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Along with municipalities around the province, the Township of Esquimalt will be holding a civic election on November 15, 2014. Esquimalt residents will vote to elect a Mayor, six Councillors and nine School Trustees in the election.

Please visit our website for information on voter eligibility, a list of declared candidates and other voting resources.

The election will include two non-binding questions on the ballot:

1. Are you in favour of the Township of Esquimalt exploring options to achieve efficiencies by further sharing some services with other municipalities? "YES" or "NO"
2. Are you in favour of exploring the reduction of the number of municipalities within Greater Victoria through amalgamation? "YES" or "NO"

Advance Voting: November 5th and 12th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Municipal Hall Council Chambers, 1229 Esquimalt Road

General Voting Day: Saturday November 15th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser Street

Have your voice heard. Vote on November 15.

Archives to Move Images Online with *Capturing Our History Project*

History meets modern technology with the Esquimalt Archives' *Capturing Our History Project*. Some 2000 images depicting the Township, its people and its history have been digitized and will be made available for online viewing starting this fall.

The goal of the project—partially funded by a \$9000 grant from the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia— was to bring to life on the Internet historical images of Esquimalt from the past 150 years.

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Pioneer Street in Esquimalt Village, now within CFB Esquimalt boundary [ca. 1912]

Township Launches Webcasting of Council Meetings

The Township launched webcasting of Council meetings at its Monday October 20th Council meeting.

Residents interested in civic matters will now be able to view live and archived videos of Council meetings from the comfort of their own homes using their home computer, or on the road with their mobile device.

A link is now available on the Township home page which will redirect web visitors to a centralized portal. As content is added to the portal, users will be able to access not only videos, but supporting documents such as agendas, minutes, staff reports and presentations. Archived videos will be indexed, allowing viewers to jump to subjects of interest quickly, rather than watching the entire meeting. Users can also subscribe to an RSS feed and share content through social media.

"This is another step forward in our public engagement initiative, a Council

strategic priority," said CAO Laurie Hurst. "Residents and citizens will be able to stay informed of Council decisions with relative ease, and choose to watch entire meetings or only items that are of particular interest to them."

The webcasting initiative is part of a broader Township citizen engagement platform which includes a paperless agenda management system. The new technologies will be managed by Township staff members, who have been trained over the past several weeks by open government software developer Granicus Inc. The initiative will reduce staff time in processing meeting information while increasing public access and transparency.

To access Township Council meetings online, visit www.esquimalt.ca, click on the "Council Webcasting" link and choose the video, live or archived, that you would like to view.

For more information, please contact:
Anja Nurvo, Director of Corporate Services
Tel: 250-414-7135



Admirals Road Corridor Improvement Update

After several months of planning, public consultation and design work, the Admirals Road Corridor Improvement Project is scheduled to begin in the late spring of 2015. The project, part of the Township's commitment to safe multi-modal transportation for residents and commuters, is proceeding thanks to a \$2.8 million contribution from the Government of Canada through the Gas Tax Fund for municipal infrastructure priorities.

The project will improve the busy commuter route between Maplebank Road and Lyall Street with the addition of bike lanes, improved sidewalks, a two-way left turn lane, median islands, and street lighting upgrades. The project will also help to protect local waterways with the installation of stormwater treatment devices and the separation of combined manholes for storm and sanitary collection systems.

"We will be making every effort to

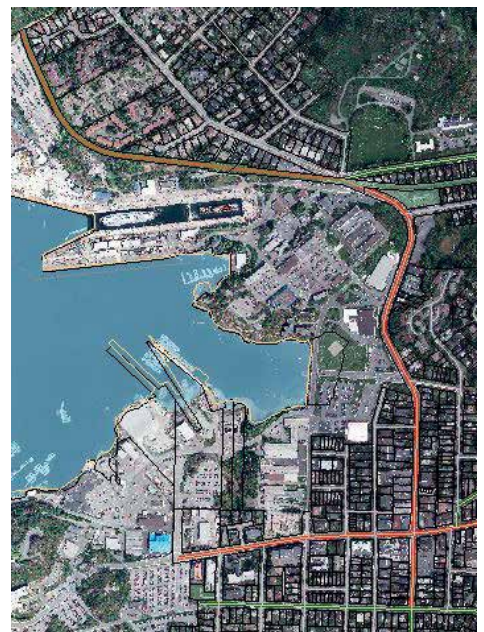
minimize impacts to residents and commuters during construction," said Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works. "But some impacts such as noise, dust, and traffic delays will be unavoidable at times."

During construction, the Township is committed to keeping the public informed through:

- A dedicated project information page and e-mail subscription for project updates at www.esquimalt.ca
- Scheduled meetings with residents fronting Admirals in early 2015
- Regular project updates through local media, social media and the Township website

A map showing detour options for cyclists during construction will also be provided on the Township website.

The Admirals Road Corridor Improvement Project is expected to be completed in late 2015.



The improvement project encompasses Lyall to Maplebank on Admirals Road.

For more information, please contact
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Tel: 250-414-7108

Extra Bins Available for Purchase at Hall

For those residents who require a second garbage bin for either garbage or kitchen scraps, starting November 3, 2014 the Township is now offering the opportunity to purchase a second regulation bin. These bins are designed to be used with the Township's semi-automated garbage trucks.



Starting January 1, 2015 refuse collectors will no longer collect refuse from non-regulation garbage bins, in keeping with the Township's *Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw 2815*.

Residents who purchase a second regulation bin are reminded that the second bin will be considered extra garbage and an extra garbage sticker will need to be

attached to the bin. Bins can be purchased at the Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road for \$95.00 each. This cost includes assembly, delivery within two days of purchase, and a bungee cord for securing the lid against animals, birds and the weather.

