



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

LATE AGENDA ITEMS SPECIAL COUNCIL

Monday March 16th, 2021 @ 5:45 pm
Esquimalt Council Chambers

(1) PERTAINING to Item No. 5 (1): **STAFF REPORT** – 2021 Budget Summary –
Supplemental Operating and Capital Requests

Emails from:

- Duncan Cavens
- Carling Helander
- Jean Potash
- Jaime Hilbert
- Niki Sutherland
- Matthew Justice
- Darlana Bartle
- Benoit Lanthier
- Kym Thrift
- Erica Camfferman
- Andrew Leitch
- Adrian Mohareb
- Blake Crouch
- Claire Danes
- Cole
- Unknown Author
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- Ilana Hampton
- Kirsten Lee-Straub
- Unknown Author
- Unknown Author
- Lily Whitehead-Delong
- Lindsay Johnson
- Lindsay Kearns
- Unknown Author
- Unknown Author
- Ming Woon
- Patricia Russell
- Unknown Author
- Dr Shael Zelunka
- Yulenda Evans

Kim Maddin

From: Laurie Hurst
Sent: March-15-21 8:43 AM
To: Kim Maddin
Subject: FW: Capital Projects + Climate Emergency

For mail log, thanks.

Laurie Hurst, CPA, CGA
Chief Administrative Officer
Tel: 1-250-414-7133

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From: Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: March-15-21 8:41 AM
To: Duncan Cavens
Cc: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Re: Capital Projects + Climate Emergency

Thanks for the email Duncan. I will forward to staff to be added as input for tomorrow's meeting

Councillor Meagan Brame
Township of Esquimalt

Meagan Brame
Councillor
Tel: 1-250-414-7100

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 8:39 AM, Duncan Cavens

wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I saw that the capital budget for 2021-2022 was being discussed on Tuesday night. I am writing to encourage you to ask that all capital spending be evaluated with respect to its future impact on your own climate reduction targets.

It is almost 2 years since Council declared a climate emergency (April 2019) and nearly 18 months since Council set clear targets for GHG Emissions (November 2019.)

I note that the currently underway Climate Action Planning Project only addresses community emissions, and not corporate emissions, which you have committed to reducing by 45% by 2030- less

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than 9 years away. As far as I'm aware, no concrete plan has been developed for reaching this goal (or at least it has not been made public)

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As the above graph from your own Climate Action Progress Report (2019) demonstrates, hitting your 45% reduction by 2030 is going to be a difficult task, especially when the target is an absolute target, not a per capita target. As Esquimalt is growing, reducing the Township's emissions by 45% while still growing services to serve a larger population requires constant attention - in keeping with the Emergency you declared.

According to the Progress report, 25% of the Township's corporate emissions are from township vehicles.

The detailed capital spending plan before you on Tuesday appears to suggest purchasing a number of additional vehicles (5-6), and a further 4 that are replacements for existing vehicles. Unless the new vehicles are zero emissions, all will add to the township's emissions rather than reduce towards your mandated target. Hopefully the replacement vehicles are more efficient than the ones they replace, or they too will add to the problem. As many of the vehicles likely have a service life longer than your 2030 target date, by making these purchases now, you are in effect making it even more difficult to reach these targets on time.

I have no doubt that all of the vehicles are operationally required- however the market for municipal vehicles are changing rapidly with other jurisdictions committing to converting to an all-renewable fleet.

Even garbage trucks (which, due to their heavy weight and daily use, are likely the Township's biggest emitters) are now available in electric versions:

<https://www.macktrucks.com/mack-news/2020/mack-lr-electric-to-begin-production-in-2021/>

In Europe, electric asphalt rollers are now available. <https://www.bomag.com/us-en/press/news-videos/light-tandem-roller-with-electric-or-gas-engine/>

Other kinds of commercial vehicles are also becoming available that would be suitable for municipal operations: <https://en.byd.com/truck/>

While some of these vehicles are available now, others are just coming to market over the next couple of years. Deferring purchases for a couple of years (unless absolutely necessary) might allow time for different alternatives to be available. It would also allow time for charging infrastructure to be planned and installed at municipal facilities.

The other 75% of your emissions come from your municipal buildings - primarily the Recreation Centre and Archie Browning. While I see that there are HVAC upgrades contemplated in the proposed capital plan, if I were on council I'd be curious to know how far the upgrades will go to achieving the 45% reduction target by 2030.

Others are achieving zero carbon arenas: <https://www.environmentalleader.com/2021/01/ontario-ice-complex-becomes-first-arena-to-achieve-zero-carbon-building-performance-certification/> and working towards zero carbon recreation centres: <https://www.newwestrecord.ca/local-news/new-westminster-going-green-with-new-aquatic-centre-3108191>

I've no doubt it will be difficult, and perhaps expensive, but it is doable. It will require leadership from senior staff and council however.

