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Designing Density: take our survey!

What does it take to create social connectedness in a community?

How can this be influenced by the design of our homes, especially in a multi-family setting?

To get some answers, the Township of Esquimalt (Esquimalt) and Island Health partnered on a project looking at the effect of housing design on the social well-being of residents, supported by a 2018 Community Wellness Strategy grant from PlanH. The goals of this project are:

- to support the creation of desirable multi-family housing in Esquimalt, and
- to encourage the use of design features in multi-family housing that will promote social connectedness

If Esquimalt wants to create more multi-family housing and at the same time support social connectedness, what features in multi-family housing support social connectedness, and what steps can the municipality take to encourage this? Community dialogue around this issue is occurring in three phases:

1. A series of focus groups with residents and local experts (completed)
2. An online survey and pop-up engagement with residents (in progress)
3. An open house to present the results of this study for public review and comment (planned for September 2019)

We are especially looking for residents who currently live in multi-family housing to fill in our survey before July 31.

Questions relate to qualities such as green space, common rooms, safety, active living, children's play and other design features. It only takes 10 minutes and you could win a Country Grocer gift certificate for \$50!

Find out more at esquimalt.ca/DesigningDensity

Checkout bags: where are we at with the bylaw?

A new bylaw for regulating the use of checkout bags in Esquimalt received first reading from Township Council on Jan 21, 2019.

Since then, staff have been conducting public engagement with the community and businesses in Esquimalt to determine if any changes were necessary to the bylaw, including a survey during the month of April.

The results of this engagement were presented to Council on July 8. Some of the highlights are:

- The webpage for the survey and information about the bylaw generated over 800 page views.
- 451 surveys were completed by the closing date in early May with eighty five per cent of the surveys completed by Esquimalt residents.
- 53 per cent of the respondents strongly agree and a further 15 per cent agree with limiting the use of all single-use checkout bags in the municipality.
- 35 per cent indicated they already use a reusable bag at all times.
- 16 per cent strongly disagree with limiting the use of all checkout bags.
- 80 per cent of respondents felt the best place to receive information about the upcoming changes was in stores.

Key themes that arose from the survey and other feedback were as follows:

- The timeline as proposed was too long and the municipality should implement the bylaw much faster than proposed.
- Many comments were received about other single use items that were considered to be just as problematic as plastic checkout bags and the respondents wished or encouraged the Township to include these items.
- Many respondents felt that charging for a paper bag was unfair or unnecessary as these bags are more environmentally friendly than plastic bags.

Read the report and learn more at esquimalt.ca/bags

From the archives

Long before Saxe Point was officially made a park, it was part of Viewfield Farm and was used by residents from across the district as a campground. After obtaining permission from Council and the Chief of Police, tents were set up and families moved in for the summer season. For some like Charles H. Lugin's family, that meant moving but a few blocks away. Charles H. Lugin was the first Reeve of Esquimalt and his family summered at a beach house at Macaulay Point, which was also once part of the Viewfield Farm.

Saxe Point was retired as a summer camping spot when designated as parkland in 1934. During World War 2, many trees on this 7.5 hectare site were cleared and a searchlight was installed as part of the DND's shoreline defense.

The park provides spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains and Strait of Juan de Fuca. Fine perennial and shrub borders and a large open lawn area overlook the water. Forested trails and beach accesses are set among mature Douglas fir and Grand fir.

Saxe Point is found at the end of Fraser Street, with foot paths off of Munro and Bewdley streets.

The Esquimalt Archives are located at 1149A Esquimalt Road or view our collections online.



V987-26-1 : 1912 or 1913 photo of Mr. and Mrs. Lugin and his six daughters at their beach home.

Get set for fall!

- ✓ Fall registration for most activities and programs opens online July 15.
- ✓ Fall swimming lesson registration opens August 1.
- ✓ Look for our printed guide hitting the counters on August 20 for programs running September 1-December 31.



Esquimalt welcomes new senior staff

The Township welcomes Communications Specialist Tara Zajac as well as Engineering Manager Steve Rennick.

