

# Official Community Plan Review

## A vision for future community growth



### The OCP Review covers many aspects of **community life**

Esquimalt's Official Community Plan (OCP) covers all water and land areas within Township boundaries, and reflects the values and aspirations of the community as a whole. It is also a statement of the municipality's goals and policies, providing direction for future growth and development.

It covers a range of community themes including:

- arts, culture & heritage
- community health & safety
- economic development
- environment, parks, trails & recreation
- planning & development
- transportation & infrastructure

The OCP also creates map designations for a number of community features, including roads, environmentally sensitive areas, and proposed densities, as well as policies concerning housing and targets for greenhouse gas emissions.



### A vision for the community with **input from the community**

Since October 2015, the public has been involved in the OCP Review process in a number of ways:

**Fall 2015:** Kick-off survey to identify community priorities and how residents would like to participate in the review process.

**Spring 2016:** Age-friendly Assessment to ensure older adults in the community are supported to live active, socially engaged, and independent lives.

**May 2016:** Looking Forward Forum & Survey to hear from the community on how to move Esquimalt forward over the next 10-30 years.

**May 5, 2016:** Affordable Housing Workshop to examine affordable housing policies.

**June 7, 2017:** OCP Open House to review draft policies proposed by the Township.

**October 3, 2017:** Special Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss new housing policies (public input opportunity).



### Next steps towards **completion of the OCP**

The updated plan will replace the OCP that was adopted in March 2007. The current two-year review is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018. Throughout the review process, Council has provided direction to staff on data interpretation, engagement options, and community vision.

Once a final draft of the OCP has been completed by staff, Council is expected to consider an Official Community Plan Bylaw in December 2017. This will be followed by a public hearing and adoption of the bylaw in early 2018.

The completed OCP will point the way towards growth that is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable. Council decisions related to growth and development will be consistent with the new plan. Anyone with an interest in the community—including residents, business owners and developers—can also use the plan as a framework for their own decision-making.



[esquimalt.ca/communityplan](http://esquimalt.ca/communityplan)



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[esquimalt.ca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](http://esquimalt.ca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

## Esquimalt Town Square Live Streaming

Keep track of progress at the Esquimalt Town Square (ETS) construction site via live video streaming at: [esquimalt.ca/ETSvid](http://esquimalt.ca/ETSvid).



Time lapse videos condensing project stages into a couple of minutes will also be posted to the website from time to time. With site preparation activities completed, the construction phase of the project is getting under way during the fall of 2017.

## Composting: Kitchen Scraps & Yard and Garden



### What can I put in my kitchen scraps bin?

Since March 2014 the Township of Esquimalt has been collecting kitchen scraps as well as garbage from the roadside. This has resulted in 1,634 tonnes being diverted from the Hartland Landfill. What constitutes kitchen scraps? All of the following can be added to your kitchen scraps bin:

- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat fish, shellfish & bones
- Egg shells and dairy products
- Breads, noodles, rice, beans & grains
- Jams, sauces, salad dressing & cooking oils
- Food-soiled paper, plates & napkins
- Coffee filters & tea bags
- Plate scrapings
- Fats & grease

More information: [esquimalt.ca/2bins](http://esquimalt.ca/2bins)



### What do I do with yard and garden waste?

Two locations are available for residents of Esquimalt to drop off yard and garden waste:

1. Trio Landscape Supplies, 109 Hallowell Road off Admirals Road
2. Ellice Recycle Ltd, 524 David Street, Victoria

This service is 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. Accepted materials include:

- Leaves
- Branches up to 3" in diameter
- Grass clippings
- Soft garden materials

More information: [esquimalt.ca/compost](http://esquimalt.ca/compost)

## Canada Post Updates Esquimalt Mail Addresses

Have you ever noticed that the mailing address on much of the mail you receive is labelled Victoria rather than Esquimalt? This is about to change. After a request from Township Council, Canada Post updated its address database and Esquimalt will be the municipal mailing address for all residents within Township boundaries.

The change will become active on November 20, 2017, and residents do not need to take any action before or after this date. You may continue to use either Esquimalt or Victoria as your municipal mailing address. Mail and parcels bearing the old Victoria address will be automatically redirected, and there will be no change to postal codes or street addresses as a result of this change. The update will provide clarity to Township staff regarding addressing conventions in a number of internal systems, and will reduce multiple records for certain Esquimalt properties.



# Protecting our Marine Environment

## Not all pipes are the same

### Storm drains

Storm drains are intended to carry rainfall runoff – not sewage or other potentially harmful substances. Runoff is carried in underground pipes or ditches into streams or other water bodies. In Esquimalt, much of the runoff from our watersheds goes into marine environments in the Gorge Waterway and Juan de Fuca Strait. For this reason, disposal of chemicals or hazardous materials into the storm water system is extremely damaging to the environment and marine wildlife. It is also illegal.



For the sake of our environment, please do not pour anything down a storm drain, including paints, oils or any chemicals. If you are wondering where runoff from your property goes, consult our neighbourhood watersheds map located at [www.esquimalt.ca/watersheds](http://www.esquimalt.ca/watersheds).

