

Special Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



May 3, 2021, 4:00 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 (arrived at 4:03 p.m.)
Councillor Manning
Councillor Trevelyan

GUEST:

Alex Nixon, Executive Director of the White Rock Business Improvement Association

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
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 4:02 p.m.

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

Motion Number: 2021-250 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 May 3, 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 (6 to 0)

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Kristjanson arrived at the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Motion Number: 2021-251 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council amend the Special Meeting agenda for May 3, 2021 to permit the Mr. Nixon, Executive Director of the BIA, to speak at the meeting in regard to Item 4. (noted there may be others available that can answer questions on behalf of Mr. Nixon).

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2021-252 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its special meeting scheduled for May 3, 2021 as amended.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4. COVID-19 PROPOSED PREVENTION MEASURES - WATERFRONT

Corporate report dated May 3, 2021 from the Fire Chief titled "COVID-19 Proposed Prevention Measures - Waterfront".

It was confirmed that the City, as of May 3, 2021, is aligned with Provincial Health Orders.

A Nixon was invited to speak on behalf of the White Rock Business Improvement Association (BIA). It was noted that Marine Drive businesses are facing seating capacity issues at this time that would impact their businesses (some will likely go out of business if nothing is done to address this).

The BIA have looked at how to increase seating capacity and state it is only the City who can (by expanding patio space in some way) alleviate the issue. The noted challenges for the businesses in the April 19, 2021 corporate report titled "COVID-19 Preventative Measures" have been reviewed by the businesses and they state the noted challenges can be mitigated.

The BIA are in favour of a one-way option for Marine Drive and requested if it is not possible there be a Plan B brought forward that can solve the issue.

The BIA were asked to re-submit correspondence / report regarding their concerns and requests to the Mayor who will ensure they are forwarded to Council. .

Ms. McQuade was invited by the Mayor to speak, where she noted as a business owner that the challenges for businesses outlined in the April 19, 2021 corporate report can be addressed.

- Suggestion regarding a "Plan B" closing two (2) smaller parking lots (F and J noted in the report) and put up picnic tables

The Mayor and Mr. Nixon will communicate further to review expansion of seating capacity options.

Motion Number: 2021-253 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receives the May 3, 2021 corporate report titled "COVID-19 Prevention Measures - Waterfront" regarding potential COVID-19

community safety prevention measures that may be considered for implementation on the waterfront.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. **VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Motion Number: 2021-254 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the following appointment for Vice-Chairperson for the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (2021-2022 Committee Term):

Committee	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee	Councillor Kristjanson	Councillor Manning

Note: As per the Terms of Reference, positions for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson would switch between the two (2) Council members January 2022.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6. **CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 3, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 4:54 p.m.



Mayor Walker



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration