

Township of ESQUIMALT Current

Community Newsletter Summer 2016

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Mayor's Message Summer 2016

I am sure you have noticed many new projects and developments on the go in our community. We are moving forward on a variety of fronts to support community growth and development that is consistent with our Official Community Plan (OCP). Our OCP Review will ensure that new development reflects the needs of our residents, visitors and businesses, and proceeds in a sustainable manner.

In addition to the projects you see listed here, we will be creating design guidelines for Esquimalt Road that will encourage economic development and bring a contemporary look to our historic corridor. As well, we plan to upgrade a section of Esquimalt Road this summer. See details on the OCP and Esquimalt Road on page two.

As I've said before, Esquimalt is events! The increasingly popular Memorial Park Music Fest has provided the best in local music through June and July. Enjoy the very popular Farmers Market on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. until September 15. The crowd-pleasing RibFest (with the vintage car show) will be held again in September, and we have a variety of arts events scheduled over the coming months, including Outdoor Cinema at Bullen Park, the Esquimalt Arts Festival, Sculpture Splash and Township Classics. And don't forget the Lantern Festival in August! Please use our community calendar on page four as your guide to a great summer.

Barbara Desjardins

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Projects on the Go in the Township

In the coming months, watch for some new developments taking shape in the Township. Here's just a few projects on the go:

Esquimalt Town Square



Esquimalt Town Square, a proposed revitalization project located on land directly south and west of Municipal Hall, is envisioned to be a lively and sustainable town centre. Three bylaws which will pave the way for development of the project were adapted by Council at its July 11, 2016 meeting. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2017 and be completed within two years. Esquimalt Town Square will be a catalyst for development for years to come in the Township.

English Inn



The English Inn is a renowned boutique hotel on Lampton Street in Esquimalt located on 1.5 acres of gardens. The Inn will be expanding in the future to include upgrades to the main heritage building, additional rooms and a spa. The project will include a residential development, providing 180 residential units over four phases. The development application was received June 30, 2016 and will be reviewed by the Esquimalt Advisory Design Review Committee in July, 2016.

Other projects to watch for in the coming months include the Tudor House project at Admirals and Esquimalt Road, the West Bay Triangle Lands in West Bay, and a 30-unit residential project at 826 Esquimalt Road. Watch for a new development tracker addition to www.esquimalt.ca later in 2016.

Esquimalt Adventure Park



With Council approval, construction and playground installation contracts for the Fraser Street Adventure Park have been awarded. The site— owned by the Township — has been rezoned to ensure park facilities can be located at optimum locations. The estimated date for completion is early 2017 with the water fixture component ready for use in the summer of 2017.

Red Barn Market



Red Barn Markets, a locally owned and operated business, will become a part of the commercial district at Admirals and Esquimalt - at the former site of the government liquor store - in the spring of 2017. The business is going ahead as a retail partnership with the Songhees Nation, which assumed ownership of the property three years ago. The Development Permit and Development Variance Permit were approved by Council on July 11, 2016.



A New Vision for Esquimalt Road

The Township of Esquimalt, as part of its ongoing efforts in supporting revitalization and beautification initiatives along Esquimalt Road, has issued a Request for Proposals to develop a set of design guidelines for the historic corridor.

Specific guidelines will be developed around such themes as design connectivity with major cross roads (Head Street and Admirals Road), street furniture, innovative technologies, identification of appropriate building heights in specific locations, and detailed sidewalk design.

The project will also include branding and marketing of the corridor renewal, a cost breakdown on proposed improvements, and engineering implications for design elements.

“Eventually, most of the elements of the guidelines will be incorporated into our Official Community Plan,” said Director of Development Services Bill Brown.

Once in place, the guidelines will extend over the entire length of Esquimalt Road within Esquimalt’s boundaries from Canteen Road at the western terminus to Dominion Road at the eastern border with the City of Victoria.

An extensive public consultation program — face-to-face and online — will be a key part of the process, allowing property and business owners along Esquimalt Road to provide input.