A couple of **concrete suggestions**:

- Given that you've declared that Esquimalt is under a Climate Emergency, ask that staff articulate how each vehicle or building related capital spending project will impact the township's own corporate emissions (this is not technically difficult);
- Ask staff to defer purchases of new vehicles (unless absolutely necessary) until they've completed a plan for achieving the 45% reduction by 2030. Other municipalities across BC have completed "Green Fleet plans" so there is lots of precedent to follow.
- Given your Climate Emergency declaration, are there capital items that should be evaluated as a higher priority and others deferred? e.g. is spending nearly \$100k on a new sign at Archie Browning, more important than reducing emissions from Archie Browning in whatever way possible?
- At the bare minimum, insist that those vehicles which are available now in low-emission/electric models (the bylaw vehicle, if not others) be an electric model.

With your leadership and focus, I hope we can avoid a repeat of the Township badly missing its 2020 GHG Target and actually meet a 45% reduction by 2030.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Cavens
960 Lyall St.

Kim Maddin

From: Laurie Hurst
Sent: March-15-21 10:56 AM
To: Kim Maddin
Subject: FW: Budget 2021 - Lampson St and AAA Infrastructure

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From: Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: March-15-21 10:49 AM
To: Carling Helander
Cc: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Re: Budget 2021 - Lampson St and AAA Infrastructure

Thank you for your email and taking the time to comment for input. I have forwarded to staff to be added as input on this matter.

Councillor Meagan Brame
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On Mar 15, 2021, at 10:45 AM, Carling Helander

wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to ask that you re-consider the proposal in the Draft 2021 Budget to defer funding for Lampson St Bike Lanes and other improvements to 2022. Improvements to Lampson St have already been postponed too long; this area needs to be a high priority for investments. Between the lack of cycling infrastructure, minimal pedestrian crossings, vehicles travelling excessive speeds or racing at night, and the resulting undue noise pollution, something really must be done to improve the Lampson St corridor. I live just off Lampson on Rockheights Ave and am getting very fed up with the issues on this road. It is unsafe and unpleasant to be anything other than a car on this road and I strongly urge you to prioritize investments in this area.

In general, I ask that you make investments in AAA infrastructure a high priority for the municipality, to avoid being a weak link in the regional AAA infrastructure and to support the vibrancy and livability of Esquimalt. With the new town centre coming along so nicely there is a great opportunity to make Esquimalt a safe, healthy, green community. I appreciate that Esquimalt has kept property taxes low in the 12 years I've lived here, but I would gladly support a small tax increase to make these important investments in our community.

Thank you for listening!

Carling Helander
887 Rockheights Ave

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Bike lanes/budget 2021

From: Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: March-15-21 1:20 PM
To: Jean ; Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Re: Bike lanes/budget 2021

Thank you for your email and I will forward to staff to be added as input in our Budget discussions

Councillor Meagan Brame
Township of Esquimalt

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 12:47 PM, Jean wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in regards to the 2021 budget and cycling infrastructure in Esquimalt. I work at CFB Esquimalt and I commute almost every day by bike. When I can take the E&N trail, it is fantastic! But when I need to go to Work Point, I take Lampson, and it is not nearly as safe. Properly designed and constructed bike lanes on Lampson (and throughout more of Esquimalt!) would significantly increase my safety.

On weekends, our family destinations are often decided by where we can cycle to. Our kids are not old enough to cycle in unprotected bike lanes. The lack of AAA lanes in Esquimalt limits where we can go, and as a result we are more likely to choose destinations in other municipalities.

Please restore or increase funding for bike lanes (especially protected lanes) through Esquimalt!

Sincerely,
Jean Potash

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Bike Lane Funding for 2021/22 Budget

From: Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: March-15-21 1:21 PM
To: Jaime Hilbert
Cc: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Re: Bike Lane Funding for 2021/22 Budget

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 11:00 AM, Jaime Hilbert wrote:

Hi Mayor and Council, I request that you please provide for the Lampson Street bike lane funding in your 2021/22 Budget. I see at this point the funding has been proposed for deferment for a second year in a row. I am disheartened at the lack of action behind the previous words of council supporting and advocating for swift and decisive action on climate change. We are in a Climate Emergency and deferment is not an option.

As an Esquimalt family (and home owners) on the Gorge side of the municipality who's primary transport with three young children is bicycle...the improved Lampson Street Bike infrastructure (and the link with the new Lyall infrastructure) are critical for our family to access the municipal infrastructure and amenities on the other side.

Like those of you on Council can do, our family as shown leadership by committing to cycling as a tangible action to reduce the impacts of Climate Change. Esquimalt is ready and needs All Ages and Abilities cycling infrastructure. Esquimalt can show leadership in implementing its Climate Action Plan and the development of an Active Transportation Plan (Spring 2021) by providing funding for Lyall Street and Lampson Street improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration of these high priority items. I know you face tough budget choices but when you look at priorities, I ask you to be bold and to consider the planet we are leaving for my children, your children and your grand children.

