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Mayor's Message

It's a Busy Summer in the Township with Events and Improvements



Much has happened in Esquimalt since our last newsletter and major initiatives are taking shape in the community. Our Economic Development Strategy is now to the review stage and is expected to be fully developed with actions identified by this fall. Thank you everyone who took part in our community consultation process; some 260 surveys were completed through our community forums and via our online survey. You will have a chance to provide your input into the final document this fall at www.esquimalt.ca.

The Esquimalt Village Plan continues to be high priority. We have made

significant steps in moving the process forward with a remediation plan for the site to be completed in the fall. This is a key step in the Township's core redevelopment, an important part of future Township economic development.

Engineering and Public Works is working hard to keep our roads and sidewalks in great shape this summer and several paving and line painting projects have been completed. Colville Road was improved earlier this summer and Fairview Road and Joffre Street improvements will be proceeding in August. We anticipate that the Admirals Road Improvement Project will now start in early 2015. This is a significant upgrading project and reflects Council's commitment to multi-modal transportation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bloomin' Beautiful Home and Garden Contest. What a creative and proud community we live in. See the list of category winners on page three, and visit www.esquimalt.ca/blooming for a complete list of winners and participants.

Esquimalt is the place for events and activities this summer. The Memorial Park Music Fest was a great kickoff to the summer, with six different musical acts playing at Memorial Park from June 26th to July 29th. Our popular Parks

and Recreation Outdoor Movie Series continues to September 5th, and the Esquimalt Arts Festival at Gorge Park is expected to be bigger and better than ever. Watch for RibFest, Sculpture Splash and the Lantern Festival in September. Please see our events calendar on page four for details. Your support of events such as these ensures they will continue in the future.

Do you have comments, concerns or questions for me? I will be hosting mayor open doors on a regular basis over the coming months—both online and at Municipl Hall. Please see our website for details, and keep in touch with us through Twitter and Facebook as well. On behalf of Council, enjoy the rest of your summer and your community.

Barbara Desjardins

Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Did you know...
Esquimalt walking tours are available online?



www.esquimalt.ca/walking

Reducing risk to your home and the environment

Home Heating Oil Tanks

In British Columbia homeowners with leaking oil tanks are responsible for the cost of cleaning contamination not only on their own property but all affected properties and waterways. The cost of cleanup can range from several thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Homeowners should be aware that the majority of home insurance policies will not cover damage caused by heating oil spills.



Leaking tanks can pollute local waterways.

Check your home heating oil tanks for leaks before refueling, and save yourself the stress and financial burden of oil contamination.

Below are some suggested measures to reduce your risk of a home heating oil spill.

- **Request a copy of the permit** - Ask your contractor for documentation that the oil burning equipment and tank have been properly installed or removed, or ask the Esquimalt Fire Department for any records of inspection.
- **Check your home insurance policy** – Contact your home insurance providers and ask if they offer coverage for pollution due to heating oil spills.
- **Have your tank serviced annually** – Ask your fuel supplier to replace the oil filter and check for leaks from the tank, piping and lines to all oil burning equipment.
- **Conduct regular inspections** – Check for oil smells or sheens around the tank, inspect the outside of your tank and the piping for rust or leaks, and watch your fuel invoices for any sudden increases, especially during warmer weather.
- **Get a spill kit** – Purchase a spill kit at a safety supply store or—in the event of an emergency—try these household items to quickly contain any spills to minimize potential contamination: buckets, newspaper, kitty litter and absorbent pads.
- **Report spills** – Call the Esquimalt Fire Department at 250-414-7126 and ask that they come out to assess the severity of the spill. If the spill enters municipal roads or waterways call Esquimalt Public Works (Office hours: 250-414-7108 or Emergency after hours: 250-995-7654). If you are unable to reach a municipal official, call Emergency Management BC at 1-800-663-3456. You must also notify your neighbour if the spill leaks onto their property.
- **Consider converting to an alternate energy source** – When it comes time to replace your tank or oil burning equipment, consider converting to a heat pump or a natural gas system.

For more information, visit www.esquimalt.ca/publicsafety or call Esquimalt Fire Department at 250-414-7126.



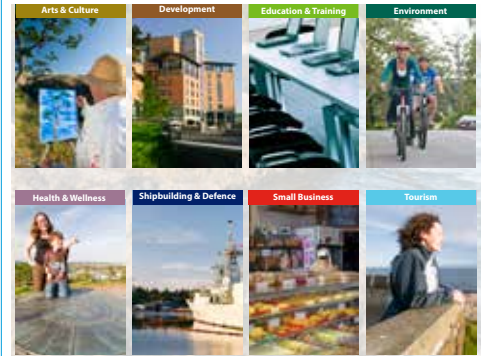
2014 General Local Election

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

More info: www.esquimalt.ca/elections

Provide Your Input into Economic Development Strategy this Fall



At the July 7th Committee of the Whole Meeting Township staff presented the Draft Esquimalt Economic Development Strategy to Council for its review. This review is expected to be completed by the end of the summer, with a revised draft being made available via the Township website for public input this fall.

Public and stakeholder input into the development of the draft strategy was collected through a series of round tables in 2013, and through community forums and an online survey in 2014.

Stay tuned to www.esquimalt.ca for more information on how you can provide your feedback in the coming weeks.

For more information please contact:
Marlene Lagoa
Community Development Coordinator
Tel: 250-414-7114

Outdoor Summer Cinema

Enjoy an outdoor movie experience in one of our beautiful parks this summer! Our huge inflatable screen delivers an amazing movie experience. Movies start at dusk.

