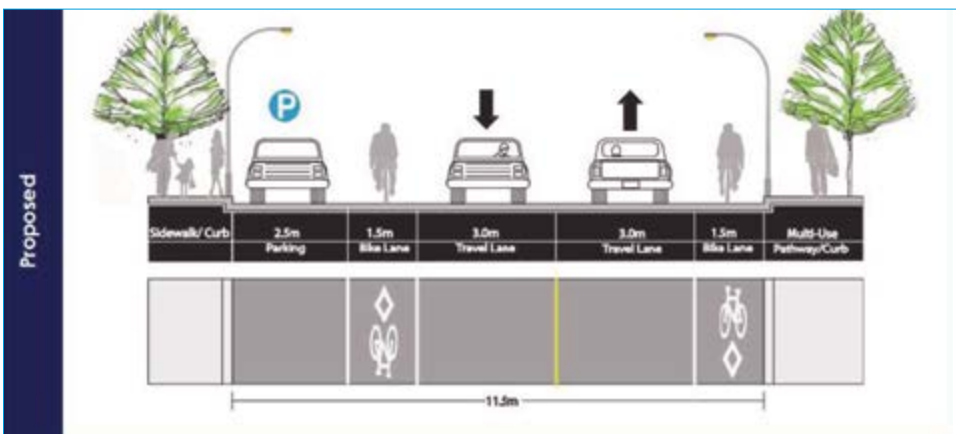




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Admirals Road Upgrade: Have Your Say



Proposed road profile: Lyall Street to Esquimalt Road. See additional concept drawings at www.esquimalt.ca.

Some 60 people attended a public open house on the Admirals Corridor Improvement Project on June 13th, 2013 at Esquimalt Municipal Hall. Township engineering staff is soliciting input into the final design of the project, which includes the addition of bike lanes, a two-way left turn lane, median islands, street lighting upgrades, sidewalk improvements, and the installation of stormwater treatment devices.

“The feedback we received at the open house was mostly positive,” said Engineering Manager Will Wieler, adding that there is some concern from individuals about median islands and bike lanes reducing traffic flow and creating more congestion.

Township traffic studies show that the Admirals corridor within Esquimalt will not dramatically change as a result of adding safety features such as bike lanes or median islands. However, median islands are not a mandatory part of the final design and alternatives will be considered after reviewing public feedback.

For those who were not able to attend the June 13th open house, more public input opportunities are planned, including one-on-one meetings between engineering staff and residents during the month of July. Meetings can be scheduled by calling Esquimalt Engineering and Public Works at 250-414-7108. There is also an open house scheduled for November, 2013.

The Admirals Corridor Improvement Project is proceeding thanks to a \$2.8 million contribution from the Government of Canada through the Gas Tax Fund.

See www.esquimalt.ca for updates on the Admirals Corridor Improvement Project, including public input opportunities.

Reorganization Emphasizes Community Safety

The Township of Esquimalt is reorganizing several departments and adding a Director of Community Safety Services. The current functions of bylaw enforcement, building inspection and emergency preparedness will be reassigned to this department. The Township has begun the process of recruiting for the director position.

“We believe that a Community Safety Services Department will create a service hub with a more focussed and coordinated approach to community safety,” said Chief Administrative Officer Laurie Hurst. “The reorganization will result in more responsive and efficient operations across all departments.”

This consolidation of services addresses a strategic initiative identified earlier by Council to coordinate public safety and is ultimately focused on improving the quality of life for all residents.

The Director of Community Safety Services will oversee community risk assessment and analysis, liaise with police services and provide oversight to policing contract management, and work closely with community partners to protect, preserve and improve public safety in the community.

The reorganization will relieve workload issues in a number of departments. Communications and human resources staff will now report to Corporate Services, and sustainability staff to Development Services.

Moving Ahead with New Garbage Collection System

In February 2013, Esquimalt Council voted to proceed with a new garbage collection system with two major changes: 1) collection of kitchen scraps as part of the Regional Kitchen Scraps Strategy, and 2) switching from backyard to curbside pickup using new trucks capable of collecting both garbage and kitchen scraps.

The new program is scheduled to go into effect in early 2014 when the Township takes delivery of the new garbage trucks. Information sessions were held on June 19th and July 4th in Council Chambers, and another one is planned for the fall of 2013. These sessions provide opportunities for public input, including input on exemptions to curbside pickup for those with mobility challenges.