Sincerely,

Jaime Hilbert
916 Sioux Place

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Restore funding for Lampson Bike Lanes

From: Meagan Brame <meagan.brame@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: March-15-21 1:20 PM
To: matthew justice
Cc: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Re: Restore funding for Lampson Bike Lanes

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 12:47 PM, matthew justice

wrote:

Hello

I was just made aware that Esquimalt council has dropped funding for the Lampson bike lanes for this year's budget.

I strongly encourage you to rethink this decision, and restore the funding. Right now, more than ever, we need to be encouraging safe and environmentally sustainable forms of transport. Both on a global front, and on a community level front. From the folks at the Esquimalt Local Committee of the GVCC "Esquimalt can show leadership in implementing its Climate Action Plan and the development of an Active Transportation Plan (Spring 2021) by providing funding for Lyall Street and Lampson Street improvements for cyclists and pedestrians."

Esquimalt desperately needs to invest more in cycling infrastructure. I am what one considers a first phase cyclist, in that I will ride year round, regardless of the weather and road conditions. But that said, I transport my two young kids to school every morning along Lyall and Lampson, and often feel super concerned and endangered as a few drivers that don't understand the rules drive way too close to me, and/or speed by at excessive speeds - all it would take is one of those drivers getting a bit too close and there is risk for a pretty significant accident with me and my young kids.

Esquimalt needs bike infrastructure in general - Lyall for sure, and Lampson in particular, as a North-south corridor, needs a separated bike lane.

I mentioned first phase cyclists, with the construction of separated bike lanes, Esquimalt will see more of the 2nd and 3rd phase cyclists - ie. those that need to feel safer riding on the streets! Or in other words, all ages and abilities bicycle infrastructure! I would love to feel more comfortable allowing my older kid to bike to school, but right now that's a challenge - poor crossings, minimal bike lanes, etc. Esquimalt is growing, which is a great thing, but with that growth it needs to plan accordingly to build more bike lanes and ensure that the streets don't get clogged with cars. Bike lanes will encourage some of those car drivers to cycle instead, and reduce the overall impacts of transportation density and air pollution.

Yours truly, from concerned Esquimalt resident and long term cyclist,
Matthew Justice

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Cycling in Esquimalt

From: Darlana Bartle
Date: March 15, 2021 at 1:50:56 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Cycling in Esquimalt

Good afternoon Esquimalt Council and Mayor Desjardins,

I'm writing in hopes I can encourage you to restore the funding for the biking infrastructure for Lyall and Lampson street. I am a teacher and parent at Macaulay Elementary and I am doing all I can to encourage my students to ride their bike to school through CRD Walk & Wheel events, Bike to Work/School events and also cycling skills workshops. However, there is hesitancy from the parents of my intermediate students about letting their children bike to school, since there are no bike lanes. Providing a safe route to school on Lyall will encourage many more families to bike to Macaulay, and also the Esquimalt Rec Centre, the arena, the library, etc. Biking on Esquimalt road is not safe enough for children on their own as there is far too much traffic and congestion around the arena and Esquimalt plaza. Lyall is a much safer option, but is quite congested around school drop-off and pick-up times.

Lampson is also a vital bicycle artery that needs to provide safe space for bikes to travel without needing to focus on fast driving cars and large trucks around Esquimalt Industrial Park. Many individuals and families bike up the hilly Lampson each day and providing a safe path will encourage more people to choose an active means of transportation, rather than the car.

I bike to Macaulay school each day on an e-bike with my daughter on the back, but one day I hope she can bike on own. Biking with children is tricky with unprotected streets as the parent needs to make a choice about riding in the front, hoping that your child is safe behind you, or riding behind them, hoping that they are aware of potential approaching dangers. Please assist in this and show leadership in implementing the Climate Action Plan and Active Transportation Plan in 2021 and not pushing it back yet another year.

Thank you,

Darlana Bartle

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: 2021 Budget / Esquimalt biking infrastructure

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From: Benoit Lanthier
Date: March 15, 2021 at 8:13:12 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: 2021 Budget / Esquimalt biking infrastructure

Good evening Mayor and Council,

I would like to acknowledge your good work in taking care of our Municipalities affairs. I find myself following what is happening in Esquimalt, but not with a fine comb as I have come to trust your judgment.

I wanted to tell you this for two reasons. One to thank you and second so you realize that the fact I am actually writing to you means I am writing about something I believe to be of utmost importance.

I was made aware that plans to implement a biking lane on Lampson will be shelved for another year. This is concerning to me.

We reside on Craigflower Rd by Gorge Park and commute to École Victor Brodeur daily to get our two young kids to school.

As part of our commitment to create a better environment and teach our kids about their responsibilities to our planet as been the use of a bike to commute to school.

