

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



March 29, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Mayor Walker  
Councillor Chesney  
Councillor Fathers  
Councillor Johanson  
Councillor Kristjanson  
Councillor Manning  
Councillor Trevelyan

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Carl Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Jacquie Johnstone, Director of Human Resources  
Colleen Ponzini, Director of Financial Services  
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Chris Zota, Manager of Information Technology  
Shannon Johnston, Manager of Budgets and Accounting  
Donna Kell, Manager of Communications and Government Relations  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

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#### 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

##### 1.1 **FIRST NATIONS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We would like to recognize that we are standing/working/meeting on the traditional unceded territory of the Semiahmoo First Nation, and also wish to acknowledge the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.*

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2021-158** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for March 29, 2021 as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2021-159** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the following minutes as circulated:

- March 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting; and
- March 15, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, in-person Question and Answer Period has been temporarily suspended until further notice. You may forward questions and comments to Mayor and Council by emailing ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca with Question and Answer Period noted in the subject line. Your questions and comments will be noted along with answers and placed on the City's website. You will be notified directly once this has been completed.

As of 8:30 a.m., March 29, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**5.1 DELEGATIONS**

- 5.1.a DR. HUGUETTE HAYDEN AND NIOVI PATSIKAKIS - UN TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Dr. Huguette Hayden and Niovi Patsicaksis appeared as a delegation to request consideration of signing the UN Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

**Motion Number: 2021-160** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorses a letter of support be forwarded in regard to the delegation Dr. H. Hayden and N. Patsicakis - UN Treaty for the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**5.1.b BOB AND DIANE GARDNER - TREE PLANTING AND EXISTING VIEWS**

Bob and Diane Gardner appeared as a delegation to discuss their objection to a new city tree being planted on the City boulevard in front of their home (15457 Royal Avenue).

**Motion Number: 2021-161** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to reconsider the planting of the tree at 15457 Royal Avenue and requested that a more suitable location be found.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**5.1.c CATHY PETERS - BE AMAZING CAMPAIGN - HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND HOW TO STOP IT IN BC**

Cathy Peters, Be Amazing Campaign, appeared as a delegation to discuss how to stop Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, and Child Sex Trafficking in B.C.

Councillor Trevelyan departed the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**Motion Number: 2021-162** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse a letter of support be sent, in regard to the delegation, by the City of White Rock with copies to go to the local MP and MLA

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**5.2 PETITIONS**

None

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.1 PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1.a MANAGING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AT PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL**

Cathy Wiebe, Executive Director White Rock/South Surrey and Delta Health Services & Peace Arch and Delta Hospitals provided a presentation in regard to how Peace Arch Hospital is managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

**6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.2.a COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC VERBAL UPDATE**

The Fire Chief provided a verbal update regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic.

**6.2.b 2021 - 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2377**

Corporate report dated March 29, 2021 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2021 - 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377".

**Note:** Bylaw 2377 is placed on the agenda as Item 8.1.b for Council consideration at that time (for three (3) readings).

**Motion Number: 2021-163** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the March 29, 2021 corporate report from the Director of Financial Services titled "2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377".

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Manning

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**6.2.c WHITE ROCK SOUTH SURREY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
BATTING CAGE REPLACEMENT**

Corporate report dated March 29, 2021 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association Batting Cage Replacement".

**Motion Number: 2021-164** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$50,000 from Community Amenity Contributions to contribute towards the batting cage replacement project proposed by White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association at Centennial Park.

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2021-165** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the following standing and select committee meeting minutes as circulated:

- Finance and Audit Committee - March 8, 2021;
- Land Use and Planning Committee - March 8, 2021;
- Public Art Advisory Committee - February 25, 2021;
- Seniors Advisory Committee - March 2, 2021;
- History and Heritage Advisory Committee - March 3, 2021;
- Environmental Advisory Committee - March 4, 2021;
- Water Community Advisory Panel - March 9, 2021;
- Economic Development Advisory Committee - March 10, 2021; and
- Environmental Advisory Committee - March 18, 2021 (provided on table).

