our community volunteers, we were introduced to Helen Jaques, who has participated in every Times Colonist 10K as a walker since its inception, and now holds the role of Walk Coordinator for the 10K race.” Helen, as an expert in walking and in race walking, has hosted many clinics and walking events in Victoria and readily agreed to help out.

The clinic was created in part from a grant through Walk BC, which provides funding to assist communities with the development, implementation and/or enhancement of introductory adult walking programs.

Community volunteers assisted Township staff in putting together the grant application, and jumped on board immediately once Esquimalt Recreation was notified that the grant application was successful. “I feel lucky to work in a community that has members who are so engaged, and ready and willing to help out with initiatives that they believe in,” said Wight.

Two clinics have been held in the past several weeks with a total of 25 participants. “I want to thank our volunteer walk leaders: Susan Clamp, Debbie Tessier, Eleanor Calder, and Helen Jaques,” said Wight. “And also to our program’s guest speakers: Peter Goetsch from The Running Room, staff from the Esquimalt Pharmasave and LifeMark Health, and community member and motivator Keith Clamp.”



Photo courtesy of Comic Dunwoody

*Walk leader Sue Clamp (right), encouraging Meagan Duncan across the finish line at the Esquimalt 5K Race Walk and Fun Walk. Almost all of the walking program participants finished this race.*

## Heritage Advisory Committee: Heritage Recognition Certificates Presented

On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Barbara Desjardins presented Heritage Recognition Certificates to the owners of the following residences: 927 Craigflower, 627 Grenville, 549 Lampson, 865 Wollaston, and 1007 Wollaston.

The certificates recognize the efforts that these Esquimalt residents have made to preserve and enhance the heritage qualities of their older homes. These homes represent just a few of the many residences in Esquimalt that add heritage value to our community.

**To view other heritage homes in the Township, consider taking one of Esquimalt’s self-guided walking tours (brochures available at Municipal Hall, or download at [www.myesquimalt.com](http://www.myesquimalt.com)). Also consider nominating a home that you believe to be worthy of recognition.**

### Please Help Us to Recognize Heritage Preservation Efforts in our Community

Do you own a well-kept older home with unique architectural features? Is there such a residence in your neighbourhood? The Esquimalt Heritage Advisory Committee is seeking nominations to recognize homeowners who make a special effort to preserve and improve their older homes. A limited number of Heritage Recognition Certificates will be presented to homeowners whose properties meet heritage criteria.

**For more information on Heritage Recognition Certificates and heritage criteria, please contact Liz Dill, Esquimalt Heritage Advisory Committee, e-mail [lizdillpick@yahoo.ca](mailto:lizdillpick@yahoo.ca).**



*Five community residences were recognized for their heritage value at a Township ceremony at Council Chambers on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Among those recognized was 865 Wollaston, owned by Colin MacLock.*

# Esquimalt is a Solar Community

## Incentives Available, Including Draw Prizes of \$1000

The Township of Esquimalt is one of BC's newest Solar Communities. The designation comes with \$5000 funding to further develop solar hot water programs and projects in an effort to promote clean energy and reduce the community's greenhouse gas emissions. The Township was selected through an RFP process which recognized the leadership role the municipality has demonstrated in promoting solar initiatives. Esquimalt's solar initiatives include a completed installation of a solar hot water system in its municipal hall, and opting-in to the Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation for all new single family homes under the BC Building Code.



As part of the SolarBC program, Esquimalt will be waiving the fee for solar hot water plumbing permits until December 31, 2010. Permitted solar hot water installations, started and completed between October 1st and December 31st, 2010, will be entered into a draw to win one of three SolarBC prizes of \$1000.

The prize is an additional bonus on top of SolarBC's \$2000 incentive for residential solar hot water installations. A typical solar hot water system costs \$6,900 before incentives, and is designed to last an average of 30 years. The first step for anyone considering installing a solar hot water system is to visit the SolarBC website, [www.solarbc.ca](http://www.solarbc.ca). Want to learn more about solar hot water? Visit [www.esquimalt.ca/sustainability](http://www.esquimalt.ca/sustainability) and then take a short quiz to be entered to win a solar charger.

For more information contact Marlene Lagoa, Sustainability Coordinator at 250-414-7114 or [marlene.lagoa@esquimalt.ca](mailto:marlene.lagoa@esquimalt.ca).

### Treaty Advisory Committee:

## A Voice for the Municipality

The Governments of Canada and British Columbia are in negotiations on the Te'mexw Treaty with five Coast Salish First Nations on Lower Vancouver Island. Local governments who may be impacted by this treaty have come together to identify and share their interests and concerns.

The local Te'mexw Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC) understands the need for the treaty process. Recognizing its impact on municipalities and the people who reside in them, the committee has been working since 2005 to have local interests heard.

The Township of Esquimalt, along with seven other municipalities, is represented on the committee, with Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins sitting as the committee chair. The committee has developed an interest paper that identifies local government concerns and interests.

To learn more about the Te'mexw Treaty, and the Treaty Advisory Committee, please visit our website at [www.esquimalt.ca/communications](http://www.esquimalt.ca/communications).

## News Briefs

### Free Registration of Secondary Suites Extended

If you're still thinking about registering your secondary suite and are worried that you missed the cut-off date for free registration, you'll be happy to know Council has extended the registration deadline to April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

There are benefits to registering your suite including security for you and your tenants; the ability to properly insure your premises; and being able to use rental income from your suite to qualify for a mortgage.

In order to register your suite, you must apply for a building permit and arrange to have the suite inspected.

**To start the registration process, please contact Development Services at 250-414-7108.**

### Emergency Social Services: Caring for the Community

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 marks the one year anniversary of the Esquimalt Emergency Social Services Team. One year ago, the Township became responsible for attending to the immediate short term needs of residents impacted by a disaster. These disasters could range from a house fire, to an apartment complex fire, hazardous material spill or even taking care of the whole community following an earthquake.

The ESS Team is made up of volunteer residents who care about Esquimalt and wish to help in an emergency.

**To join the team or to find out more, contact Keith Davies at: [esquimaltess@esq-eoc.com](mailto:esquimaltess@esq-eoc.com)**

# Community Calendar

**November 6** Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program. Session on Individual and Family Preparedness. 1 - 3 p.m. *More info at: [emergencyprepared@esq-eoc.com](mailto:emergencyprepared@esq-eoc.com)*

**November 11** Remembrance Day Services. Services will be held at Memorial Park across from Municipal Hall at 11:00 a.m. After the ceremony, the Royal Canadian Legion invites the community to an open house at Branch #172, 622 Admirals Road.

**November 20** National Children's Day/Life Swim. Free Swim 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. *For more information, call the recreation centre at 250-412-8500.*

**November 21 and 29** Transportation Tune-up A free program to learn more about fuel efficient driving techniques, rebate programs, and greener travel choices. Location: Esquimalt Recreation Centre. *For more information, please go to [www.SustainableU.ca/ttu](http://www.SustainableU.ca/ttu)*

**November 25** Esquimalt Together Against Graffiti (ETAG) Public Information Night. This is an opportunity for the public to hear from current ETAG members on how graffiti is being controlled in our community. Recreation Centre, Senior's Lounge from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. *For more information, contact Vicki Klyne at 250-412-8511.*

**November 27** Creative Crafters Christmas Sale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Esquimalt Recreation Centre Atrium. *For more information, call 250-412-8532.*

**December 7** Celebration of Lights. Come out and see Esquimalt shine at at our fifth annual light-up! *For more information, go to [www.esquimaltcelebrationoflights.ca](http://www.esquimaltcelebrationoflights.ca)*

**December 17** 50+ Christmas Lunch. Traditional turkey dinner and entertainment! Join us at Esquimalt's Archie Browning Sports Centre from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. *Tickets in advance at the recreation centre or by calling 250-412-8500.*

**December 18** Lions Skate with Santa. A special skate with Santa at Archie Browning Sports Centre with Esquimalt Lions providing lunch for all skaters. Toonie admission plus a non-perishable food item for the food bank. *For more information, please call 250-412-8515.*

**December 21** Swim with Santa. Santa is making a splash at the Esquimalt Pool. Free Santa photos on the pool deck 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. followed by more pool activities. *For more info, please call 250-412-8505.*

## Meeting Schedule

### Council Meetings

November 1, 2010  
November 15, 2010  
December 6, 2010

### Committee of the Whole

November 8, 2010  
December 13, 2010

**Unless otherwise noted, Council Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at 1229 Esquimalt Road.**

**Please check the website or contact the Manager of Corporate Services at 250-414-7135 to confirm meeting times.**

### Municipal Hall Closed for Statutory Holidays:

Remembrance Day - November 11, 2010  
Christmas Day Stat - December 27, 2010  
Boxing Day Stat - December 28, 2010  
New Year's Day Stat - January 3, 2011

# Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
Administration	414-7101
Finance	414-7100
Development & Engineering	414-7108
Public Works	414-7104
Building Inspections	414-7108
Bylaw Enforcement	414-7108
Police Department	995-7500
Fire Department	414-712
Parks & Recreation	412-8500
Sports Centre	412-8510
Library	414-7198
Archives	412-8540

### Municipal Hall

1229 Esquimalt Road  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

### Archives

1149-A Esquimalt Road  
1229 Esquimalt Road  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

### Recreation Centre

527 Fraser Street  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 6H6

### Archie Browning Sports Centre

1151 Esquimalt Road  
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3N6

### Esquimalt Branch Library

1231 Esquimalt Road  
(behind Municipal Hall)

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### We welcome your feedback.

Contact Ritchie Morrison, Communications Coordinator, at 250-414-7122 or [ritchie.morrison@esquimalt.ca](mailto:ritchie.morrison@esquimalt.ca). Would you like to sign up for automatic updating of news and events in Esquimalt? Visit our website at [www.esquimalt.ca](http://www.esquimalt.ca).

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