In my experience, we have a fairly good infrastructure for bikes when thinking of east/west travels (Craigflower bike lane/E&N trail). But our north/south infrastructure is basically non-existent in the Tillicum/Craigflower area. We desperately need proper infrastructure to allow proper movement on bikes from the Gorge Vale to the main area of Esquimalt. I am dreaming of the day I feel comfortable riding to school with my oldest son, but Lampson is too busy of a road for me to feel comfortable letting him bike to school. This also applies for our access to Community infrastructure such as Archie Browning and the Rec Centre.

I ask that you reconsider the delaying of this much needed north/south connection.

Thank you and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Benoit Lanthier
1122 Craigflower Rd

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Benoit Lanthier

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Support for Lampson and Lyall Street Cycling Improvements (re: Council Meeting March 16)

From: Kym
Date: March 15, 2021 at 10:00:57 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Support for Lampson and Lyall Street Cycling Improvements (re: Council Meeting March 16)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of including a minimum of \$950,000 for each of Lyall and Lampson street improvements. In particular, it is important to re-include Lampson Street in Budget 2021 for several reasons:

- 1) **Already overdue.** Council provided preliminary design direction to staff 15 months ago. Lampson Street was in budget 2020 but was deferred to 2021; it should not be deferred another year.
- 2) **Ensure new development aligns with community infrastructure needs.** Council has received an application for a major redevelopment at the corner of Lampson and Esquimalt - but to my knowledge there is no design or direction for the developer to take into account to ensure All Ages and Abilities cycling infrastructure are accommodated on Esquimalt Road and Lampson Street. There is no reason to not complete the design of Lyall and to complete construction in a way/time that doesn't require rework when the Esquimalt and Lampson corner is redeveloped.
- 3) **Leadership:** Council is undertaking an Active Transportation Plan this year. Eliminating budget on an already delayed cycling improvement is not a good way to start the Active Transportation Process and to build buy-in from stakeholders and community members.

I encourage Council to amend the 2021 budget and restore funding for Lampson Street.

Kind regards,

Kym Thrift
Esquimalt Resident

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Lampson Bike Lane Development - please proceed

From: "Erica (Kang) Camfferman"
Date: March 15, 2021 at 11:37:20 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Re: Lampson Bike Lane Development - please proceed

PS - Sometimes I think a visual helps as well, so here is a picture of our young cyclists. Teddy is always in control of his bike and diligent about signaling and wearing his high visibility gear. He rides better than some adults I know ;)



Teddy - riding from Burnaby to Granville Island when he was 4.



Teddy and his younger brother Simon.

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On Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 11:21 PM Erica (Kang) Camfferman

wrote:

Hello,

I am contacting you regarding the 2021 Budget meeting. I sincerely hope you consider proceeding with the Lampson Bike Lane Development in 2021.

Since our family moved to Esquimalt last year, we have enjoyed commuting to work, daycare, grocery stores, and parks. We also love biking to various destinations, such as the Gorge, downtown, and parks. We love riding along Esquimalt Rd for a safe and convenient bike ride into downtown.

However, travelling to the North side of Esquimalt feels like a whole different story. Our 6 year old son has been cycling on his own bike since he was 3 and started bike commuting when he was 4. He biked along many roads and bike lanes throughout Greater Victoria during our house hunt last year. Recently, we ended up riding along Lampson St and this was a scary road for him to ride on. He felt so unsafe that he actually rode on the sidewalk instead. He doesn't usually do this, since it is not a safe cycling practice (and illegal for adults). Overall, it was a nerve-wracking experience for both of us and we have steered clear of biking on Lampson ever since.

It has been interesting to see the [Victoria All Ages and Abilities \(AAA\) Cycling Network](#) come to life. AAA is such a relatable and meaningful concept, and I hope that it is something that Esquimalt embraces as well. We were biking along an area where they were building a new bike lane and I remember my son saying "Yay! Then I don't have to be worried about running over by a car, or almost being run over a car." He went on to say "I think there should be bike lanes in all of Victoria, and not just some places." I really hope we can cater our roads to all ages and abilities, instead of just catering to a group that is the majority at this time. Hopefully this will pave the way to a brighter future - one where more people engage in active transportation. This will ultimately lead to happier individuals and healthier communities!

I recently watched a recorded Council Meeting in which the proposal for a 6-story condo on Lampson and Esquimalt Rd was being discussed. In the discussions, I was very pleased to hear concerns of cyclists being brought forward, with respect to a bike lane (on Lampson specifically) and on-site bike parking. Given there was support from multiple Councillors regarding bike infrastructure, I hope that you consider proceeding with Lampson Bike Lane Development, instead of deferring it.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Erica Camfferman (she/hers)

"Keep Calm and Ride On"

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Bike Lanes Lampson

From: Andrew Leitch
Date: March 15, 2021 at 10:41:37 PM PDT
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Bike Lanes Lampson

To Mayor and Council,

First, congratulations on the great work you have done on expanding the cycling infrastructure and modernization of transportation options in the city. I am unable to cycle myself due to a serious health condition, but I do support the work you have done to date. Key to the success of your work has been the careful networking of bike lanes to ensure maximum uptake.

