

McLoughlin Amenity Funds: Thanks for your input!

After a comprehensive eight-month public engagement process, public input for use of the \$17M McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds is now being compiled and analyzed.

The Phase 2 online survey closed on September 23, 2018 with 1770 people participating. The engagement process also included an earlier online survey, an Ideas Fair, and an Ideas Wall located at Township facilities. A mobile engagement booth was also located at Township events throughout the summer months to provide additional opportunities for public input.

Once all of the information is compiled and tabulated by the project consultant in the fall of 2018, it will be made available to the public. Council, with input from a staff working group, will then complete a review of the public input, capital improvement priorities, and funding criteria in order to allocate the funding. Project ideas should benefit the entire community, meet diverse community needs, achieve multiple purposes and uses, support healthy lifestyle choices, and connect people to each other and the natural environment.

“From the beginning, the overriding goal of this project has been to identify amenities that provide the best overall value to the community,” said CAO Laurie Hurst. “Input from residents is critical to achieving this goal, and we thank everyone who participated.”

The negotiated agreement with the Capital Regional District clearly states how the Township is to use the funds: capital improvement projects in waterfront parks, recreation facilities, and a public safety facility.

All funds must be invested within roughly five years.

To learn more about the McLoughlin Amenity Funds or to sign up for e-mail updates, please visit esquimalt.ca/engage.

In January 2017, the CRD and the Township of Esquimalt agreed on an amenity funding package associated with locating the wastewater treatment plant at McLoughlin Point. A one-time CRD contribution of \$17 million—the McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds—will be used for capital projects in waterfront parks, recreation facilities, and a public safety facility.



Election 2018

The Local Government Election will take place in Esquimalt on October 20, 2018. A Mayor, six Councillors and nine School Trustees will be elected for a four year term.

In 2018, for the first time, Esquimalt will be using the Provincial Voters List to administer the election. If you are registered as an elector, you should already be on this list.

If you are not on the Voters' List, you will need to register at the polling station on voting day.

There will be two **advance voting opportunities** on October 10th and 17th, 2018, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Municipal Hall, Council Chambers, 1229 Esquimalt Road.

A **special voting opportunity** for residents of Sunset Lodge in Esquimalt will be held at the lodge on October 11th, 2018, 10 a.m. to noon.

General Voting Day is on October 20th, 2018, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser Street, Esquimalt.



www.esquimalt.ca/elections

Corridor Design: Lampson and Lyall

During July 2018, the Township of Esquimalt undertook a comprehensive study of its transportation system.

The overall goal of the study is to improve comfort and safety for all travel modes on the corridors—particularly cyclists and pedestrians—by improving active transportation facilities while retaining acceptable traffic movement and minimizing impacts on neighbourhood parking.

As part of this study, two online surveys were developed to gather input from residents on the Lampson Street and Lyall Street corridors. Some 600 people participated in the survey.

The surveys focused on the community's attitudes and preferences with respect to active transportation infrastructure on the corridors.

Data from the surveys will now be used to inform infrastructure design, including on-street parking, bike lanes, shared lane markings, and sidewalks.

An open house will be held on Thursday November 22 to present design renderings for Lyall Street. Engineering staff members and consultants will be on hand to answer questions.

What: Lyall Street Corridor Open House

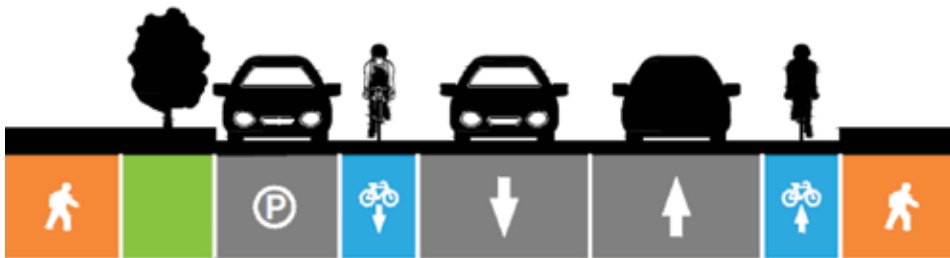
Where: Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

When: Thursday Nov. 22, 2018, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

Will Wieler, Engineering Manager

Tel: 250-414-7130



Intersection Safety Improvements

A number of intersections will be improved in the Township this fall to make them safer for all users. Watch for crews working at the following locations:

Location	Improvements
Lampson and Colville Crosswalk Project	New sidewalks, crosswalk ramps, paint lines, and lighting.
Colville Sidewalk Ramp Project	New sidewalk grade to eliminate the steep ramp and a new crosswalk ramp.
Intervale and Lockley Project	New sidewalk grade to eliminate the existing stair case and a new crosswalk ramp.
Esquimalt at Grenville and Comerford Crosswalk	New sidewalk extensions at Grenville and Comerford, a new crosswalk at the intersection with overhead lighting and pedestrian activated flashing lights.
Esquimalt and Park Crosswalk Removal	Remove the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Esquimalt Road and Park Place.
Esquimalt and Municipal Hall Crosswalk Project	Add a new crosswalk on Esquimalt Road at the Municipal Hall. New concrete sidewalk on the north side of Esquimalt Road and improvements to the parking lot directly across from the hall.
Nelson Street Sidewalk Project	Install a new sidewalk on Nelson Street from Lyall Street to 477 Nelson Street on the east side of the road.

Township Recognized for Action on Climate Change for Sixth Straight Year

For the sixth year in a row, the Township of Esquimalt has been recognized by the joint Provincial-Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee as a BC Climate Action Community. The Township was awarded Level 3 recognition "Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments" by taking significant action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the 2017 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter since October 2008, the Township has demonstrated its commitment to work with the Province and UBCM to take action on climate change and reduce GHG emissions in municipal operations and the community.

Actions taken include the LED street light replacement program, preparation of Official Community Plan policies to reduce greenhouse gasses and the installation of solar pedestrian beacons.

In 2017, the Township produced 1307 tonnes of GHG emissions with 75% of emissions coming from the operation of municipal buildings and the other 25% from the municipal fleet. The 2017 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Report - available on the Township website - highlights the progress and action being made towards reducing those emissions and meeting the Township's Charter goals.



Esquimalt Town Square Taking Shape



Artist rendering of through block art walk viewed from Carlisle St. Building "A" on the left.



September 2018 photo of Building "A" construction and art walk to its right.

The Esquimalt Town Square project is taking shape, with the south buildings on the property along Carlisle Street rising above ground. The property has been branded with the tagline "Together is Everything," drawing attention to the community focus of the project, which will include an art walk, public square, new library, office and retail space, and market and rental housing. Housing will include 68 market units and 34 rental units. Leasable office space will comprise 37,000 square feet and commercial space will encompass over 4,300 square feet.

Once completed in 2020 there will be a total of 55 parking spaces available for visitors to the square's public facilities, and an additional 160 below-ground parking spaces for residents. To encourage green transportation options, a total of 251 bike parking spaces will also be available, and the square will have easy access to BC Transit.

Visit Esquimalt.ca/townsquare for project background, artist renderings and a live streaming video of the construction site.

Upcoming Emergency Preparedness Workshops

Tsunami: Know Your Risk

Wednesday, October 24, 7 - 8 p.m.

This one hour presentation will discuss the tsunami risk for Esquimalt and the Capital Regional District. The workshop will include tsunami simulations, maps, and video of the type of tsunami that may occur in our area.

Emergency Preparedness for Pet Owners

Wednesday, November 14, 7 - 8 p.m.

This one hour presentation will discuss how to prepare you and your pet family for an emergency, including planning, what to expect, services available, and tips and tricks.

Workshops will be held in Council Chambers at Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road. Q & A to follow both workshops. Please RSVP to NEPP@esquimalt.ca

Deer Count Fall 2018

In conjunction with the Department of National Defence (DND), a second deer count will be conducted in the Township during the fall of 2018 by a contractor working with the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society (UWSS).

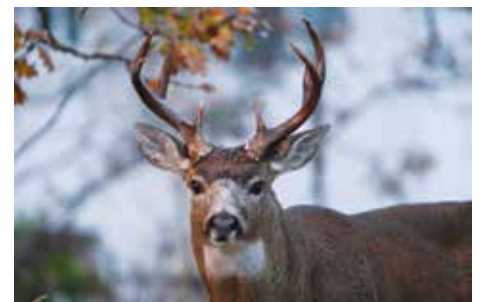
The count is part of a multi-year, scientifically-based study that will establish an accurate estimate of the size of the local Columbian Black-tailed deer population.

