



Esquimalt Parks team

Active transportation projects

Esquimalt Road Phase I was awarded a \$500,000 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant.

The funding is to support active transportation and underground improvements on Esquimalt Road, including protected bike lanes connecting bike facilities on Lampson Street to the border with City of Victoria at Dominion Road. The project includes two new rectangular rapid-flashing beacons and one upgraded pedestrian crossing beacon.

The tendering process to start late spring, with construction expected as early as summer 2025.

Phase II of the project has a focus on the section of Esquimalt Road from Joffre Street to Canteen Road. Public engagement on route options and the results of a survey were presented to council on April 7. Council directed staff to:

- Proceed with designing protected bike lanes between Joffre and Fraser
- Pause the design between

Fraser and Admirals until 2026, in consideration of:

- Council discussion on ATNP priorities
- Esquimalt Road Urban Design Guidelines
- Coordination with City of Victoria watermain upgrades in this section
- Proceed with designing an interim treatment from Admirals to Canteen to install buffered bikelanes at a significantly reduced cost, while maintaining some parking.
- Implement parking changes off of Esquimalt Road on side streets surrounding the Town Centre business area to increase vehicle turnover through time limited parking and additional parking spaces.
- The parking changes are expected to be in place as early as summer 2025, before any of the above changes take place.

Learn about the projects at engagingsquimalt.ca

Meagan Brame elected to Esquimalt council



At the by-election held on April 5, 2025, Meagan Brame was elected to Esquimalt Council. She will be sworn in as Councillor on April 28, 2025, at a Special Council meeting held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Meagan Brame is a proud wife, mother, grandmother, and long-time resident of Esquimalt, where she has lived for over 30 years. A dedicated small business owner for more than three decades, Meagan brings deep experience in both community service and local leadership. She previously served four terms on Esquimalt Council.

ELECTION RESULTS

Ed Avery	134
Cornelis Daniel Bouman	54
Meagan Dorothy Brame	422
Holly Courtright	314
Marcus McCullough	64
James Thomas Myers	200
Shawn Stewart	97
Kody Thomson	363

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TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

Emergency 9-1-1

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
Corporate Services	250-414-7177
Development Services	250-414-7103
Engineering/Public Works	250-414-7108
Finance	250-414-7100
Parks and Recreation	250-412-8500

Esquimalt Municipal Archives

103-1249 Esquimalt Rd
Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P2 250-412-8540
Tues (1-4:30 p.m.);
Wed/ Thurs (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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

501 Park Place 250-940-4875

Fire Rescue Services

#101-1151 Esquimalt Road 250-414-7126

Police Department

250-995-7500
1229 Esquimalt Road

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Flowers hold a special story in Esquimalt Gorge Park's Japanese garden

George Takata is part of the Takata family who opened the teahouse in Esquimalt Gorge Park in 1907. A relative contacted Esquimalt with a story and request: *"When George was about 2 1/2 years old, he was washing leaves or petals of a camellia bush with his 4-year-old sister when he fell into the pond. His father jumped into the pond to retrieve him, when he saw George*

floating on his back paddling his feet. Our father always told this story with amazement. Thus, George survived and now is celebrating his 100th year of life." Esquimalt Parks staff are planting a camellia bush in the park's Japanese garden as a nod to Mr. Takata's significant milestone and family's contribution to the gardens.

New website features a focus on business & investment in Esquimalt

Launching in early summer, the new economic development website will put Esquimalt's business community on the map. Created to attract new opportunities, help local businesses

grow, and shine a light on the awesome things happening in Esquimalt, the site pulls together helpful info, resources, and real community stories—all in one spot. Whether you're looking to launch a business, grow one, or explore Esquimalt's unique edge as "The Place to Be," this new digital tool is your first stop. It's part of a larger effort to build a resilient, inclusive local economy—connected to community and ready for the future.



Council meeting schedule

Council meetings

May 5; May 26; June 9; June 23; July 7; July 21

Committee of the Whole meetings

May 12; May 26 (5:45PM Special COTW); June 16; July 14

* Unless otherwise noted, council meetings take place at 7 p.m. and Committee of the Whole at 6 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 and Esquimalt Archives closed on statutory holidays. Summer council recess is August 1 to 31.