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.2.a History and Heritage Advisory Committee (Council Representative - Councillor Chesney)**

**7.2.a.a Recommendation #1 - Bilingual Signage**

**Motion Number: 2021-166** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct Staff to work with Semiahmoo First Nations to identify culturally significant locations in White Rock and recognize them through the provision of bilingual signage.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Manning

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**7.2.a.b Recommendation #2 - Naming of Undeveloped Street Right-of-Ways**

**Motion Number: 2021-167** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct Staff to work with Semiahmoo First Nations to investigate culturally significant naming of undeveloped street right-of-ways.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Manning

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**7.2.b Water Community Advisory Panel (Council Representative - Councillor Trevelyan)**

***Note:*** *The recommendation provided by the Water Community Advisory Panel in regard to requesting "alternatives" be brought forward appears to be outside previous Council direction. Staff at*

*this time are acting on Council direction given at the December 2, 2019 Regular Council meeting (currently working on bringing forward information in relation to a phased approach to consumption based water utility rates).*

**7.2.b.a Recommendation #1 - Proposed Water Rate Model**

**Motion Number: 2021-168** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council postpone consideration on the following recommendation as Councillor Trevelyan is not in attendance:

*THAT Council direct staff to continue to work on finalizing a water rate structure with alternatives with the Panel and report back to Council.*

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**7.2.c Environmental Advisory Committee (Council Representative - Councillor Johanson)**

**Note:** *Staff noted to the Committee that Council has scoped the extent of the on-going Official Community Plan (OCP) review to the topic of building heights. A broadening of the scope of the OCP review, to address the motion of the Committee, may result in a delay in completing elements of the review currently underway. Staff will be advancing updates to the City's Zoning Bylaw later this year. This work may necessitate amendments to the OCP which could include the policy amendment recommended by the Committee. Combining this amendment with other amendments would allow for some resource efficiencies, and savings as it relates to public advertising costs.*

**7.2.c.a Recommendation #1 - OCP Policy 12.5.1**

**Note:** Items 7.2.c a and 7.2.c.b were considered at the same time.

**Motion Number: 2021-169** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider the two (2) recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee in relation to the Official Community Plan (OCP) at one (1) time, and directs they are to be referred to staff for a possible timeline of when and how it can be done (acknowledging it may not occur until after this term) as follows:

**1)** To consider the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target Proposal report with recommendation and / or endorse the recommendation to staff:

*The City of White endorses the current GHG emission reduction targets of the Governments of Canada, BC and Metro Vancouver, in particular the shared commitment to achieve net zero emissions, or carbon neutrality, by 2050. The City will undertake all possible measures within its jurisdiction and capabilities to contribute to the realization of these targets, including through the achievement of carbon neutrality in its corporate operations by 2030 and by actively promoting the reduction of community-wide GHG emissions in White Rock.*

*To these ends, concrete plans will be developed and steps taken in all spheres enumerated under BC's annual climate action reporting requirements, ie: broad planning, building and lighting, energy generation, greenspace protection and enhancement, solid waste management, transportation, water and wastewater management, and climate change adaptation efforts; and*

**2)** Consider OCP Policy 12.5.7 be amended as follows:

*Electric Vehicles-Require the following electric vehicle charging components in new residential, multi-unit residential, and commercial buildings. A minimum of:*

- *1 Level 2 EV-ready parking stall in single-family homes with garages*



- 20% of parking stalls to be Level 2 EV-ready in commercial buildings
- 100% of resident parking stalls to be Level 2 EV-ready in multi-unit residential buildings
- 50% of visitor parking stalls to be Level 2 EV-ready in multi-unit residential buildings

*AND THAT zoning bylaws be amended to be consistent with these requirements.*

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**7.2.c.b Recommendation #2 - Amendment to OCP Policy 12.5.7**

***Note:** Staff will be advancing updates to the City's Zoning Bylaw later this year. This work may necessitate amendments to the OCP which could include the policy amendment recommended by the Committee. Combining this amendment with other amendments would allow for some resource efficiencies, and savings as it relates to public advertising costs.*

***Note:** Items 7.2.c a and 7.2.c.b were considered at the same time.*

**7.2.c.c Recommendation #3 - Centre Street Walkway Project Sustainable Design Principles**

***Note:** Staff have noted that the recommendation by the Environmental Advisory Committee is requesting a different design principle from the 2014 proposal. Review of further design principles will add required time for the planning stage that will impact possible completion for 2022.*

***Note:** Item 7.2.c.c., recommendation as follows, was not moved and seconded by Council.*

*THAT Council direct staff to review and revise, if necessary, the Centre Street Walkway project to be consistent with sustainable design principles, as adopted by Council on December 2, 2019.*

**7.2.c.d Recommendation #4 - Enhancing Greenspace and Canopy in Maccaud Park**

**Note:** *Staff note the recommendation by the Environmental Advisory Committee should be deferred to future discussion regarding use of Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) where Council have requested information be brought forward in regard to costs for pickleball / tennis courts for the site.*

**Motion Number: 2021-170** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council no longer consider tennis and pickleball courts at Maccaud Park and exhaust all other avenues to put these spots elsewhere on the east side of the City.

