

Alternate Sewage Treatment Site Proposed

IN 2007, THE Capital Regional District (CRD) was mandated by the BC Ministry of Environment to amend its Liquid Waste Management Plan.

The CRD is now evaluating options for upgrading sewage treatment and is proposing to build a new centralized sewage treatment plant in Esquimalt at Macaulay Point, one of two existing major wastewater discharge locations, and two or more decentralized water reclamation plants in Langford/Colwood and Saanich/Oak Bay.

The sewage treatment plant proposed for Macaulay Point will provide 70% of the secondary sewage treatment for the Greater Victoria region and will have detrimental social, environmental, and financial

impacts on Esquimalt residents.

An alternative site at MacLaughlin Point in Esquimalt is being supported by the municipality, because it will have fewer short and long-term impacts on the community.

The CRD is now evaluating options for site locations for sewage treatment facilities and must provide decisions to the Ministry by the end of 2008.

You can provide your support for the relocation of the proposed sewage treatment plant from Macaulay Point to MacLaughlin Point:

Download a fact sheet from the website (www.esquimalt.ca) in the "What's New" section or contact Mayor Chris Clement at 414-2101.



Esquimalt Eats for Health
Savour. Nourish. Enjoy.
and Active Communities Greater Victoria, we will be able to better support you in leading a healthy lifestyle.

Look for Healthy Youth, Healthy Families, Healthy Adults, and Healthy Aging nutrition workshops coming soon.

For more information, contact Christina Moog, Aquatics/Fitness Coordinator, at 412-8501 or cmoog@esquimalt.ca.

Watch For Upcoming Nutrition Workshops

ESQUIMALT EATS FOR HEALTH is a nutrition strategy and a food security project for the Township of Esquimalt with a mission to change the current food environment for our community through leadership, education and accessibility to healthier foods.

Thanks to a \$35,000 grant from the Union of BC Municipalities and partnerships with Thrifty Foods

Next Community Coffee Break: July 12th

ESQUIMALT COUNCIL'S FIRST informal Community Coffee Break meeting on March 8th was a success!

Join Council members to talk about community issues and initiatives in-person at the next

Community Coffee Break:

**Saturday, July 12th, 2008
10 am to 12 pm
Municipal Council Chambers
(1229 Esquimalt Road)**



>> Banners displayed on Esquimalt Road during Youth Week were designed by l'école Victor Brodeur students to celebrate francophone culture and the return of the school to Esquimalt.

New Corporate Logo Launched

LOOK FOR THE new Township of Esquimalt logo (printed above) on signs, banners, publications, and communication materials in the municipality.

The logo was developed with designers Graphically Speaking as part of the process (now underway) to design a new, more user-friendly municipal website.

The logo will replace outdated Parks and Recreation and Fire Department logos and will promote a positive, progressive community image and enable easy identification of Esquimalt projects and materials.

For more information, contact Melissa Darou, Manager of Communications, at 414-7122 or mdarou@esquimalt.ca.

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Esquimalt Village Project Update

In 2007, ESQUIMALT hired a team of consultants headed by Norm Hotson of Hotson Bakker Boniface Hadden and Jennifer Kay of Landeca to begin work on the Esquimalt Village Project (EVP).

The EVP is focussed on municipally owned properties in the village core and is intended to address the potential of these properties, and to provide direction for the future development of adjacent privately owned parcels in a cohesive and sustainable manner.

During the spring and summer of 2007 public input was received through open houses, interviews, community meetings, and surveys. A summary of community feedback

was presented to Council in October 2007 and that feedback was used to formulate 12 planning principles.

Those planning principles were used to guide the development of five land use options, which were presented at an Open House in March 2008 attended by over 200 residents. Input from that session was used to refine the proposed development options and an economic analysis of those options was presented at a Special Committee of the Whole meeting in May.

Project updates, including timelines and illustrations of the proposed development options are available on the website. Visit www.esquimalt.ca and click on the Esquimalt Village Project link on the home page.



Swim To Survive

DID YOU KNOW that most drowning occurs within three to 15 metres of safety? Did you also know that drowning is the leading cause of preventable death in Canada?

The Lifesaving Society and Esquimalt Parks and Recreation are proud to be partnering in a provincial challenge designed to reduce drowning by 50% in BC over the next 10 years.