However, I was disappointed to learn that you are considering cancelling the expansion of a bike corridor along Lampson street. I have two children that are planning on attending MaCaulay school and this bike lane would be the only option for them to safely bike to school from our house. In addition, there is a key network gap over the Tillicum bridge that blocks many from connecting to the Craigflower lanes. I ask that you reconsider and include the Lampson expansion in your budget.

Best regards,

Andrew Leitch

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Please maintain funding for Lampson Street all ages and abilities cycling improvements and accelerate work on safe routes throughout Esquimalt

From: Adrian Mohareb

Sent: March-15-21 10:29 PM

To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>

Subject: Please maintain funding for Lampson Street all ages and abilities cycling improvements and accelerate work on safe routes throughout Esquimalt

Dear Mayor and Council of the Township of Esquimalt,

I am writing you to encourage you to maintain funding for the Lampson St and Lyall St all ages and abilities cycling infrastructure improvements in the 2021 budget. While I write this as a resident of Vic West, I also write this as someone who has many personal interests in seeing Esquimalt become a safer place to access by means other than roads. Both now and pre-pandemic, I have made more use of services in Esquimalt than in Victoria, because the services I'm looking for are often closer and more convenient to access. My son goes to preschool on Dominion St, swimming lessons at the Rec Centre, skating lessons at Archie Browning arena, and soccer lessons at Bullen Park. We use the library, shop at the Country Grocer and the Wholesale Club, grab takeout from Guido's, A&W, Spice Valley, Blue Nile and Sushi Story, and visit the Farmer's Market regularly. Next September, my son will be going to MacAulay Elementary for kindergarten. All this to say that what happens in Esquimalt matters not just to its residents but its neighbours like me as well.

Getting to and around Esquimalt safely also matters a lot. I try to live a car-light lifestyle; in the pre-pandemic times, I would bike to work in James Bay, and to most of my errands. But not to all of them, because as a parent with a child in the back of my bicycle, a lot of routes are untenably dangerous. In Esquimalt, these include virtually every route with the exception of the E&N trail. I sometimes choose to use Lyall or Old Esquimalt (not a great route with the hill and a 20 kg child seated in back, without electric assist) and even Esquimalt Rd, but almost never Craigflower, Tillicum or Lampson. These routes are risky even when I'm by myself, as a confident cyclist.

I would feel much more comfortable with a full all ages and abilities network in Esquimalt. I would spend more money with Esquimalt businesses knowing I could reach them safely without having to drive. I would safely be able to access the rec centre, reducing the strain on an overburdened parking lot. I know many colleagues and friends in Esquimalt who would definitely also benefit tremendously from improved cycling infrastructure.

I strongly urge you to maintain the funding for cycle tracks on Lampson St. in the 2021 budget. I also encourage you to expedite the development of an all ages and abilities (AAA) network in Esquimalt, which I believe is ready to catch and surpass Victoria as a safe-to-cycle-in municipality. It would align with the Township's Climate Action Plan and its development of an Active Transportation Plan. I strongly encourage the Township to also fund work on creating an AAA route on Lyall St., to make it a safer place for children going to school at MacAulay. I would also encourage improved pedestrian and AAA cycling routes connecting to every school in the Township - MacAulay, Victor Brodeur, Esquimalt High and Rockheights. One of the biggest measures municipalities can take to address climate change is to make alternatives to driving not only palatable but preferable; safe routes to schools are critical in driving this change.

Thank you,

Adrian Mohareb
409 Langford St.

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Build the Lampson St Bike Lane

From: Blake Crouch
Sent: March-16-21 1:05 PM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Build the Lampson St Bike Lane

Hello

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Please do not delay the Lampson St Bike Lane, this project is very important for us residents of Esquimalt, there is currently a shortage of bike lane infrastructure in Esquimalt

- Lampson St is a key corridor that connects north and south Esquimalt. It is an essential route for all modes of transportation: walking, cycling, transit and vehicles
- Esquimalt is working to develop an Active Transportation Plan, but that is no reason to delay building safe cycling infrastructure now, especially on such an important route
- Also, the proposed development at Esquimalt and Lampson should not delay the design either – any future development can be accommodated with temporary bike lanes through the construction, exactly as Victoria did with the Pandora protected bike lane
- Esquimalt needs to fund Lampson Street design and construction in the 2021 budget without delay

Kind regards

Blake Crouch

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Budget 2021 - concerns about biking infrastructure

From: Claire Danes

Sent: March-16-21 11:13 AM

To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>

Subject: Budget 2021 - concerns about biking infrastructure

Good morning,

My name is Claire and I am a resident of Esquimalt, with my family of 3.