Using CRD estimates of organic material contained in unsorted garbage, the Township would be diverting approximately 510 tonnes of waste material per year from the Hartland Landfill while also decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. Kitchen scraps will be banned from the landfill by January 1, 2015.

According to Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works, it is important to move ahead with kitchen scraps diversion. "Loads that have been separated will be charged \$20 less per ton at Hartland Landfill in 2013/2014," said Miller. "In addition there will be a 20 per cent surcharge on garbage loads containing kitchen scraps in 2014, so it



makes both financial and environmental sense to move forward with the initiative."

Switching from backyard to curbside pickup of garbage is safer and more efficient for crews, and avoids problems associated with entering private backyards, including difficult or unsafe terrain, startling residents or intruding on their privacy, and potentially dangerous encounters with pets.

The Township is currently in preliminary discussions with the City of Victoria to use its transfer station for kitchen scraps and garbage streams, which would lower truck travel times and associated equipment costs. Staff is expected to report to Council regarding specialized garbage and kitchen scraps collection bins on July 15, 2013.

Visit www.esquimalt.ca for updates on the new Waste Management Program.

Township Receives Regreening Grant

With the Bloomin' Beautiful contest in full swing the Township has received a helping hand with municipal beautification in the form of a \$10,000 BC Hydro Community Regreening Grant.

The grant helps keep the Township's green spaces attractive and safe for residents and visitors. Township crews will be busy planting attractive low-growing species along boulevards and corridors in the coming weeks. Tree species to be planted include thornless hawthorne, pear, purple leaf plum, and red maple.

According to BC Hydro—which launched the Community Regreening Program in 1998—planting low-growing appropriate species near power lines ensures both healthy urban forests and reliable electrical service.



A fruitless flowering horse chestnut tree was recently planted on Dunsmuir Road by Noah Alexander, Parks Gardener, and Eric Wilde, Parks Arborist, as part of a BC Hydro regreening grant.



BLOOMIN' BEAUTIFUL

Grab your garden gloves, rake, and paint brush and make your front yard "Bloomin' Beautiful."

Bloomin' Beautiful Home & Garden Contest

Entry deadline July 15th, 2013.

Judging Aug. 5th - 16th, 2013.

Winners announced Sept. 16th, 2013

For information on categories, sponsors and prizes, go to www.esquimalt.ca

Coming Soon! Free Wireless Internet to Extend Throughout Township

From Gorge Park in the north to Macaulay Park in the south, if you're looking for free wireless Internet access in Esquimalt, chances are you'll find it. Shaw Communications will soon be installing wireless equipment on Township infrastructure located in facilities, parks and recreation sites and other locations around the municipality.

"Most people carry a smart phone or tablet these days and it is handy to be able to download—on the spot and with no data charges—a Township map, a recreation centre schedule, or information on local restaurants or businesses," said Mayor Barb Desjardins.

The agreement with Shaw is a five-year non-exclusive deal to access municipal infrastructure, in exchange for free Internet access at 19 locations.

WiFi is currently provided at Municipal Hall, Esquimalt Recreation Centre and Archie Browning Sports Centre by the municipality. Under the agreement, Shaw would provide new equipment at these locations, and expand the service throughout the community, providing support services for the installed equipment. There is no cost to

the municipality; in fact there will be an anticipated savings of \$7000 over the duration of the agreement.

Information Technology Manager Jon Woodland estimates that the equipment will be installed sometime this summer and operational by early fall.

Free WiFi Locations

- Archie Browning Sports Centre
- Esquimalt Library
- Esquimalt Municipal Hall
- Esquimalt Recreation Centre
- Esquimalt Teen Centre
- Anderson Park
- Bullen Field
- Brodeur Field
- Captain Jacobson Park
- Esquimalt Gorge Park
- Lampson Park
- Lugrin Park
- Macaulay Point Park
- Memorial Park
- Paradise Park
- Propeller Park
- Saxe Point Park
- Town Square
- West Bay Walkway