This summer, Recreation Centres across BC will be competing to put the largest number of individuals through the Swim to Survive Challenge, which consists of three basic water survival skills: a roll into deep water, treading water for one minute, and swimming 50 metres.

Esquimalt Recreation has placed second in BC over the past two summers, and we are aiming to be first this year!

Stop by the Recreation Centre in July and participate in the challenge. Your name will be entered in a draw for FREE private swimming lessons!

For more information, contact Brett Harper, Aquatic Programmer, at 412-8505 or bharper@esquimalt.ca.

these three phases, a property becomes certified. Regular security reviews and annual recertification are required.

For more information about the continuing success of this program in Esquimalt, contact Mayor Chris Clement at 383-7587 or Constable Derek Tolmie, CFMH Program Manager at 995-7318.

2008 Taxes & Home Owner Grants

You can now claim your Home Owner Grant online!

JUST VISIT www.esquimalt.ca and click on the electronic Home Owner Grant link. You will need your personal access code and folio number from your tax notice.

2008 Property Tax Notices were mailed at the end of May and should have been received by now. If you have not received your property tax notice, please contact the Finance Department at 414-7100.

Property taxes must be paid and Home Owner Grants must be claimed by July 2, 2008 or a



10% penalty will be levied on outstanding balances, including unclaimed Home Owner Grants. If you cannot pay your property taxes in full, you can still claim your Home Owner Grant and make partial payments to minimize penalties.

Property tax payments are accepted at most financial institutions and through telephone and on-line banking.

Home Owner Grant applications can be submitted electronically, by mail, or in person.



Crime Free Multi-Housing In Esquimalt

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE nine buildings certified and 22 buildings participating in Esquimalt in the Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) program: a program designed to reduce criminal activity and nuisance activity in apartment buildings through partnerships between owners, property and resident managers, tenants, police, and bylaw

enforcement officers.

During its first six months of operation in 2007 in Victoria and Esquimalt, police service calls in the first 27 buildings participating in the program had gone down by 38%.

CFMH consists of three phases and includes training for apartment managers and residents and security assessments of buildings. Following the successful completion of >>

Duplex Zoning Study Completed

IN AUGUST 2007, Development Services hired CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. to assist with a review of Esquimalt's RD-3 (Duplex) Zoning.

The RD-3 Zoning has been in place since 1993 and applies to lots which, at the time the bylaw was adopted, were considered large enough to accommodate duplexes, but which contained only a single family home.

Over the past 15 years, duplexes have been built on many of these lots, but there are many more that could be developed. With our current real estate market and the costs of construction, developers are looking to maximize the potential of duplex zoned lots and as a result design buildings, which are often much larger and taller than those on neighbouring properties.

CitySpaces conducted two workshops in the fall of 2007, which were attended by residents who wanted to limit duplexes and

residents who wanted to protect the duplex potential of their properties. Using workbooks, which included photos and site plans of various styles and sizes of duplexes, participants were able to identify and compare design elements and the siting of buildings to determine what makes a duplex fit with the surrounding neighbourhood.

Participants' opinions and residents' comments were compiled and used to draft the recommended changes to the Zoning Bylaw and duplex guidelines in the Official Community Plan. These recommendations were presented to Council in April and amending bylaws will be presented to Council for approval in June. A public hearing will be required before the recommended changes can be adopted.

For more information, contact Barb Snyder, Director of Development Services, at 414-7146 or bsnyder@esquimalt.ca

Esquimalt Fire Rescue News

ESQUIMALT FIRE RESCUE has been busy this spring with medical calls and structure fires. On April 14th, a fire crew attended to a full cardiac arrest. The crew arrived within three minutes of dispatch and was able to initiate CPR in conjunction with an automatic external defibrillator. The patient's pulse and breathing were restored as the ambulance arrived and the patient has since made a full recovery.

On April 26th, a fire crew responded to a structure fire in a 4-storey apartment building on Craigflower Road. With information from Victoria Police, the crew was able to enter the affected suite and locate and remove one victim. The same crew re-entered the suite and located a second victim, who was

taken out through a window. Both victims were treated by ambulance crews, but unfortunately died due to the fire. Swift action, however, by the fire fighters meant that the fire damage was contained to one suite and no other tenants were displaced.