Everyday I bike my two little girls (1 and 3 year old) to daycare, and we feel safe on the quiet roads in West Bay area. Unfortunately we hardly ever travel further than that, as it is a challenge to get to the ENT trail. Esquimalt road, even with its bike lane, does not feel very safe.

We heard a bike lane on Lampson was in the work, which would be invaluable to all West Bay residents, but also to all families biking their kids to MacAulay school.

It came to my attention that budget 2021 was postponing this project on both Lampson and Lyall st. I believe it is important to restore this item in the 2021 budget, for the safety of all residents in Esquimalt.

The shift from "home-car-plaza/mall/school" has to happen if we want to make Esquimalt a lovely place to be, for everyone in the community. I come from Europe where pedestrian streets and plaza are a norm. I know it's far fetch for Canadian culture, but I hope the switch will eventually happen. Until then, providing safe lanes for commuters is a good start. Esquimalt should show leadership on active transportation and climate action by building the much needed infrastructures.

Thank you for your consideration,

Claire Danes

West Bay, Esquimalt

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Lampson

From:
Sent: March-16-21 12:27 PM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Lampson

Hello there,

I ride my bike to get to and from work in Esquimalt 5 days a week. A bike lane along Lampson has been on my wish list for years. It's a wide street, but dangerous for cycling on right now as I have to dodge cars, and there is no clear safe place for me to be. I am a good bike rider, and I ride often. Folks less confident would now take this route if they had a safe lane. Please do not delay. Let's make it safer today. Please proceed with building a bike lane down Lampson.

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: *SPAM* North / South Cycling connector

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>

Sent: March-16-21 12:19 PM

To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca

Subject: *SPAM* North / South Cycling connector

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North / South Cycling connector

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

Cycling infrastructure in Esquimalt is in desperate need of investment. CRD's E&N rail trail is the only dedicated safe and friendly corridor in the community. It is only the intrepid who dare to commit to carbon free future in terms of transportation, and it would be fantastic if Esquimalt council supported such a vision. Cycling is precarious on all shared arteries in Esquimalt and to coax people from their vehicles it takes council's support and initiative.

Esquimalt Local Committee

Add my name to the Esquimalt Local Committee list

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Support the Lampson bike lane

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>
Sent: March-16-21 8:39 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca
Subject: Support the Lampson bike lane

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Your Email

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Support the Lampson bike lane

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

I support the Lampson bike lane for sure! Not sure if there are other ideas the GVCC has that I wouldn't support.

Esquimalt Local Committee

Add my name to the Esquimalt Local Committee list

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Bike Lanes on Lampson

-----Original Message-----

From: ilana hampton
Sent: March-16-21 9:00 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Bike Lanes on Lampson

Hello,

Esquimalt Council has a meeting tomorrow evening about the 2021 budget so the next 24 hours are critical for re-instating \$950,000 in cycling improvements in Esquimalt.

The draft budget proposes to drop Lampson Street bike lanes from the 2021 budget - for the second year in a row! Honestly? I live on Fernhill Road and I bike to work and bike my daughter to school. Lampson Street is already dangerous for cyclists. I understood when you dropped it last year but a second year in a row??? What is it going to take? Injury? Death? It feels like you aren't listening to your constituents, the people you are supposed to be representing.

Esquimalt needs to fund Lampson Street design and construction in the 2021 budget. Restore this item in the 2021 budget.

Esquimalt is ready and needs All Ages and Abilities cycling infrastructure Esquimalt can show leadership in implementing is Climate Action Plan and the development of an Active Transportation Plan (Spring 2021) by providing funding for Lyall Street and Lampson Street improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.

Ilana Hampton
Sent from my iPhone

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Bike Lanes

From: Kirsten Lee-Straub
Sent: March-16-21 10:23 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Bike Lanes

Good Morning,

I am writing in support of funding improvements to the bike lanes in Esquimalt. I have been a resident of Esquimalt for over ten years and have been happy to see the improvements thus far! My Macaulay aged child and I bike daily – this is our main form of transportation, although we do have a car and also take the bus on occasion – around Esquimalt to get to the Rec Centre, the grocery stores, downtown Victoria and such. On a daily basis we bike along Esquimalt road to get to and from my child’s Outer School Care. It’s a busy road! We prefer going along Lyall as it’s quite a bit quieter in terms of vehicle traffic, however there are no bike lanes and some drivers do not give adequate space for bicycles. Having a great connection to the E&N bike path has been fantastic for us when we venture out on longer bike rides.

That's my two cents, thanks!

Regards,

Kirsten

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: *SPAM* Or Lampson st. Bike lane

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>
Sent: March-16-21 7:54 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca
Subject: *SPAM* Or Lampson st. Bike lane

Your Email

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Or Lampson st. Bike lane

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

Also Tillicum and Gorge Bridge

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: *SPAM* Lampson bike lane please

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>
Sent: March-16-21 8:15 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca
Subject: *SPAM* Lampson bike lane please

Your Email

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Lampson bike lane please

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

I live in a more northern part of Esquimalt and have been used to using the rail trail to get to work. I would love Lampson to have a bike lane. It is a pretty big street that can take it. The volume of traffic can make it a bit intimidating. At the moment I avoid it even though it would make some of my routing to Archie Browning, McCauley Point, and friend's homes more direct. It just isn't as friendly now as it would be with a bike lane. Esquimalt is developing and bike lanes will make it more appealing.

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: 2021 Budget - Cycling Infrastructure

-----Original Message-----

From: Lily Whitehead-Delong

Sent: March-16-21 9:01 AM

To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>

Subject: 2021 Budget - Cycling Infrastructure

Good Morning,

I am writing with regards to the 2021 budget.

My family and I moved to Esquimalt in 2019 and love our community. We are a one car family and rely on bicycles to commute to and from work, school, daycare and activities. I was disappointed to learn that the Lampson street cycling infrastructure design and construction was removed from the 2021 budget. Esquimalt is ready and needs all ages and abilities cycling infrastructure. Lampson street and Lyall street cycling upgrades are needed to promote safe cycling for all ages and abilities.

My daily commute by bicycle is via Lyall street. I cycle with my two young children on my bicycle and when the street is busy or weather is inclement at times I am concerned for our safety. I completely avoid Lampson Street all together due to safety concerns and take an alternate route. My children love cycling and my hope is that when they are confident individual riders themselves, they can continue to ride to school safely on their own bicycles.

Please make cycling infrastructure improvements a priority for the 2021 budget. More people and families will engage in active transportation when given the safe space to do so, leading to happy and healthier individuals and communities!

Many thanks for your consideration,

Lily Whitehead-Delong
481 Constance Ave, Esquimalt

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: bike lanes on Lyall/Lampson

From: Lindsay Johnson
Sent: March-16-21 11:56 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: bike lanes on Lyall/Lampson

Dear Mayor and Council,

Esquimalt needs to fund Lampson and Lyall street improvement plans, design and construction in the 2021 budget - specifically, work to improve cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. I am of the belief that this item needs to be restored into the budget for the coming fiscal year. Esquimalt can show leadership on implementing its climate action plan and match sustainable transport work done by the City of Victoria by providing funding for Lyall and Lampson pedestrian and cycling safety improvements.

I am an Esquimalt resident, and travel by car, bike and walking - and see opportunity for improved access for all three through improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. In particular, bike lanes on Lyall would help remove both bike traffic on commerce-heavy Esquimalt Ave, and car traffic on recreation and residential-heavy Lyall. Safety and efficiency could be improved for everyone. I also frequently bike and walk on the full length of Lampson, and see much opportunity for improved bike safety through the inclusion of bike lanes.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Best regards,
-Lindsay

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Improving cycling infrastructure in Esquimalt

From: Lindsay Kearns
Sent: March-16-21 11:43 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Improving cycling infrastructure in Esquimalt

Hello Mayor and Council,

In the past twenty years since I moved to the Greater Victoria area from Toronto, I've had the joy of renting homes in Esquimalt on Uganda and Selkirk Avenues, and also on Powderley and Langford Streets in Vic West.

My love for this area is what led my spouse and I to buy what we hope is our forever home on Lockley Road, and our choice of location is due at least in part to our house being a block from the E&N Rail Trail, which we use regularly both for commuting and for recreation on our bicycles.

However, while we love having access to the E&N trail, it's still very hard going other places in Esquimalt by bicycle. With two young kids on my bike, I feel scared cycling on Tillicum to Gorge Park because the traffic is very fast and the road is narrow, with no space given to cyclists. To the south, Lampson is no better: The speed and proximity of large vehicles make it a very unsafe-feeling route. This is my experience as an adult, and it's even harder for my eldest child I'm hoping will soon be an independent cyclist.

I am also a car owner and appreciate the versatility and opportunities that come from having a motor vehicle. At the same time, I love cycling because it gives me exercise, makes it easy to stop and chat with neighbours, is better for our environment, and leaves more space on the roads for those who truly need it. I love sharing this joy with my kids, and want to do everything I can to make them love cycling too. Part of that is improving the infrastructure that supports cycling as a viable choice for as many people in our community as possible.

Please keep this in mind as you make your decisions around what our Esquimalt roads will look like in the future: This is a great opportunity to invest in a better version of how we all share space.

Best,
Lindsay Kearns
1203 Lockley Road

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Lampson street bike lane

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>
Sent: March-16-21 9:20 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca
Subject: Lampson street bike lane

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Lampson street bike lane

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

I support dedicated bike lanes on Lampson and Esquimalt Roads. So many families now commute on bike, it would make their commute so much safer. The bike lanes will encourage people who are nervous about cycling in traffic.