Voted in the negative (3): Mayor Walker, Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion DEFEATED (3 to 3)**

**Councillors Johanson, Kristjanson and Mayor Walker voted in the negative**

**Motion Number: 2021- 171** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a corporate report regarding lighting at Centennial Park court area including the cost and how many hours that would extend the courts at Centennial.

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2021-172** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT, in considering future plans for Maccaud Park, Council give priority to the importance of preserving and enhancing greenspace and tree canopy, and limiting the expansion of impermeable surfaces.

Voted in the negative (2): Mayor Walker, and Councillor Kristjanson

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

**7.2.d Economic Development Advisory Committee (Council Representative - Councillor Manning)**

**Note:** Staff have noted that *the* intent of the recommendation is unclear. A review analysis may imply that a study be conducted on decorative lighting and that this study investigate coordination, presumably with the White Rock Festival of Lights. Any study will have short term budgetary and resource implications that Council should consider at this time and could potentially lead to increased programs and costs in the future.

**7.2.d.a Recommendation #1 - Decorative Lighting in White Rock**

**Motion Number: 2021-173** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider a review analysis and recommendations on a long-term coordination for decorative lighting in White Rock.

Voted in the negative (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

**7.2.e Seniors Advisory Committee (Council Representative - Councillor Johanson)**

**Note:** In accordance with Council's endorsement of the consultant's recommendation, moving forward the Seniors Advisory Committee is to be replaced by relying on the Semiahmoo Seniors Planning Table and the Kent Street Activity Centre Executive Committee for advice and input in regard to seniors matters.

The proposed workplan is attached for information purposes.

**7.2.e.a Recommendation #1 - 2021 Seniors Advisory Committee Work Plan**

**Motion Number: 2021-174** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the proposed work plan of the Seniors Advisory Committee be forwarded to Recreation staff for their review.

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

**8.1 BYLAWS**

**8.1.a BYLAW 2371 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2000, AMENDMENT (ACCESSIBLE PARKING STANDARDS) BYLAW 2020, NO. 2371**

Bylaw 2371 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Zoning Bylaw in regard to accessible parking. This item was presented for consideration of first and second reading at the January 25, 2021 Regular Council meeting. A public hearing was held March 1, 2021 and following that the bylaw was given third reading at the March 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting. The bylaw is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

**Motion Number: 2021-175** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No. 2000, Amendment (Accessible Parking Standards) Bylaw, 2020, No. 2371*".

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**8.1.b BYLAW 2377 - WHITE ROCK FINANCIAL PLAN (2021-2025)  
BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2377**

A Bylaw to adopt a Financial Plan for 2021 to 2025. This bylaw is on the agenda for first, second and third reading at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed bylaw including the following points:

- Would like to see line by line review with Council (need to understand where the expenses are);
- Proposed 4.28% is too high

It was noted that the time is now 9:30 p.m. and in accordance with the procedure bylaw a vote is to be taken to extend the meeting.

**Motion Number: 2021-176** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the meeting time be extended to occur past 9:30 p.m. in order to complete the business as noted on the agenda.

Voted in the negative (4): Mayor Walker, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Kristjanson, and Councillor Manning

Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 4)**

**Following the resolution being Defeated to extend the meeting it was noted the remaining agenda items will be brought forward to the April 12, 2021 Regular Council meeting.**

**8.2 PERMITS**

None

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

**Note:** The following Correspondence Items (9.1.a - 9.1.b) will be forwarded to an upcoming Regular Council meeting.

**9.1.a Proposed RCAF Snowbird Story Board on White Rock Pier**

Correspondence dated March 17, 2021 regarding a proposed story board on the White Rock Pier as a commemorative tribute to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Team).

**Note:** Council may wish to consider a motion for staff to review and bring forward information in regard to a commemorative tribute to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Team) / a storyboard from the City of White Rock, including budget implications.