On May 1st, a crew was dispatched to a house fire on Wychbury Avenue, which had extended out from the basement area to the upper floors and was threatening the adjacent residence. The crew determined that the occupants had escaped after being alerted by a smoke detector. The fire was controlled with an outside hose line and a search crew entered the house to confirm that there was no one left inside and to attack the fire, which was subsequently >>



Esquimalt Loves Its Trees

ALL THE TREES in Esquimalt – in parks and yards and along municipal boulevards – are important in our daily lives.

How does Esquimalt love its trees? Esquimalt's new Tree Protection Bylaw shows how we love our trees. The bylaw explains how trees are protected and what you can do to help keep our urban forest vibrant and healthy.

The bylaw answers the following questions:

- When will I need a permit to cut or remove a tree in my yard?
- Do I need to replace a tree I have a permit to remove?
- What happens if I remove or cut a Protected Tree without a permit?
- How do I get a Tree Cutting or Removal Permit?

For more information, pick up a brochure from the Municipal Hall or Recreation Centre or visit www.esquimalt.ca/parks.

extinguished.

The Fire Department was able to respond quickly and effectively to these three incidents. The fires are good reminders for the community, however, about having the importance of having fire safety plans and working smoke alarms.

For more information, contact Gord Anderson, Deputy Fire Chief & Training Officer at 414-7127 or ganderson@esquimalt.ca.

Community Calendar

GO LOCAL! Buy fresh produce, flowers, jams, & handmade crafts at the **Esquimalt Community Market** Wednesdays, 4-7pm, Town Square

JUNE 13-15 Buccaneer Days: Seniors BBQ, June 13 noon, \$5 tickets in advance. On June 14, enjoy a pancake breakfast (7 am), parade (10:30 am), arts & crafts fair, activities at Bullen Park, and evening dance at the Sports Centre. For more information, phone Vicki Klyne at 412-8511.

15 Fathers Day Lunch. Make a kite with your dad, while we make your lunch. Then, go for a swim together! Saxe Point Park, 11 am to 1 pm, \$20 (family day pass to pool included). Phone 412-8500 to register.

20 Youth Aquatic Job Info Session. Find out how to begin a career in aquatics, while earning high school credits. Recreation Centre, 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm, FREE.

20 Middle School Dance Party. Join youth from across the region for a dance, contests, refreshments, and fun! \$5 tickets on sale one week in advance. Recreation Centre, 7 pm to 10 pm.

20-22 Victoria Fibre Fest. Enjoy a fashion show, classes, and events all weekend. Knit-out & Market at Saxe Point Park: June 22, 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, visit: www.communityknitters.com/2008/

26-29 Visit West Bay Marina during the Victoria Tall Ships Festival (<http://tallshipsvictoria.ca/>) for a "green" transportation festival. For more information, phone Barb Desjardins at 386-7927.

JULY 12 Community Coffee Break. Meet informally with Council members. Municipal Hall, 10 am to 1 pm.

13 Triathlon of Compassion. Individual or relay event (500m swim, 19km bike, 5 km run). Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Register at www.tri-vi.com/toc or phone 216-4223 for more information.

19-20 Co-Ed Summer Hockey Tournament. Sports Centre, 9 am to 6 pm, \$550/team. Price includes three games, Saturday night BBQ, on-site Recreation Centre passes, and on-site bar and restaurant coupons. Register in advance at 412-8500.

AUGUST 19 Beat the Heat Beach Party. Cool off with beach volleyball, water lawn darts, slip and slide, sprinklers, and more. Recreation Centre, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. 2 for 1 admission until 3:30 pm.

Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting

- June 16, 2008
- July 7, 2008
- August 18, 2008
- September 2, 2008 (Tuesday)
- September 15, 2008
- October 6, 2008

Committee of the Whole

- June 19, 2008
- July 14, 2008 [followed by Special Council]
- August 25, 2008
- September 8, 2008

>> Unless otherwise noted, Council Meetings take place at 7 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers at 1229 Esquimalt Road.

Please check the website or contact the Municipal Clerk at 414-7135 to confirm.

STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Municipal Hall Closed:

Canada Day - July 1, 2008 (Tuesday)
BC Day - August 4, 2008
Labour Day - September 1, 2008

Recreation Centre Open:

8 am to 8 pm on holiday weekends

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	995-7654
Fire Department	414-7126
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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Contact Melissa Darou, Manager of Communications at 414-7122 or mdarou@esquimalt.ca.

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