Results from the study will determine whether the population is stable, increasing or decreasing.

The count is expected to take place during the rutting season, when deer are most active. Sampling should be completed during the period October 15 - November 30, 2018, and will include surveys along roadways, golf cart paths, and park trail segments. On each sampling day, surveys will be conducted for approximately two hours at both dawn and dusk.

Data collected will include photographs, GPS coordinates, distance and angle of sighting measurement, time of encounter, and the gender/age of each deer sampled. Sampling methodology and timing will be aligned with DND surveys to reduce the possibility of double counting deer. A third and final survey is planned for 2019.

UWSS has been busy with a public education campaign focussing on living with deer in the community over the summer of 2018. If you have questions about living with deer, please visit www.uwss.ca.



Columbia Black-tailed Deer

Community Calendar

All event & meeting details available at www.esquimalt.ca/events

Fall Farmer's Market

Thursdays, September 20 to November 1

The Esquimalt Farmers Market is taking it indoors to the Esquimalt Recreation Centre starting September 20, 2018. Same time (4:30 - 7:30 p.m.) and day of the week as the summer market, along with the same great fantastic lineup of vendors, food trucks and musicians.

Fire Department Open House

October 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In support of Fire Prevention Week October 7- 13, 2018, the public is invited to the 2018 Esquimalt Fire Department Open House at Esquimalt's Public Safety Building. Learn about fire safety, enjoy interactive activities for children, a colouring station and a bouncy castle.

19th Annual Japanese Cultural Fair

October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society proudly presents the 19th Annual Japanese Cultural Fair at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Free admission. More info at www.vncs.ca

Township Classics

October 28, 7 p.m. (last Sunday of every month until February 24, 2019)

Join a talented cast of international performers in the comfort of the Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt for world-class music, anecdotes and laughter. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. For ticketing information and programming, visit www.townshiparts.org

Esquimalt's Halloween Bonfire

October 31, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hosted by the Esquimalt Lions at the Archie Browning Sports Centre rear parking lot, this is one of Esquimalt's favourite community events. Enjoy the warmth from the flames of a huge bonfire while enjoying a warm cup of hot chocolate. All food and drink sales by donation with proceeds going to community programs. Costume contest for all ages.

Christmas Market (Farmer's Market)

November 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Get an early start on your Christmas shopping at this special Farmer's Market at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre.

Creative Knitters & Crafters Sale

November 23-24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find unique, hand-crafted items for your family and friends. Featuring knitted items, handmade greeting cards and a wide assortment of gift ideas. Join us at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre.

Christmas Tree Village

December 1 - January 4

Experience the magic of the holidays at our Fifth Annual Christmas Tree Village. Join us as we transform the Recreation Centre atrium and the Archie Browning Sports Centre into holiday heavens teeming with twinkling lights and decorations.

Celebration of Lights

December 2, 5 p.m.

Put on your winter woollies and join us for the Celebration of Lights parade, Esquimalt plaza light-up, visit from Santa, entertainment and refreshments. An Esquimalt favourite. For detailed information, including parade route, go to www.celebrationoflights.ca

Pyjama Prance

December 9, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Come be a part of the 4th Annual Pyjama Prance Fun Run/ Walk through the streets of Esquimalt in your PJ's! There will be a pancake breakfast, live music, silent auction, and prizes!



Council Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings

November 5, 2018 (Inaugural meeting)
November 26, 2018
December 3, 2018
December 17, 2018

Committee of the Whole Meetings

November 19, 2018
December 10, 2018

Note: 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 250-414-7157 to confirm meeting times.

Municipal Hall Closed:

Thanksgiving - Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day (Stat) - Monday, November 12, 2018

Township Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
Finance	414-7100
Engineering/Public Works	414-7108
Development Services	414-7103
Building Inspections	414-7103
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)



Join us on Facebook.
Follow us on Twitter.



The Esquimalt Current is a tri-annual newsletter published by the Township of Esquimalt and distributed to 8,000 homes and local businesses.

If you have an event you would like to include in The Current, please call 250-414-7122 or e-mail communications@esquimalt.ca. Sign up for e-mail notification at www.esquimalt.ca to receive this newsletter by e-mail, and for updates on Township news, events and more.

The Township of Esquimalt is committed to environmental sustainability. This newsletter is printed on 100% post-consumer recycled paper.