We acknowledge that we are gathered on Lekwungen territory. Council is committed to building strong and enduring relationships with the neighbouring Songhees Nation and Kosapsum Nation.

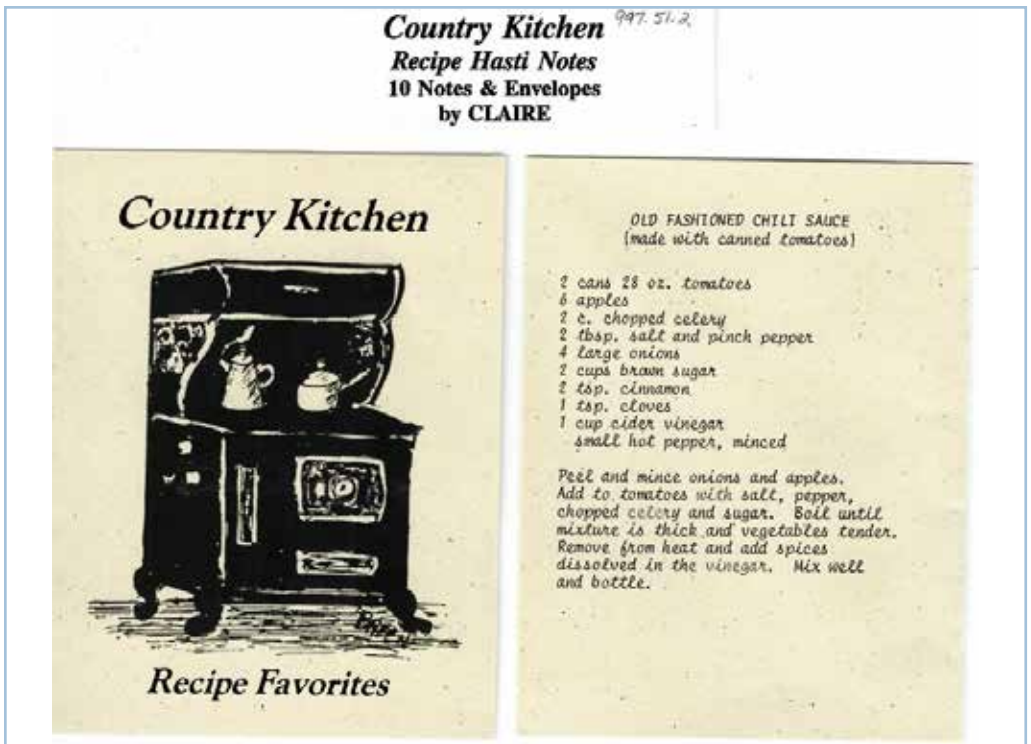
Tasting history

Food is a crucial link in human relationships, and sharing a cherished recipe is one of the traditional yet most meaningful ways to bring people together and uplift them.

Esquimalt Archives has a collection of recipes (Accession No: 997.11.2) donated by Claire May Breen (1908–1997), a member of the Esquimalt Arts and Crafts Painters Group and the Esquimalt Writing Group. Her generous donation includes the book “Country Kitchen: Recipe Favorites,” as well as ten Recipe Hasti Notes and their envelopes. This collection showcases Recipe Hasti Notes for Strawberry Orange Jam, Fall Fruit Jam, Apple Mint Jelly, Saltimbocca, Ginger Pear Marmalade, Red Tomato Marmalade, Sage & Cheese Biscuits, Fruit Chili Sauce, and Old-Fashioned Chili Sauce.

Similarly, as reported by Esquimalt News on November 25, 1998, the Esquimalt Silver Thread Writers Group published a cookbook that features a variety of personal recipes. Each recipe is paired with the author’s personal story, which the writers assure will stimulate your appetite.

These efforts symbolize the Esquimalt



Country Kitchen: Recipe Favorites from the Esquimalt Archives

community’s broad aspiration to share culinary wisdom with its members. It symbolizes thoughtfulness, efficient household management, community empowerment, and overall social well-being.