Esquimalt Local Committee

Add my name to the Esquimalt Local Committee list

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Lampon Street bicycle lane

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>

Sent: March-16-21 8:36 AM

To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca

Subject: Lampon Street bicycle lane

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Subject Line

Lampon Street bicycle lane

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

Dear Madams/Sirs,

I respectfully ask you to please support building of this important cycling lane in the 2021 budget.

As an occasional driver in your community (I live in James Bay), I am always aware of the increasing vehicle and cycling traffic I need to safely flow with. The sooner we all contribute to upgrading this important regional infrastructure the more appealing, safe and popular this mode of transportation will become.

As a long time cyclist (including effective cycling skills instructor) and taxpayer, I support elected municipal leaders who place value on my safety and ease of travelling within the CRD.

Thank you.

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Esquimalt Biking

From: Ming Woon
Sent: March-16-21 8:01 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Esquimalt Biking

Hi Mayor and Councils of Esquimalt,

I'm a Esquimalt resident and I'd like to support a better biking infrastructure in the township. Our family has three kids. Unlike other families, we rely on biking and walking heavily to go to school, libraries, rec centre, groceries and get around town. Without more work on biking infrastructure, it would continue to disproportionately impact families like ours. Please consider the following points.

- Esquimalt needs to fund Lampson Street design and construction in the 2021 budget. Restore this item in the 2021 budget.
- Esquimalt is ready and needs All Ages and Abilities cycling infrastructure
- Esquimalt can show leadership in implementing its Climate Action Plan and the development of an Active Transportation Plan (Spring 2021) by providing funding for Lyall Street and Lampson Street improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.

Thank you,
Ming Woon

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Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Lampson Street Design

From: Patricia Russell
Sent: March-16-21 9:25 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Lampson Street Design

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Hello,

I'm writing today to express my interest and support for the proposed improvements for Lampson and Lyall street. I'm especially concerned about the delays in the development of better cycling and pedestrian infrastructure in these areas. As a full-time cyclist who commutes up and down Lampson st every day to bring my children to school and daycare, this particular stretch of road impacts my family's ability to safely commute everyday. My eldest daughter is ready to start biking on her own, however we don't feel safe having her ride down Lampson so have put off letting her ride to school. We live right off Lampson and every other option to get to MaCaulay is out of the way (and no more safe than Lampson).

Our family really appreciates the Township's commitment to an Active Transportation Plan and taking action on improving accessibility to cyclists and pedestrians around town. We love living in a community where we can walk and bike most places. Delays in improvements to Lampson and Lyall Street have a direct impact on our ability to do this safely and we really hope that important projects like this do not continue to be delayed.

Thank you for your time.
Patricia Russell

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: *SPAM* Lampson Street bike lane

From: <comms@gvcc.bc.ca>
Sent: March-16-21 9:43 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>; info@gvcc.bc.ca
Subject: *SPAM* Lampson Street bike lane

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Your Email

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Lampson Street bike lane

Do you support the GVCC's ideas?

Yes

Additional comments

Active safe transportation should be number one.

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Bike lane on lampson

From: Shael Zelunka
Sent: March-16-21 2:30 PM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Bike lane on lampson

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Hi there I'm a new resident of Esquimalt having lived in Victoria for about 4 years and now by Macaulay point for 6 months. I can tell you that it's really a challenging area to commute for work to the city with regards to the hills and traffic. It really is a noticeable change in the feeling of safety and basically all areas of Esquimalt as soon as you exit off of kitma road / Catherine Street when leaving downtown heading west - it's absolutely not pleasant. I honestly get the feeling that Fairfield is clearly so much better taken care of it's a little bit insulting and embarrassing looking at the growing amount of lovely bicycle designated routes they have compared to Esquimalt. It's truly a class dichotomy that our lack of spending had created. Esquimalt is undisputably becoming the new young family designation and the council needs to get ahead of the game and make the streets safe and approachable for cycling.

I would like to add that creating room for cyclists along the west bay walkway into the songhees walkway and thereby into downtown is clearly the smartest simplest investment for the future. By forcing all cyclists west of Catherine onto Esquimalt Rd it's creating many problems and is a terrible area to bike and will no doubt eventually cost lives.

Thank you for your time,

Dr Shael Zelunka, DVM

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: 2021 budget - All Ages and Abilities cycling infrastructure

From: Yulenda Evans
Sent: March-16-21 10:02 AM
To: Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: 2021 budget - All Ages and Abilities cycling infrastructure

Dear Esquimalt Council,

Please include the proposed Lampson St cycling improvements in the 2021 budget.

We live in Vic West but travel to Esquimalt often and will be travelling there daily starting September when our son starts kindergarten at Macaulay Elementary. While the Lampson St cycling improvements will not be in our daily commute route, it is still important to us that Esquimalt has better cycling infrastructure. We'd love to be able to safely ride our bikes all over Esquimalt.

Thank you,
Yulenda Evans

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