Consultation will also be conducted with the City of Victoria to ensure that there is a coordinated suite of design guidelines along the entire length of Esquimalt Road through both municipalities.

For more information, please contact:

Bill Brown, Director of Development Services, Tel: 250-414-7146

...and an upgrade!

With Council approval on July 4, 2016, a \$495,000 upgrade to Esquimalt Road will proceed during the summer of 2016. The successful bidder for the work was G & E Contracting Limited.

The corridor from Lampson to Head Street will be upgraded with new surfacing and line painting, and new traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Lampson and Esquimalt Road. Existing bike lanes will be maintained.

Construction activity will cause some short-term traffic disruptions and the Township appreciates the patience of residents and commuters while the work is being completed. Please reduce speed and watch for traffic controllers.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of September 2016.



Community Consultation Roundup - Official Community Plan Review

▶▶▶ Looking Forward Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the May 4th *Looking Forward Forum* and completed a paper or online survey. More than 50 people attended the forum to share their ideas with staff and Council members. In total, 221 completed surveys were received with a number of suggestions for moving Esquimalt forward over the next 10, 20 and 30 years. The Township also consulted with over 180 youth attending local schools, or participating in Esquimalt’s teen centre program.

All of the input received will be considered by staff when reviewing and updating policies for Esquimalt’s Official Community Plan (OCP) in the following areas: arts, culture & heritage, community health & safety, economic development, the environment,

parks, trails & recreation, planning & development, and transportation & infrastructure. The review process began in the fall of 2015 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017 with the adoption of an updated OCP. Survey results will be available at esquimalt.ca in the late summer of 2016.

▶▶▶ Age-friendly Assessment

This spring the Township undertook an age-friendly assessment to ensure it is a community where older adults are supported to live active, socially engaged, and independent lives. A community workshop and survey were conducted as well as several focus groups with service providers, caregivers and older adults. In total, over 328 people participated in the assessment process. The study, funded by UBCM’s *Seniors’ Housing & Support Initiative*,



will recommend goals, objectives and policies on creating an age-friendly community for consideration in the review and update of the OCP. The final report will be presented to Council on August 15th and posted to the website.

For more information on the Official Community Plan review process, or to sign-up to receive emailed updates, please visit:

esquimalt.ca/communityplan





New Yard and Garden Waste Locations

On July 1st, 2016, the yard and garden drop-off site located at 605 Canteen Road closed. Two new locations are now available for residents of Esquimalt and View Royal at the locations below:

Trio Landscape Supplies, 109 Hallowell Road

Off Admirals Road across from the entrance to Thrifty's, Trio is open 7 days per week including statutory holidays. Visit www.triolandscapesupply.com for hours of operation and other details. Tel: 250-658-5235.

Ellice Recycle Ltd, 524 David Street, Victoria

Ellice Recycle is open 7 days per week excluding statutory holidays. Visit www.ellicecycle.com for hours of operation and other details. Tel: 250-386-4342.

This service continues to be free to Esquimalt and View Royal residents who are dropping off compost materials collected from the property they reside on. Please have proof of residency with you when you use this service.

Acceptable compost materials include leaves, branches up to 3" in diameter, grass clipping and soft garden materials. Rock, concrete and soils are not accepted.

For more information, visit esquimalt.ca/compost

Stay Connected with Your Local Government

Council meetings are streamed live and archived for on-demand viewing. If you are interested in Council proceedings but are unable to attend, you can watch the live webcast, or view the archived video at your convenience on any device: computer, tablet or smart phone. Videos agendas and meeting details can also be shared in your social media network.

It's simple:

1. Visit www.esquimalt.ca
2. Click on "Council online" at the bottom of the home page.

3. You're redirected to our Legistar site, where you can choose to view meetings this week, this month, or this year

See page four for upcoming Council meetings.



Vicki Gannon New Director of Human Resources



Vicki Gannon has been hired as the Township's Director of Human Resources. With over 18 years of progressive human resources experience, ten of those with a focus on labour and employee relations in municipal government, Vicki will have much to offer the Township and will be an important part of the senior leadership team.

