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## Esquimalt 100 Celebration at Gorge Park on September 8<sup>th</sup>!

We're turning 100 and what better place to celebrate than at Esquimalt Gorge Park, the site of so many festive gatherings in the past. This once-in-a-lifetime celebration will feature music on two stages, community displays, food vendors, a beverage garden, a kid's zone with entertainers and much, much more.

"This is a celebration not to be missed, and we invite residents and the entire region to join in the festivities at Esquimalt Gorge Park," said Mayor Barbara Desjardins. "We are celebrating the past, the present and the future of our great community and this will be reflected in the day's program. Given the spectacular festivities held in the park in earlier times, I expect that many people will be dressed in historic attire as part of the celebration."

**What:** Esquimalt 100 Community Celebration

**Where:** Esquimalt Gorge Park

**When:** Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.



The main stage at this FREE family friendly event will feature a full nine hours of performances. Headlining the evening performance is Canadian power-pop legends **Odds**, with **Jeremy Fisher** and **Wasabi Collective**. Afternoon performances from **Daniel Lapp**, **Georgia Basin Beat Collective (featuring Chris Frye and Brook Maxwell)**, **Soul Shakers**, **Fraser Campbell** and **Maureen Washington!**

*There will be no parking on site during the celebration. Plan to walk, take the bus, or ride your bike to the park (a bike check will be available). Shuttle service will be provided between Archie Browning Sports Centre and the park entrance.*

## Celebrate at the Gorge!

- Enjoy live music on Centennial Stage and the Garden Stage.
- Visit the Centennial Plaza to experience all that our community has to offer – tasty food, informative displays & more.
- Take a free 45-minute historical walking tour of Gorge Park, recalling festivities of a century ago, with author Dennis Minaker.
- Take a ride on the waterway in a voyageur canoe, courtesy of the Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club.
- Have a ball in the Kid's Zone!
- Take aim at the fireman's dunk tank.
- Wander through the revitalized Japanese Garden, one of the oldest such gardens in North America.
- See a display of Victoria Fire Department's 1899 Steamer, used for fire fighting in 1912!
- Enjoy the beer garden, hosted by Spinnaker's Brew Pub.

For updates on programming and events go to:  
[www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca](http://www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca).

## Thank-you to our Esquimalt 100 Sponsors

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The Township of Esquimalt gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program, Department of Canadian Heritage, and the Province of British Columbia, who have made the Esquimalt 100 Celebrations possible.



*Honouring our past. Celebrating our present. Imagining our future.*

# Workplan for Esquimalt Village Project Approved by Council



Bill Brown

A multi-phased work plan and budget for the Esquimalt Village Project (EVP) was approved by Council at a special meeting on July

9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The total cost of the work plan, which will prepare the EVP site for development and engage a developer by the fall of 2013, is estimated to be \$335,000.

“The Esquimalt Village Project has been on the Township planning books since 2007,” said Bill Brown, Director of Development Services. “With this work plan we are moving forward in the planning process and building on previous work, not expanding our scope or re-doing work.”

A critical part of the work plan is public consultation: it calls for a public open house to be held in the fall of 2012 to inform the public about the revised project proposal and to receive feedback and input.

Before the open house is held, a number of tasks will be undertaken as part of the plan, including an environmental site assessment, which will identify the extent of site contamination and potential mitigation measures, and a geotechnical overview, which is required in order to identify any possible development constraints on the site. Additionally, an archaeological survey will be completed, and the Township will identify any green building requirements that will be imposed on the potential developer.

“Once these key preliminary steps are completed, we will be looking at refining our concept plan and confirming project direction with Council,” said Brown. “With input from the public we will present the final development concept to Council for approval, and proceed with rezoning.”

**Watch for information updates on the Esquimalt Village Project at [www.esquimalt.ca](http://www.esquimalt.ca). If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bill Brown, Director of Development Services, at 250-414-7146, or [bill.brown@esquimalt.ca](mailto:bill.brown@esquimalt.ca).**

## EVP Backgrounder

The Esquimalt Village Project is located at the town core of Esquimalt in the same block as Municipal Hall. The area is bounded by Esquimalt Road to the north, Carlisle Avenue to the south, Park Place to the west and Fraser Street to the east.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Create a lively and sustainable Esquimalt town centre, which incorporates a mix of uses and community recreation needs;
- Revitalize Esquimalt’s town core and enhance community economic development, while providing residents with a wider range of amenities and services;
- Capitalize on and enhance the value of public and private assets in the core; and,
- Enhance sustainability of municipal facilities and infrastructure.

# Centennial Walkway taking shape: Get your paver by Aug. 10 deadline

The Centennial Walkway will soon be a part of Memorial Park, thanks to participation from residents, businesses, and others throughout the region.

The driving force behind the walkway is Bruce Devitt, Vice-Chair of the Centennial Committee. He has been working with the community and the Township for the past two years promoting, designing, marketing, and managing the complex and time consuming project.

“This will be a lasting memorial to the social fabric of our community so it’s very important to me,” said Devitt. “We developed a motto for the centennial—honouring our past, celebrating our present and imagining our future—and

the walkway embodies this sentiment.”

Devitt is closing in on his target of 600 inscribed pavers—455 were sold to the end of June—and is urging those who are interested in participating to purchase their paver soon. “Those wanting to have their paver in place for the grand opening this fall will need to purchase it by August 10<sup>th</sup>,” said Devitt, stressing that pavers will still be available for sale, but may not be included in the initial construction phase if purchased after this date.

Devitt notes that it has been interesting seeing the variety of inscriptions submitted, from entire family trees, to recognition of special persons, to businesses and individuals recording

their time in Esquimalt. “All of these inscriptions tell special stories,” said Devitt.