You can talk with your grandparents, parents, and relatives to compile your personal Hasti notes recipes, sharing them with loved ones. This could spark

a wonderful tradition of gift-giving during special celebrations and festivals. Don’t forget to visit the Esquimalt Archives for more of Claire’s recipes and share any news about the cookbook published in 1998 by the Writers Group if you have a copy.

**Dr. Dulma Karunarathna, Archivist,
Esquimalt Municipal Archives**

The Esquimalt Archives is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2025. Stay tuned for details about our November open house!

COMMUNITY CHARITY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

A community event honouring the lives and legacies of two firefighters took place April 4 and 5 in Esquimalt. The second annual Ken Gill & Forrest Owens Memorial Hockey Tournament was held at the Archie Browning Arena and Wurtele Arena, with several charities benefiting from money raised during the tournament.

Ten teams from firehalls throughout the CRD and Nanaimo took part.

The annual event is to honour the lives of late firefighters Gill (who died in 2018) and Owens (2022) while spotlighting mental-health awareness and other challenges firefighters face. “This tournament is a celebration of camaraderie, but it’s also an important reminder that the challenges our firefighters face extend far beyond the fireground,” said Esquimalt Fire Chief Matt Furlot.

After two days of play, Victoria Firefighters were the tournament champion with \$6,000 going to the Courtnall Society.



Upcoming events in Esquimalt

Esquimalt Farmers Market

Join us at Memorial Park every Thursday until September 25 for an evening of fresh flavors, local artistry, food trucks and live music! From 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, explore an incredible selection of farm-fresh produce, handmade crafts, and mouthwatering eats—all from amazing local vendors. For more information check out: <https://www.esquimaltmarket.com/>

Buccaneer Days

May 9-11

Bullen Field

Ahoy, mates! Mark your calendars for Esquimalt's annual community festival featuring a parade, carnival rides, marketplace, and more! Dress as a pirate or sailor and join the fun! For more details, visit: www.esquimaltbuccaneerdays.ca

Mayor's Open Door

May 16; 9-11AM

Esquimalt Municipal Hall

Chat with Mayor Desjardins at our open door event!

Stop by the municipal hall to discuss what's important to you.

No appointment necessary, first come, first served.

Fort Macaulay Interpretive Event

May 24; 9:30AM-2:30PM

The buildings and gun emplacements at the historic site will all be numbered and indexed to a handout with brief historical references to each. The interpretive tour will take place at 10:30am led by local historian, Jack Bates.

The event will also feature members of the Victoria-Esquimalt Military Re-enactors Association with their encampment, the Esquimalt Archives, and others.

Esquimalt Neighbourhood Party

June 14; 11AM-2PM

Bullen Field

Esquimalt's biggest block party is back and this year we're taking over Bullen Field! Kids can look forward to our kid's activity zone with a bouncy cas-

tle, lawn games like giant Jenga, corn-hole and more! Bonus- The Splash Park has opened for the season!

Esquimalt Navy Run

June 21; 8AM

This 10K, 5K and Kids Fun Run is open to all. Register at navyrunesquimalt.com/

Funk n' Soul in the Township

June 27-29

TD International Jazzfest comes to Esquimalt in this 3-night concert series. Find ticket info and the full Jazzfest schedule at <https://jazzvictoria.ca/>



Memorial Park Music Fest

July 8-August 26 (Tuesdays)

Bring a blanket or chair, pop by a food truck or visit one of Esquimalt's local restaurants as you enjoy this free family-friendly event. Check townshiparts.org for the full line-up.

View our up-to-date online calendar at esquimalt.ca/events or by QR code.



Curious to learn where your drinking water comes from - join a CRD Get to Know Your H2O Tour.

Tours are a great way to discover how your drinking water is delivered from the source to your tap. During the tour you'll discover the natural landscapes, water supply reservoirs and the treatment process that provides Greater Victoria with high quality drinking water. **Register at:** www.crd.ca/watertours

Pickleball is BACK at Archie Browning Sports Centre

Get ready to serve up some serious fun—registration for the Spring season is OPEN!

Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills with lessons, join exciting league play, or enjoy open play, we've got something for everyone!

Plus, take advantage of court rentals and drop-ins! For more info, visit us at www.esquimalt.ca/recreation

SOCIAL SATURDAYS

May 31- Karaoke Night

June 21-Wine & Paint Night

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