Additional purchased bins will be the property of the resident, who will therefore take responsibility for bin maintenance.

For more information, please contact:
Wayne Martin, Manager of Public Works
Tel: 250-414-7108

A Guiding Document: Esquimalt's Economic Development Strategy

The Township of Esquimalt Economic Development Strategy was approved by Council at its meeting on October 27, 2014. The document was shaped over two years through input from industry, local businesses, community groups and residents. Eight separate economic sector roundtables each developed a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis and recommended actions to encourage sustainable economic growth in the economy. This information was reviewed by the wider community – and input was encouraged - through two community forums and online surveys. Coordination and development of the document and strategy was completed in-house using Township staff.

The strategy is comprised of 15 unique strategies targeting four focus areas for action: business attraction and retention, commercial and industrial revitalization, community image, and quality of life. In total there are 93 distinct actions to be implemented over the next five years.

"The document reflects input from a variety of sectors, organizations and individuals," said Director of Development Services Bill Brown. "We look forward to working with our community partners and residents in further developing Esquimalt's economy."

The Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce is expected to lead some aspects of the strategy, such as a shop local campaign, and some actions have already been completed including a hosted bus tour of Esquimalt by local realtors.

Considered to be a "living document" Council will update the strategy annually as part of its strategic planning and progress on the implementation of the four focus areas will be monitored regularly.

For more information, please contact:
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
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Capturing our History

No longer limited to file folders, bankers' boxes and albums, the images will be available for free online viewing by anyone from anywhere in the world. "It is gratifying to see so many of our photographs come to life for the first time in a digital format," said Municipal Archivist Greg Evans. "The image bank will be of interest not only to residents and the general public, but also to authors, educators and historians, among others."

Museum and archives consultant Patrick Craib and digitization consultant Emma Hughes scanned the original photographs – many of them in a fragile state – and created a database of information for all of the images. The images and database were then input into a specialized archives software program. The final step is to upload the data to the web and link to the Township's website.

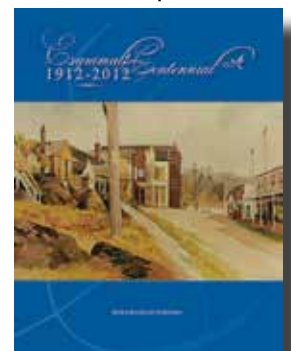
Evans noted that the department would be adding more images to the online archive on an ongoing basis in the coming years, as more photographs from the existing collection are uploaded.

Stay tuned to www.esquimalt.ca in the coming weeks for a link to the Township's new digital portal to the past.

Centennial Book available for sale at Municipal Hall

Esquimalt Centennial, 1912 to 2012 is available for sale at local bookstores as well as Esquimalt Municipal Hall (1229 Esquimalt Road). The book chronicles Esquimalt, its characters,

culture and extraordinary history through fascinating archival photographs and superb story telling. Price: \$20, including taxes.



Get this timeless book while supplies last!

Fall/Winter Community Calendar

Nov 1 Emergency Workshop: Disaster First Aid. Be prepared in an emergency. Call 250-412-8500 to register.

Nov 11 Remembrance Day Service will be held 11 a.m. at Memorial Park. Please call 250-386-7635 for details.

Nov 14/15 Creative Crafters & Knitters Christmas Sale Find unique hand-crafted items for your family & friends. Esquimalt Recreation Centre 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Call 250-412-8500 for more info.

Nov 15 Municipal Election Voting location: Esquimalt Recreation Centre See page 1.

Dec 7 Celebration of Lights Let's light it up Esquimalt! Parade, entertainment and plaza festivities! www.celebrationoflights.ca.

Dec 12 Senior's Christmas Luncheon Celebrate the season with us! Enjoy time with friends. A traditional turkey dinner and a sing-along. 12 - 1:30 p.m., \$15 per person. Call 250-412-8500

Dec 13 Lion's Skate with Santa Santa is coming to Archie Browning Sports Centre for games and fun! The Lion's Club of Esquimalt will be providing hot chocolate and hot dogs for all skaters. Admission: \$2 plus non-perishable food item. Call 250-412-8500.

Jan 1 New Year's Day Levee Join us for a time honoured tradition in Esquimalt. Light refreshments will be served. 1 - 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers www.esquimalt.ca/events

Jan 10 Recreation Centre Open House Free demos and kindergym, pancake breakfast & more! www.esquimalt.ca/events

Feb 9 Family Day at Esquimalt Rec Centre See our website for more information on this popular event.

Feb 21 Emergency Workshop: Individual, Family and Neighbourhood Preparedness. Be prepared in an emergency. Call 250-412-8500 to register.

Mar 28 Esquimalt 5K presented by LifeMark Health and 1K Kid's Fun Run Visit www.esquimalt.ca/events for details closer to the event date.



Winter/Spring
Active Living
Guide Available
Wednesday
December 3rd.

Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings

October 27, 2014
December 1, 2014
December 15, 2014

Committee of the Whole

December 8, 2014

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 call 250-414-7135 to confirm meeting times.

Municipal Hall Closed for Statutory Holidays:

Remembrance Day - Tuesday November 11, 2014
Christmas Day - Thursday December 25, 2014
Boxing Day - Friday December 26, 2014
New Year's Day - Thursday January 1, 2015
Family Day - Monday February 9, 2015

Township Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
Finance	414-7100
Development & Engineering	414-7108
Public Works	414-7104
Building Inspections	414-7108
Bylaw Enforcement	414-7161
Police Department	995-7500
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 (civic)
1229 Esquimalt Road (mail)
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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