*Walkway Project Coordinator and Centennial Vice Chair Bruce Devitt on-site with Mayor Barb Desjardins (l) and Centennial Chair Janet Jones (r).*

**To order your paver, go to [www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca](http://www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca) and click on “projects.” You can download your paver application form there and find out more about this centennial legacy project.**

# Home and Garden Contest: Let's Shine Esquimalt!

Win a \$1000 shopping spree from Bay West RONA plus receive sponsor discounts

It's not too late to sign up for the Esquimalt Shines Home and Garden Contest! The contest, which promotes the improvement of homes, gardens and businesses in our community, has been running since May 12<sup>th</sup> of this year and will end August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. A grand prize of a \$1000 shopping spree is being offered to the overall winner by one of the contest sponsors, Bay West RONA.

"The idea is to let Esquimalt Shine during its centennial year," said Mayor Barb Desjardins. "It's a platform to showcase the Township's homes and businesses, and for residents to share in the common effort of community beautification."

Signing up is easy. Simply obtain an application form for the contest by downloading from the centennial website ([www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca](http://www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca)) or by picking one up at Esquimalt Municipal Hall. Fill it out and bring it to the hall to pick up your Esquimalt Shines Passport Card to receive participant benefits.

Throughout the duration of the contest, take your Passport Card to each of our sponsors, **Esquimalt Country Grocer** and



**Bay West RONA**, for discounts on home and garden materials.

In addition, free drop-off of metal, wood and other household debris (two times only) related to your home and garden project is being offered by **Ellice Recycle** at 524 David Street during their regular hours from June 16<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

See the centennial website for details of sponsor discounts, contest categories, judging criteria and other details. Winners will be announced at the September 8<sup>th</sup> community celebration at Esquimalt Gorge Park.

**Deadline for entry has been extended to August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Judging will take place August 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. In order to be judged, a "before" photo must be submitted to the Township.**

**For more information, please contact Diane Knight at 250-414-7101.**

[www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca](http://www.esquimaltcentennial2012.ca)



## Stay in touch while on the go: Esquimalt.ca is mobile



A mobile-optimized version of [www.esquimalt.ca](http://www.esquimalt.ca) is now available. Web visitors accessing the website through a smart phone such as the iPhone or Blackberry will be redirected automatically to the mobile site.

"We know from tracking analytics on our website that many of our web visitors are using smart phones to access the website; the prediction is

for mobile internet usage to overtake desktop internet usage by 2014," said Communications Coordinator Ritchie Morrison. "Our mobile site is a simple and streamlined version of our desktop site with key information optimized for these devices."

With your mobile device you can now stay up-to-date on Township news and events, get programming updates from Esquimalt Parks and Recreation, contact staff through the directory pages, link to our social media pages, and find out more about Mayor and Council and our Public Safety Department (police, fire and emergency services).

Do you have a QR scanning application on your smart phone? Link to our mobile site by scanning the code below.



*Did you know that free wi-fi is available at Municipal Hall, the Esquimalt Recreation Centre, and Archie Browning Sports Centre? Stay connected at the Township!*





**Centennial flower garden:**  
Parks and Recreation staffers Pat Harrington and Anne Waring stand next to their centennial flower garden creation—a floral replica of the centennial logo—on the lawn adjacent to Municipal Hall.

## Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Municipal Hall (Reception)	414-7100
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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  
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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**We welcome your feedback.**

Contact Ritchie Morrison, Communications Coordinator, at 250-414-7122 or [ritchie.morrison@esquimalt.ca](mailto:ritchie.morrison@esquimalt.ca). Would you like to sign up for automatic updating of news and events in Esquimalt? Visit our website at [www.esquimalt.ca](http://www.esquimalt.ca).

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## Community Calendar

**Aug 12 Esquimalt Arts Festival**

The Arts, Culture & Special Events Committee invites you to participate in the Esquimalt Arts Festival. *More info: Karen Hay at 250-414-7179.*

**Aug 17**

**Blue Bridge Comedy Festival Gala Event**

Hosted by Brent Butt at Archie Browning Sports Centre, 8-10 p.m. *Tickets at rec centre or [www.rmts.bc.ca](http://www.rmts.bc.ca)*

**Aug 18 & 19**

**Summer Flower and Arts Festival**

Join us for floral displays and music, sale of art by local artists, and afternoon tea. St. Paul's Church, 1379 Esquimalt Road. *More info: visit [www.stpeterandpaul.ca](http://www.stpeterandpaul.ca).*

**Aug 25**

**Esquimalt's Outdoor Movie Night**

Join your family, friends and neighbours for this unique (and free) movie experience. Bullen Park, starting at sunset. *More info: 250-412-8511*

**Aug 28**

**Joe Walsh in Concert**

Bullen Park. *Tickets at rec centre or [www.hightideconcerts.net](http://www.hightideconcerts.net)*

**Sept 8 Centennial Community Celebration at Esquimalt Gorge Park**

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**Sept 22 Esquimalt Lantern Festival**

Celebrate your community in a magical experience of lights, lanterns, music and dance. *For more information, go to <http://esquimaltlanternfestival.wordpress.com/>*

## Meeting Schedule

**Council Meetings**

*Council Summer Recess July 16, 2012 to August 10, 2012*

- August 20, 2012
- September 4, 2012
- September 17, 2012
- October 1, 2012
- October 15, 2012
- November 5, 2012

**Committee of the Whole**

- August 13, 2012
- September 10, 2012
- October 22, 2012

**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 6, 2012
- Labour Day - September 3, 2012
- Thanksgiving - October 8, 2012