Tara is a seasoned communications professional whose previous role was as part of the communications team at the District of Saanich. Steve is a Professional Engineer who joins us after spending 10 years as an engineering consultant, most recently for municipal government. Welcome both!



Our popular summer movie series is back again for 2019!

Check out our line-up:

- July 10 - Top Gun
- July 24 - Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse
- August 7 - How to Train Your Dragon 3
- August 21 - Aquaman

Movies play at Bullen Field and start at sunset. Start times will vary throughout the summer.



Esquimalt ECO Champs Program

Join us this summer for our free Eco Champs program, a fun and inclusive way for kids to learn the basics of ecological awareness, conservation, and stewardship.

This program is most suitable for children ages 3-6, but all are welcome. Make sure to pick up this year's Eco Passport at our first event so you can track just how much you've learned over the course of this summer! This program runs from July 16 – August 20.

More at [Esquimalt.ca/EcoChamps](https://www.esquimalt.ca/EcoChamps)

Have you met bc211?

bc211 is a nonprofit organization that specializes in providing information and referral regarding community, government and social services in B.C. The help line services include 211, the Alcohol and Drug Information and Referral Service (ADIRS), VictimLink BC, and the Youth Against Violence Line. **Need help? Call 2-1-1.**

Get prepared with these helpful sessions

Emergency preparedness for pet owners

Wednesday, September 25, 7 - 8 p.m.

This one hour presentation will discuss how to prepare you and your pet family for an emergency, including planning, what to expect, services available, and tips and tricks.

Being prepared: earthquake & tsunami

Wednesday, October 23, 7-8 p.m.

This presentation will discuss what to expect during and after a major earthquake including the tsunami risk for Esquimalt residents.

Emergency preparedness: special considerations

Wednesday, November 20, 7-8 p.m.

This one-hour presentation will focus on emergency preparedness for individuals who may have health, mobility or other considerations that require additional care and planning.

Emergency preparedness workshops

We offer these sessions throughout the year. Register your interest with us and we'll coordinate our next session.

- Workshops are held in Council Chambers at Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road.
- Q & A to follow all workshops.
- Please register at NEPP@esquimalt.ca

Wastewater Treatment Project update

Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Project is well underway and remains on schedule to meet regulatory deadline for wastewater treatment by the end of 2020.

In Esquimalt, construction of the Residual Solids Conveyance Line will take place on Head Street and Gore Street during July and August. Installation of the Macaulay Forcemain began in May and work is currently taking place on Anson Street. A 1350mm diameter pipe is being installed to convey wastewater from the Macaulay Point Pump Station to the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment.

Concrete pouring continues at both McLoughlin Point and the new Macaulay Point Pump Station.

Questions? Contact the project team at 1-844-815-6132.



During the summer, truck traffic will use an alternate route to the sites at McLoughlin Point and Macaulay Point.

West Bay is growing

Township staff and Tenfold Projects are working collaboratively toward the approval of the building permit for the first of two phases of the mixed-use redevelopment known as "West Bay Quay".

Local residents can expect new sidewalks and street trees in the public realm along Head Street, Lyall Street and Gore Street enhanced by significant on-site landscaping which will improve pedestrian enjoyment and encouraging patronage of new and established businesses in the area. Contact Development Services with questions.



Knock, knock!

Esquimalt Fire Rescue is implementing a single family residential Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Awareness campaign.

Members will be out in pairs (and a fire truck!) visiting homes to discuss proper smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation and use. They'll also provide batteries or alarms, if needed, to help promote safety.

Most residential fires start in single family homes. This campaign is an important part of fire prevention in our community.

Learn more about fire prevention and safety at Esquimalt.ca/Fire

Township and community events

All event & meeting details available at esquimalt.ca/events or subscribe to our event emails.

Memorial Park Music Fest

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Park, 1200 Esquimalt Rd.

Grab your shades, sunhats and the whole family! Enjoy free live outdoor music performances in historic Memorial Park. See a different band every week until July 30. More at townshiparts.org

Esquimalt Farmers Market

Thursdays, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Park, 1200 Esquimalt Rd.

The award-winning Esquimalt Farmers Market puts on this weekly community event featuring a fantastic lineup of vendors, food trucks and musicians. Outdoors now until Sept. 19.

Free car seat clinic

July 14, August 4, September 1; 1 to 3 p.m.

Esquimalt Recreation Centre parking lot, 527 Fraser St.

Are you using the right seat for your child? All children must use a child seat or a booster seat that is appropriate for their weight and age until their ninth birthday. Visit our free car seat clinic and have a certified car seat technician check your car seat for safety! Please bring your car seat and its manual, if possible. There will be food provided by the Esquimalt Lion's Club.

Pet A Palooza

August 17 to August 18, all day

Bullen Park, 527 Fraser St.

"The social event of the year for dogs and their people!" This free and pet-friendly festival is not one to be missed! More at petapaloozawest.com

Esquimalt Arts Festival 2019

August 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Memorial Park, 1212 Esquimalt Rd.

A premier event in the Township's thriving arts scene, the Esquimalt Arts Festival is a showcase of local artists' work set amongst the towering Garry oaks in Memorial Park. With food vendors, music, and an artists' walk, the event is a great way for the family to spend a Sunday in August.

Esquimalt Ribfest

September 6-8 starting at 12 p.m.

Bullen Park, 527 Fraser St.

What's Ribfest about? We are all about family, community, volunteers, kids, participation, and fun! A weekend of BBQ ribs, local entertainment, craft beer, cider and wine, free kids' activities, local arts and vendors. Net proceeds raised by Ribfest Esquimalt go to local charities. More at esquimaltribfest.com.

Esquimalt Community Garden Open Garden Day

September 14, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anderson Park, 835 Colville Rd.

The community garden members at Anderson Park have been hard at work this year and would love to show the community how wonderful this space is. You'll have a chance to watch some demonstrations, visit the produce stand, walk amongst the gardens, and chat with the gardeners.

Children's Story Festival

September 21, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorial Park, 1212 Esquimalt Rd.

Help us celebrate the 16th year of Esquimalt's Story Festival with another awesome lineup of great story tellers. This year's theme is Reach for the Stars. Lunch, provided through a generous donation from Country Grocer, from 11 a.m. onwards. Donations are gratefully accepted and go to help fund the Macaulay School literacy program.

Fire department open house

September 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Esquimalt Fire Department, 500 Park Pl.

In support of Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2019, the public is invited to the 2019 Esquimalt Fire Department open house. Learn about fire safety while enjoying interactive activities for children including extinguishing a fire alongside our fire department crew members, a colouring station and a bouncy castle (weather permitting). The team from the Esquimalt Emergency Program will be on site to answer your questions as well.

Council meeting schedule

Council meetings

July 8, July 15, August 19, August 26, September 9, September 30, October 7, October 28

Committee of the Whole meetings

July 8, September 16, October 21

Note: Unless otherwise noted, Council Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers at 1229 Esquimalt Road. Please check the website or call 250-414-7157 to confirm meeting times.

Esquimalt Municipal Hall closed:

BC Day: August 5

Labour Day: September 2

Thanksgiving Day: October 14

Township contacts

Emergency

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Esquimalt Municipal Hall

1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Municipal hall reception	250-414-7100
Building Inspections	250-414-7103
Bylaw Enforcement	250-414-7161
Development Services	250-414-7103
Engineering/Public Works	250-414-7108
Finance	250-414-7100
Parks and Recreation	250-412-8500

Esquimalt Municipal Archives

1149-A Esquimalt Road (civic)
1229 Esquimalt Road (mail)
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1 250-412-8540

Esquimalt Recreation Centre

527 Fraser Street
Esquimalt, BC V9A 6H6 250-412-8500

Archie Browning Sports Centre

1151 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3N6 250-412-8510

Public library—Esquimalt branch

1231 Esquimalt Road
(behind municipal hall) 250-414-7198

Public Safety Building

2nd Floor, 500 Park Place
Esquimalt, BC V9A 6Z9

Police Department 250-995-7500
Fire Department 250-414-7126



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