Around the Township

- ▶ "Do Not Block Intersection" signs will be erected for the north end of Gosper Crescent on Tillicum Road. Local residents have reported difficulties in exiting and entering their neighbourhood because of lengthy traffic queues blocking their way. With many public works projects underway throughout the region this summer, including the Craigflower Bridge, residents and commuters are reminded to leave a gap in traffic at intersections to keep everyone moving.
- ▶ Residents are reminded that dumping of yard and garden waste at Canteen Composting is permitted during hours of operation only, and that the facility does not accept garbage. For facility hours and accepted materials, please visit www.esquimalt.ca/municipalservices.
- ▶ Preliminary site analysis for the Esquimalt Village Project was conducted in June on Township land adjacent to Municipal Hall. The drilling work will provide environmental and geotechnical information vital to the EVP decision-making process. See www.esquimalt.ca for public consultation opportunities.

Neighbourhood Block Party Kits Available at Recreation Centre

A block party is a great way to connect with your neighbours and to foster safe and caring neighbourhoods. Esquimalt Parks and Recreation would like to help you plan a great block party with its new Neighbourhood Block Party Kit. The kit has great tips on how to start planning as well as information on what you need to do if your block party will be in a public park or roadway.

The Neighbourhood Block Party Kit is available on-line or can be picked up in person at the Rec Centre or Archie Browning Sports Centre.

Memorial Park Upgrades this Summer

Memorial Park improvements are continuing this summer with resurfacing of the main entryway, the addition of pillars to the entrance, and drainage work and regrading to help drain water during periods of heavy rainfall.

The main entry into the park off of Esquimalt Road will be restored up to the cenotaph with brick pavers to match the Centennial 2012 walkway installations completed in 2012. The upgrade will also include the planting of new colourful gardens throughout the park, which was established in 1924 to commemorate soldiers killed in World War I. The project is expected to be completed by October 1, 2013.



Community Calendar

July 18 Esquimalt Outdoor Summer Cinema Join us at Esquimalt Gorge Park for *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. See schedule at right for the full summer lineup. *More info: www.esquimalt.ca*

Sept 14 Celebration of Lights Cars, Rods & Rides Show Car show runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pub night & dance at The Tudor House, 5:30 p.m. *Archie Browning Sports Centre, rear parking lot. See www.celebrationoflights.ca for more information.*

Sept 22 Ryder Hesjedal's Tour de Victoria. Supported mass participation cycling event will tour through Esquimalt *See www.tourdevictoria.com for more information.*

Oct 1 Senior's Appreciation Day. Join us for a fun—and free—celebration with a Hawaiian theme! Enjoy music, dance, refreshments & snacks from the tropics. Relax while our ukulele club and Hula dancers entertain you. *1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. For seniors 50 yrs+. Pre-register by calling 250-412-8500.*

Oct 17 The Great BC Shakeout Mark your calendars! Hundreds of thousands of people will Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:17 a.m. in the 2013 Great British Columbia ShakeOut!

Oct 19 Fire Department Open House Join us for a fun, family event featuring Sparky the Fire Dog, live demonstrations, face painting, balloons, free hot dogs and tours of the fire trucks and fire hall. *11 a.m.–2 p.m. Call 250-414-7126.*

Oct 31 Lions Halloween Bonfire A community favourite. Enjoy the bonfire while sipping hot chocolate and enjoying a hot dog. *6 p.m.–9 p.m. at Archie Browning Sport Centre, rear parking lot. Call 250-412-8500 for more information.*

Outdoor Summer Cinema

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

Date	Location	Movie
July 4	Bullen Park	The Croods
July 18	Esquimalt Gorge Park	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Aug 1	Captain Jacobson Park	Princess Bride
Aug 15	Buxton Green at Fleming Beach	Jaws
Aug 29	Bullen Park	TBA

Meeting Schedule*

Council Meetings

July 15, 2013
 August 26, 2013
 September 23, 2013
 September 30, 2013
 October 7, 2013
 October 21, 2013

Committee of the Whole

August 19, 2013
 September 9, 2013
 October 28, 2013
 November 25, 2013

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.

*Council in recess July 22 - August 16, 2013

Municipal Hall Closed for Statutory Holidays:

BC Day - August 5, 2013
 Labour Day - September 2, 2013
 Thanksgiving - October 14, 2013
 Remembrance Day - November 11, 2013

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Administration	414-7101
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. Would you like to sign up for automatic updating of news and events in Esquimalt? Visit our website at www.esquimalt.ca.

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