Date	Location	Movie
Aug 8	Lampson Park	Field of Dreams
Aug 22	Saxe Pt. Park	Gravity
Sept 5	Esquimalt Gorge Park	Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark

Winners of 2014 Home and Garden Contest

On June 25th at the Archie Browning Sports Centre, Mayor Barbara Desjardins recognized finalists and participants in the 2014 Esquimalt Bloomin' Beautiful Home and Garden Contest. All participants were recognized with certificates, and the top three finalists in each of the contest's six categories were awarded with sponsored prizes.



First place finishers in each category are as follows:

Best Small Garden

Bev Hopkins

Best Environmental Practices

Willie McGillvery

Best Curb Appeal

Astra Todd

Best Large Garden

Rick and Cheryl Specht

Best Artistic Garden

Julie Flatt

People's Choice

Danielle McCann

For a complete list of winners, photos and 2015 contest info, please go to www.esquimalt.ca/blooming.

Esquimalt Archives Captures History

Some 1500 images catalogued at Esquimalt Archives are about to get a new life on the Internet with the Township's *Capturing our History* digitization project.

The goal of the project—which is being partially funded by a \$9000 grant from the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia—is to digitize and make available historical images of Esquimalt covering the past 150 years.

"This project represents a significant contribution to the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre's goal of making the province's history freely accessible online," said Simon Neame, Director of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre.

The historical images will be scanned and posted to the web, providing wider public access to the story of Esquimalt, its history and its people. "We will exponentially

increase online access to our historical images while also preserving them digitally," said Municipal Archivist Greg Evans.

Patrick Craib, a museum and archives consultant, has been contracted to provide project digitization and database expertise.

"It's a fun project, and working with so many photographs gives me a deeper appreciation for the history of this community," said Craib.

The *Capturing our History Project* is expected to be completed by the fall of 2014.



Archives consultant Patrick Craib (l) with Municipal Archivist Greg Evans.

Bylaw Updates

Bylaw Adjudication

The Township has adopted a bylaw adjudication system to manage bylaw disputes locally rather than through the Provincial court system. Violation notices can now be disputed out of court with a private adjudicator appointed by the Provincial Attorney General's Office.

The cost-effective system simplifies the dispute process by removing minor bylaw violations from the Provincial court system, reduces ticket dispute time and minimizes the need to employ lawyers and enforcement officers for the purposes of prosecuting bylaw offences.

Details on the new system are posted to www.esquimalt.ca.

Unightly and Nuisance Property Bylaw

A new "good neighbour" bylaw dealing with property maintenance has been adopted by Esquimalt Council. The new Maintenance of Property and Nuisance Regulation Bylaw includes several provisions set out in the Community Charter, including:

- standards for the maintenance of property;
- the external condition of buildings and structures;
- standards for vacant lots and vacant buildings; and,
- the regulation of noise, nuisances, unsightliness, and unsanitary conditions.

The Township will be actively enforcing the new bylaw in relation to unsightly properties starting immediately, focussing firstly on those that have been the subject of community complaints.

The new bylaw can be found at www.esquimalt.ca/municipalhall/bylaws

Summer Community Calendar

Aug 10 Esquimalt Arts Festival at Gorge Park Held in conjunction with the Gorge Swim Fest, join us for this splashy combination of family fun, entertainment, culinary delights and, of course, artistic demonstration! *Live music 1-7:30 p.m. Artists' Walk noon to 5 p.m.* Event updates at www.esquimalt.ca/events

Sept 4 WWI Commemoration Event at Memorial Park The Township will be holding an event to commemorate World War 1 at Memorial Park. *Watch for details at www.esquimalt.ca/events.*

Sept 12-14 Esquimalt Rib Fest A 3-day celebration of all things ribs including a cook-off between five champion barbecue teams, a kid's zone, music all weekend, a refreshment garden, and much more! *More info: www.esquimaltribfest.com*

Sept 13 3rd Annual Rods and Rides Show Enjoy an incredible display of vehicles of all kinds at this free car show. Part of the Rib Fest Weekend. *More info: 250-383-8171.*

Sept 20-21 Sculpture Splash: an Arts Extravaganza by the Sea! A sculpture showcase at the beautiful setting of Macaulay Point Park. See www.esquimalt.ca for event updates.

Sept 20 The Lantern Festival Returns! Enjoy an enchanting evening of music, light and magic at the 2014 Esquimalt Lantern Festival. www.esquimalt.ca/events

Oct 4 Children's Story Fest What's the story Esquimalt! Celebrate the wonder of storytelling at this family event. *Visit www.esquimalt.ca/events for more info, or call 250-412-8511.*

Oct 4 Fire Department Open House Join in the fun at this family friendly event to raise awareness for Fire Prevention Week. Demonstrations, balloons, face painting, tours, hot dogs...and more! *11 a.m. to 3 p.m. See www.esquimalt.ca/events for more details.*

Oct 18 Community Heritage Workshop The Heritage Advisory Committee will be holding a Community Workshop: *Determining Esquimalt's Heritage Values.* The workshop will inform the Official Community Plan. *Visit www.esquimalt.ca/events for details.*



Fall 2014 Active Living Guide: Register for Programs Now!

Meeting Schedule

Council Meetings*

August 25, 2014
September 8, 2014
September 29, 2014
October 6, 2014

Committee of the Whole

August 18, 2014
September 15, 2014
October 20, 2014

*Council in recess July 21 - August 15 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:

BC Day - August 4, 2014
Labour Day - September 1, 2014
Thanksgiving - October 13, 2014

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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