Most recently employed with the District of Oak Bay, Vicki has previously held human resources positions with the City of Vancouver, the BC Forest Service and the Broadmead Care Society. As Director of Human Resources with Broadmead she led a team that managed the transition from a BC Public Service organization to an independent employer.

Vicki takes over from long-time Human Resources Manager Pat Mulcahy who has been both full-time and acting in the position over the past several years. The Township thanks Pat for his many contributions, and welcomes Vicki to her new position. Vicki will begin her employment with the Township effective Monday, July 25th, 2016.

That's the Spirit!

At Council meetings held in June 2016 Volunteer Spirit Awards were presented to two members of the community who have gone "above and beyond" as community volunteers. Congratulations to **Dino Fiorin** and **Bill Emery** on receiving their Spirit Awards, and thanks for all of the important contributions they have both made to the community over the years.

For photos and details, please visit www.facebook.com/TownshipofEsquimalt.

Community Calendar

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

Esquimalt Farmers Market

To September 15, Thursdays from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Local produce, live music, food trucks and artisans at Esquimalt Town Square. *More information at www.esquimaltmarket.com*

Outdoor Cinema at Bullen Park

June 29 - August 24 (every 2nd Wednesday)
Esquimalt Parks and Recreation is proud to bring you a series of outdoor movies this summer at one convenient location – Bullen Park!

Park Play

July 5 - August 30
Each week a different park in Esquimalt will play host to you and your children. Activities could include crafts, sports and games, scavenger hunts, nature walks, face painting, bouncy castle and carnival games. Free.

Memorial Park Music Fest - Bijoux Du Bayou

July 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Get a jump on summer fun. Come dance, listen and unwind to the vibrant Cajun zydeco music of Bijoux Du Bayou

Gorge Swim Fest

August 7, noon - 4:30 p.m.
Come down to Esquimalt Gorge Park and take a dip in the warm ocean water and celebrate this historic and beautiful park!

Esquimalt Arts Festival

August 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Join us on the grounds of Esquimalt's stately English Inn for a family oriented showcase of local and regional artists. *More info at www.townshiparts.org.*

Esquimalt Lantern Festival

August 20, 6 - 10 p.m.
Enjoy a magical evening of light, music and entertainment at the Esquimalt Lantern Festival! Bring your lantern and participate in a lighted walk along the Westbay Walkway to Barnard Park. Live music, entertainment and food at Captain Jacobson Park.

Beat the Heat Summer Skates

August 29-September 2
The ice returns and we're celebrating with daily skates. Skate rentals available. General admission \$3.

Esquimalt's RibFest

September 9-11
Bring your appetite, your friends and get ready for a summer event favourite! Esquimalt's Bullen Park will be filled with international ribbers, kid's zone, vendors, artisans and plenty of amazing music. *More info at www.esquimaltribfest.com.*

Cars, Rods and Rides

September 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Come down to the Archie Browning Sports Centre parking lot and see an amazing display of vintage cars, hot rods and motorcycles! Bucket Draws, 50/50 and much more. Part of the RibFest weekend.

Sculpture Splash

September 17-18
Sculpture Splash will transform our coastal walkway at Macaulay Point into a seaside open-air dimensional art gallery. *More info at www.townshiparts.org.*

Township Classics

September 25, 7 p.m.
Enjoy world class classical music the last Sunday of each month from September to February at the English Inn in Esquimalt. *More info at www.townshiparts.org.*

Ice Season Kickoff

September 24, 2:30 - 4pm
Learn about our seasons offerings at the Sports Centre, enter to win awesome prizes and enjoy a free community skate sponsored by Coast Capital Savings.

Council Meeting Schedule*

Council Meetings

August 15, 2016
August 22, 2016
September 12, 2016
September 19, 2016
October 3, 2016

Committee of the Whole Meetings

October 17, 2016
November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016

* Council recess: July 18-Aug 12

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:

BC Day - Monday August 1, 2016
Labour Day - Monday September 5, 2016
Thanksgiving - Monday October 10, 2016
Remembrance Day - Friday November 11, 2016

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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