**9.1.b 2020 RESOLUTION REFERRED TO UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OF MUNICIPALITIES - VACANCY TAX**

Letter dated February 26, 2021 from Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to notify the following City's resolution has been endorsed with an Amendment: NR69 Vacancy Tax:

*Whereas the City of Vancouver has authority through the Vancouver Charter to implement and Annual Vacancy Tax;*

*And whereas other municipalities are governed through the Community Charter where there is no current authority to implement a Vacancy Tax;*

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to amend the authority given to municipalities through the Community Charter permitting municipalities the authority to impose, by bylaw, an annual vacancy tax on taxable residential properties.*

**Resolutions Committee Comments Amendment:**

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to amend the authority given to municipalities through the Community Charter permitting municipalities the authority to impose, by bylaw, an annual vacancy tax on taxable residential ~~and commercial~~ properties.*

**Note:** *This is included on the agenda for information purposes.*

**10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

## 10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

## 11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

### 11.1 MOTIONS

**Note:** The following Notices of Motion (11.1.a. - 11.1.e) will be brought forward to the April 12, 2021 Regular Council agenda:

#### 11.1.a ZERO BASED BUDGETING FOR 2022

Councillor Johanson provided the following motion for consideration:

THAT Council: Whereas the City needs to reduce unnecessary and wasteful spending; and

Whereas those items the City has had for years and are treated as routine expenditures; and

Whereas every financial-allocation-seeking department should justify their expenditure for the current year; and

Whereas Zero-Based-Budgeting should be done once per term;

It is recommended that staff provide a corporate report outlining how zero-based-budgeting will be implemented in the City of White Rock for the year 2022.

#### 11.1.b OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT - ELM STREET

Councillor Johanson provided the following motion for consideration:

**Note:** *Staff note that it is likely that amendments pertaining to building heights within the Waterfront Village designation could be presented in tandem with changes to the boundaries of this designation (along Elm Street). It would be advantageous to receive direction from Council as it relates to this potential designation change as staff would need time to evaluate the appropriateness of such in the context of the property(ies) to which*

*the amendment would apply. Although please note this could add time to the on-going review of building heights outside the Town Centre.*

THAT Council: Whereas the Official Community Plan (OCP) includes Elm Street as part of the Waterfront Village; and

Whereas Elm Street is the only street off Marine Drive that is part of the Waterfront Village; and

Whereas Elm Street has no commercial activity; and

Whereas Elm Street is in fact part of a mature neighbourhood,

Amends the OCP be amended to remove Elm Street from the Waterfront Village designation.

**11.1.c MARINE DRIVE GARBAGE - EAST AND WEST BEACH**

Councillor Trevelyan provided the following motion for consideration at this time:

**Note:** *There are five (5) photos in relation to the motion provided for information.*

Whereas take-out trash and other garbage has been increasing on Marine Drive and the Promenade due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

THAT Council directs staff to explore further options that are available to the City in order to keep the waterfront clean and free of overflowing garbage cans, including but not limited to increased pickups, more garbage cans, an advertising campaign; and further information, given that the increase in garbage is due directly to the impact of COVID restrictions, can the Federal / Provincial Grant be used to support garbage pickup.

**11.1.d EXTENSION FOR WATER COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

At the March 15, 2021 Special Council meeting, Council endorsed a motion to extend the Water Community Advisory Panel for at



least three (3) meetings in order to finish their work on the water rate structure.

THAT Council extend the term of appointments for the existing Water Community Advisory Panel in order for additional three (3) meetings to be held to complete discussion in regard to water utility user rates.

**11.1.e OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN - MARINE DRIVE AND CONFIRMATION OF FOUR (4) STORIES**

Councillor Chesney provided the following Notice of Motion requesting it be considered at this time due to time constraints:

THAT Council direct staff to report on the following two (2) matters regarding the Official Community Plan development of Marine Drive:

- Treat Marine Drive as a free-standing area, this would change from the current designation that refers to Marine Drive as part of the waterfront village which encompasses from Marine Drive to Victoria Avenue; and
- Create physical examples of what four (4) stories would look like on East Beach and West Beach. Illustrated from the front and from the properties behind the existing buildings on Marine Drive to ascertain view loss if four (4) stories on Marine Drive in selected areas were to be permitted.

**11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

None

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**13.1 2021 GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Note:** The following item for information will be included on the April 12, 2021 Regular Council agenda.

Mayor Walker informs of the appointments of the following members to serve on the Grants-in-Aid Sub Committee (Standing Committee) for 2021:

- Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson
- Councillor Fathers
- Councillor Manning; and
- Councillor Johanson (Alternate)

14. **CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 29, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Chairperson concluded the meeting was at 9:32 p.m.



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Mayor Walker



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate  
Administration