### Sanitary sewers

Sanitary sewers, on the other hand, carry wastewater from bathrooms, sinks and kitchens to a wastewater treatment facility. Wastewater treatment facilities separate debris and sludge from the water and can encompass a number of steps to clean the wastewater and handle the sludge, also known as biosolids. However, it is critical to note that treatment plants can't remove all contaminants. Do not pour down the sink, or flush down the toilet, medications, FOG (fats, oils and grease) or cleaning products. Also limit the amount of laundry soap you use: detergents can also be toxic to marine life.

A wastewater treatment facility is currently being constructed at McLoughlin Point which will provide tertiary treatment of wastewater for the Township, as well as the core area municipalities of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, View Royal, Langford and Colwood, and the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

## Reporting a Spill

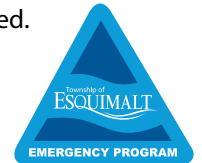
If you notice a spill that enters municipal roads or waterways please report it immediately by noting the location and calling:

**Esquimalt Public Works Department**  
**Tel: 250-414-7108**  
**Emergency After Hours: 250-995-7654**

## Be Prepared for an Emergency

The Esquimalt Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program arranges FREE workshops for the public on topics related to Individual, Family and Neighbourhood Preparedness. All sessions are held at Municipal Hall unless otherwise specified.

We can also bring our presentations to YOU.



### For more info:

**Tel: 250-414-7120**

**Email: [NEPP@esquimalt.ca](mailto:NEPP@esquimalt.ca)**

**Website: [www.esquimalt.ca/prepare](http://www.esquimalt.ca/prepare)**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EsquimaltNEPP/](https://www.facebook.com/EsquimaltNEPP/)**

# Building Blocks of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Project

## 1. McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant

The treatment plant being constructed at McLoughlin Point in Esquimalt will provide tertiary treatment—enhancing the quality of treated water before releasing it to the marine environment—to the core area's wastewater.

## 2. Residuals Treatment Facility

Residual solids from the wastewater treatment plant will be piped to a Residual Treatment Facility at Hartland Landfill, where they will be turned into what are known as "Class A" biosolids. These biosolids are a high quality by-product treated so that they are safe for further use.

## 3. Conveyance System

The conveyance system refers to the 'pumps and pipes' of the Wastewater Treatment Project. This system will carry wastewater from across the core area to the treatment plant, and residual solids from the treatment plant to the Residuals Treatment Facility at Hartland Landfill.

The project will cost \$765 million and the federal and provincial governments are assisting the Capital Regional District in funding.

**Information and photograph courtesy of the Capital Regional District. For more information, visit [www.wastewaterproject.ca](http://www.wastewaterproject.ca)**



*Construction work through the fall and winter 2017/2018 will include site preparation and concrete pouring at McLoughlin Point and geotechnical work on the conveyance system between the future plant and Hartland Landfill, where residual solids will be processed.*

## Wastewater Treatment Project

Treated for a cleaner future

# Community Calendar

All event & meeting details available at [www.esquimalt.ca/events](http://www.esquimalt.ca/events)

## Township Classics

November 26, December 17, January 28, February 25. All performances at 7 p.m.

Join a talented cast of international performers from September-February in the beautiful Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt for world-class music. More info: [townshiparts.org](http://townshiparts.org)

## Creative Knitters and Crafters Sale

November 17 & 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find unique, hand-crafted items for your family and friends during our annual Creative Knitters & Crafters Sale at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Knitted items, handmade greeting cards and a wide assortment of gift ideas will be for sale.

## Christmas Tree Village

December 1 - January 4.

Experience the magic of the holidays at our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Village in two locations: the Recreation Centre Atrium and the Archie Browning Sports Centre.

## Celebration of Lights

December 3, 5 p.m. to 8 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.

## Holiday Sit-In Movie

December 15, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Too cold for a drive-in movie? No problem! This year we're holding our free holiday movie at Jubilee Hall in the Esquimalt Recreation Centre on the giant screen.

## Skate with Santa

December 16, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Santa is coming to Archie Browning Sports Centre with special guest Elsa! Join us on the ice for games, music and fun.

## New Year's Day Levee

January 1, 2018, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Join Mayor and Council for a meet and greet in the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Skate and swim admissions are free on New Year's Day.

## Family Day Celebration

February 12, 2018

Stay tuned for celebration details. Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Free admission.

## Easter Eggstravaganza at Gorge Park

April 1, 2018

Join us for this beloved Easter event hosted by the Esquimalt Lions and Esquimalt Parks and Recreation at Gorge Park.

## Esquimalt 5K & 1K Kid's Run

April 7, 2018

Join us on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> for the most scenic 5K in the region, with an exhilarating route through Saxe and Macaulay Point Parks.



## Council Meeting Schedule

### Council Meetings

November 6, 2017  
November 27, 2017  
December 4, 2017  
December 18, 2017

### Committee of the Whole Meetings

November 20, 2017  
December 11, 2017

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:

Remembrance Day - Monday, Nov 13, 2017 (in lieu)  
Christmas Day - Monday, Dec 25, 2017  
Boxing Day - Tuesday, Dec 26, 2017  
New Year's Day - Monday, Jan 1, 2018  
Family Day - Monday, Feb 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)



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