

Special Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



April 21, 2021, 5:00 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
Colleen Ponzini, Director of Financial Services
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
Kale Pauls, Staff Sargent
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer
Donna Kell, Manager of Communications and Government Relations

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. **MOTION TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Motion Number: 2021-214 It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic;

WHEREAS the City of White Rock has been able to continue to provide the public access to the meetings through live streaming;

WHEREAS holding public meetings in the City Hall Council Chambers, where all the audio/video equipment has been set up for the live streaming program, would not be possible without breaching physical distancing restrictions due to its size, and holding public meetings at the White Rock Community Centre would cause further financial impact to City Operations due to staffing resources and not enable live streaming;

WHEREAS Ministerial Orders require an adopted motion in order to hold public meetings electronically, without members of the public present in person at the meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the City of White Rock to hold the April 21, 2021 Special Council meeting to be video streamed and available on the City's website, and without the public present in the Council Chambers.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2021-215 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its special meeting scheduled for April 21, 2021 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2021-216 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the April 19, 2021 special meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. COVID-19 Proposed Prevention Measures

Corporate report dated April 19, 2021 from the Fire Chief titled "COVID-19 Proposed Prevention Measures".

Note: Discussion on this topic required additional time, Council requested this Special meeting to be scheduled in order to continue.

The following discussion point was noted:

- It was requested that staff ensure further communications be conducted that identifies a phone number and/or website information, prominently displayed on the City website landing page, for when anyone sees a COVID violation as to who to contact.

Motion Number: 2021-217 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to develop a comprehensive communications plan including the following:

- LED signs
- Replacement of missing COVID related signage at the waterfront
- Website update
- Social media posts - Twitter, Facebook
- Information for staff
- News release
- Facebook/Instagram advertising
- Information for community partners
- Signage on site
- Banner at the Pier arch

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

Motion Number: 2021-218 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the following:

- Adjustment of the bylaw staff schedule to allow for more flexibility with hours to assist with enforcement efforts (shifts to be adjusted to reflect coverage of the busiest days and times - typically weekend afternoons and evenings); and

- Hire additional Bylaw Enforcement Officers - casual position(s)

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2021-219 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse staff to initiate communications with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) police regarding the need for uniformed officers from their organization to assist with enforcement efforts along with railway and initiate communication with the province for enforcements at the beach.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2021-220 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council directs a statement be issued by the City that the following options are not being considered by Council at this time, subject to Provincial Health Orders:

- Fence off the entire Promenade in order to keep people from using the Promenade; and
- Closure of waterfront parking lots

Amendment: Motion Number: 2021-221 It was MOVED and SECONDED

AMENDING MOTION:

THAT Council endorse adding the follow as clarification that it too is not being considered by Council at this time, subject to Provincial Heath Orders:

- Closure of the Pier.

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

Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)

**Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended and it was
Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)**

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

Motion with Amendment Now Reads as Follows:

THAT Council directs a statement be issued by the City that the following options are not being considered by Council at this time, subject to Provincial Health Orders:

- *Fence off the entire Promenade in order to keep people from using the Promenade; and*
- *Closure of waterfront parking lots; and*
- *Closure of the Pier.*

Motion Number: 2021-222 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse there be a request made of the Province that they consider the City of White Rock for a community vaccination program.

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

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

6. CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 21, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 6:19 p.m.



Mayor Walker



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration