The Corporation of the CITY OF WHITE ROCK



Regular Council Meeting AGENDA

Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

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T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for January 24, 2022 as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Question and Answer Period will be taking place both in person at the meeting, as well as electronically through email.

If you wish to have your question submitted electronically 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.

As of 8:30 a.m., January 19, 2021, there was <u>one</u> Question and Answer period submissions received:

 Submission from M. Desmarais with questions / comments in regard to a warming center for December, 2021.

<u>Note:</u> there are to be no questions or comments on a matter that will be the subject of a public hearing (time between the public hearing and final consideration of the bylaw).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by 8:30 a.m. January 24, 2022, including "On-Table" information provided with staff responses that are available at the time.

- 4.1. CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
- 5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS
- 5.1. DELEGATIONS
- 5.1.a. ABBY GEMINO AND DAVID YOUNG SOURCES FOUNDATION

Abby Gemino and David Young, Sources Foundation, to attend to raise awareness for the Coldest Night of the Year event and to request consideration for free parking for organizers and volunteers at the Vidal parking lot and use of parking stalls at West Beach for event "Rest Stop".

5.2. PETITIONS

None

- 6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS
- 6.1. PRESENTATIONS

6.1.a. STEPHANIE BECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND JANICE STASIUK, BOARD CHAIR - PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Stephanie Beck, Executive Director and Janice Stasiuk, Board Chair, for the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation to attend virtually to provide an update on strategic projects at Peace Arch Hospital.

6.1.b. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL INNOVATION (CHASI) HUB

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Larissa Kowalski and Martha Dow representing Community Health and Social Innovation Hub, to appear as a presentation to provide an overview from their study on White Rock Seniors.

<u>Note</u>: This study was brought forward through the following recommendation from the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force in April, 2021 and was supported by Council at the April 26, 2021 Council meeting as noted below:

"THAT Council endorse the Community Health and Social Innovation proposal for a study as a way of examining the needs of the senior population in respect to how they have been impacted by COVID-19".

6.2. CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a. COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC UPDATE (ON TABLE MEMO TO BE PROVIDED)

The Fire Chief to provide an On Table update regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic.

6.2.b. DAYTIME WARMING SHELTERS

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Corporate report dated January 24, 2022 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Daytime Warming Shelters".

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$160,000 to operate a daytime warming shelter in a modular office trailer to be located in the parking lot located adjacent to the baseball concession/washroom facility at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022. If approved, funding in the amount of \$160,000 will be required to install and operate a daytime warming shelter in a modular office trailer to be located in the parking lot located adjacent to the baseball concession /washroom facility at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022. The City of Surrey has agreed to fund 50% of this expense, therefore, the actual cost to the City of White Rock will be \$80,000.

6.2.c. CITY ADVISORY BODY (COMMITTEE) 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

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Corporate report dated January 24, 2021 from the Direction of Administrative Services titled "City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 Meeting Schedule".

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider and endorse commencing the City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 meeting schedule as outlined in this corporate report.

6.2.d. STATUS UPDATE OF COUNCIL'S 2021-2022 TO PRIORITIES

Council's 2022 Top Priorities with new activity comments provided for information:

- Solid Waste Pickup for Multi-Family: The consultant RFP closing date was January 17th. Staff reviewed the single submission and found that it was many multiples greater than the \$50K approved by Council in the November 8, 2021 Financial Plan Amendment. Staff will meet with the proponent to discuss reductions in scope to bring the budget closer to \$50K. This means efforts will be made to shift more of the work to City staff, especially the consultations and discussions with property owners. Two significant issues are ownership of collection containers and long (5 year) termination clauses for existing contracts.
- Housing Needs / Affordable Housing: Staff are moving forward with the Housing Needs Report 2021 recommendations, in addition there is preparation being made to host a public workshop
- Community Amenity Contribution "Shovel-in-the-Ground" Projects:
 - Emerson Park Playground Upgrade: Reviewing 50% design submission and Environmental Assessment in January 2022
 - Maccaud Park Upgrade: Work continues on the design and review of trees with arborists
 - Centre Street Hillside Walkway Upgrade: Resubmission of 90% design to be reviewed on January 14, 2022. Discussions continue between legal representatives for three (3) of the six encroaching properties
 - Review Options for Upgrading Multiple Hillside Walkways (Road Ends) to the Waterfront: Blackwood, Vidal and other walkways cleaned and plantings are redesigned and completed ready for spring

•	The City's Relationship with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN): Consultation on various matters between the City and SFN continues including a draft Communications Memorandum of Understanding and discussion on strategies for removing the layer of paint from P'Quals, and installing and maintaining a clear graffiti protective coating on the rock
	protective coating on the rock

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1. STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

7.2. STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

8.1. BYLAWS

8.1.a. BYLAW 2417 - 2022 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2401, AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2022, NO. 2417

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Bylaw 2417 - A Bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of the Fees and Charges Bylaw in regard to Item: Development Category Application Fees for Planning and Development Services.

Note: Bylaw 2401 received final reading on December 13, 2021; however, after that time it was noted that a few key words in the Planning and Development Services section of Schedule 'A' were cut off when the document was converted to a PDF format and were no longer visible. The attached bylaw remains the same but now captures the extra wording (highlighted in yellow).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to the "2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2021, No. 2401, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 2417".

8.1.b. BYLAW 2415 - WHITE ROCK REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW, 2022, NO. 2415

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Bylaw 2415 - A revenue anticipation bylaw providing for the borrowing of sums of money as may be requisite to meet the current lawful expenditures of the City. This bylaw received first, second and third reading on January 10, 2022 and is on the agenda for final reading.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give final reading to "White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415".

8.2.	PERMITS	
	None	
9.	CORRESPONDENCE	
9.1.	CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION	
	RECOMMENDATION THAT Council receive correspondence circulated in the agenda as Item 9.1.a	
9.1.a.	CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS - CAO LEADERSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC	44
	Correspondence dated January 24, 2022 from J. Benzaquen, President, Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators regarding leadership of the Chief Administrative Officer throughout the pandemic.	
	Note: Mayor Walker would like to acknowledge this communication	
10.	MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
10.1.	MAYOR'S REPORT	
10.2.	COUNCILLORS REPORTS	
11.	MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION	
11.1.	MOTIONS	
11.1.a.	REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE OF THE FEDERAL INDIAN ACT	
	Councillor Chesney provided the following as a motion for consideration:	
	RECOMMENDATION THAT Council endorse a letter be forwarded to all cities/municipalities in British Columbia, to support White Rock in requesting the repeal of the name "Indian Act" (Act) and further	
	This request for support is for name change only and it is not the intent to impact the legality and wording of the <i>Act</i> ;	

If the support brings about change the final naming process would be fully directed by our First Nation neighbours.

11.1.b. TEMPORARY CLOURE OF MATERNITY WARD AT PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL

Mayor Walker provided the following as a motion for consideration:

Note: The draft correspondence is attached for reference purposes

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse correspondence by the Mayor on their behalf be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and the Fraser Health Authority strongly opposing their decision to temporarily close the maternity ward at Peace Arch Hospital whereby maternity patients will be asked to instead attend Langley Memorial or Surrey Memorial Hospitals; and formally request that recruitment of sufficient staff and the re-opening of the Maternity Ward be made a priority.

- 11.2. NOTICES OF MOTION
- 12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS
- 13. OTHER BUSINESS
- 14. CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes

January 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Mayor Walker

Councillor Chesney (via electronic means)

Councillor Johanson

Councillor Kristjanson (via electronic means) Councillor Manning (via electronic means)

Councillor Trevelyan

ABSENT: Councillor Fathers

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Joe Calenda, Acting Director of Planning and Development

Services

Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations

(via electronic means)

Shannon Johnson, Acting Director of Financial Services

Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture (via electronic

means)

Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 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: 2022-004 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for January 10, 2022, as amended:

- To add two (2) on table submissions for Item 4 Question and Answer Period;
- Remove the delegation noted under Item 5.1.a; and
- To add the On-Table COVID report noted on the agenda from the Deputy Fire Chief.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-005 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the following meeting minutes:

- Regular Council meeting, December 13, 2021;
- Special Council meeting, December 14, 2021; and,
- Special Council meeting, December 16, 2021.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3.1 AMENDMENT TO THE NOVEMBER 22, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

After adoption of the November 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes, an error was found under Items 7.2.b.a. and 7.2.b.b. Council did not vote on motion number 2021-466, as the item was not supported at the Land Use and Planning Committee.

These amendments have been noted in yellow on pages 10 and 11 of the minutes (Page 42 & 43 of the agenda) for reference purposes.

Motion Number: 2022-006 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the November 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes as amended (as circulated in the agenda with noted corrections).

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Question and Answer Period took place both in person at the meeting, as well as electronically through email.

As of 8:30 a.m., January 5, 2022 there was one (1) Question and Answer period submissions received.

 Comments submitted by R. Odynski in regard to the City's Tree Protection Bylaw.

The following two (2) On-Table submissions for Question and Answer Period were noted:

- Questions submitted by W. Coyne surrounding the Center Street Hillside walkway upgrade and concerns with eliminating front door access for his property from Centre Street.
- Question submitted by K. and J. Breaks on increases in property tax
 assessments and potential impacts on City property taxes, specifically for
 businesses.

Council referred Mr. Coyne's submission to staff for further response.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted answers have been provided in regard to how property taxes / tax assessments work and gave a verbal overview. Information on this is also available on the City website (under the Questions and Answers page).

Motion Number: 2022-007 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by 8:30 a.m. January 10, 2022, including "On-Table" information provided with staff responses that were available at the time.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

No speakers came forward to participate in Question and Answer Period.

5. <u>DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS</u>

5.1 DELEGATIONS

5.1.a KATE MORGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MIND-FULLY

The following delegation informed the City they would not be able to attend the meeting and were removed from the agenda:

Kate Morgan, Executive Director and Guiding Trainer

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC UPDATE (ON TABLE MEMO TO BE PROVIDED)

The Deputy Fire Chief provided an On Table update regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic.

It was noted at this time that the new variant / COVID 19 was having an impact on City staff. The City is now already shorthanded in many departments. This is something that is

expected to continue for a number of weeks, and it is expected there will be an impact on the level of services. Senior staff are reviewing safety plans and discussing how to address service level disruptions.

6.2.b REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW, 2022, NO. 2415

Corporate report dated January 10, 2022, from the Acting Director of Financial Services titled "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415".

Note: Bylaw 2415 is on the agenda for consideration of first, second and third reading under Item 8.1.a.

Motion Number: 2022-008 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated January 10, 2022 from the Acting Director of Financial Services, titled "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415".

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.c METRO VANCOUVER 2040: SHAPING OUR FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENT REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SURREY - SOUTH CAMPBELL HEIGHTS

Corporate report dated January 10, 2022 from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future Land Use Designation Amendment Request from the City of Surrey – South Campbell Heights".

Motion Number: 2022-009 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

 Receive for information the corporate report dated January 10, 2022, from the Acting Director of Planning Development Services, titled "Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Land Use Designation Amendment Request from the City of Surrey - South Campbell Heights. Report"; and 2. Direct staff to forward a letter on behalf of the City of White Rock to Metro Vancouver opposing the amendment request by the City of Surrey.

Note: The letter is to go to all Member Municipalities in the Lower Mainland

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.d TEMPORARY WARMING SHELTER OPTIONS

Corporate report dated January 10, 2022 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Temporary Warming Shelter Options".

The following discussion points were noted:

- The extreme weather warming shelter hours of operations were 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., concern was noted for the time that was not included to be open - where can anyone needing the service go in between those times
- The importance of the utilization of faith and social groups as they, in most cases, can respond quickly

Ms. Lightowlers was in the audience and due to her work on this topic was asked to speak. It was noted that there has been much work done already in effort to find a location. Stated that this is a need that should be addressed.

Motion Number: 2022-010 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the following:

- Between now and January 24 (next scheduled regular Council meeting) that the Mayor and staff identify one (1) or more location(s) to be used as day time extreme weather warming shelter whereby the city would cover the cost and the staff to run it (including partnerships with other agencies); and further
- 2. That the Mayor and staff connect again with the City of Surrey on this matter.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

Motion Number: 2022-011 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated January 10, 2022, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "Temporary Warming Shelter Options".

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

6.2.e STATUS UPDATE OF COUNCIL'S 2022 TOP PRIORITIES

Council's 2022 Top Priorities with new activity comments provided for information:

- Solid Waste Pickup for Multi-Family: Request for Proposal (RFP) for solid waste consultant with a closing date for submissions on January 17, 2022. The job classification for a Solid Waste Coordinator is completed - recruitment to start immediately.
- Housing Needs / Affordable Housing: Staff are moving forward with the Housing Needs Report 2021 recommendations, in addition there is preparation being made to host a public workshop
- Community Amenity Contribution "Shovel-in-the-Ground" Projects:
 - **Emerson Park Playground Upgrade:** Preliminary onsite investigation underway
 - **Maccaud Park Upgrade**: Design is underway incorporating feedback from Parks staff regarding trees
 - Centre Street Hillside Walkway Upgrade: Staff continue to consult with owners regarding removal of the six (6)

encroachments. In most cases owners have started the removal work, there are two (2) cases that remain with legal-

Review Options for Upgrading Multiple Hillside Walkways (Road Ends) to the Waterfront: Blackwood, Vidal and other walkways have been cleaned and plantings are redesigned and completed ready for spring 2022

 The City's Relationship with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN): Consultation on various matters between the City and SFN continues

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-012 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Finance and Audit Committee, December 13, 2021; and
- Finance and Audit Committee, December 14, 2021.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2.a GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Council received the September 20, 2021, Governance and Legislation Committee meeting minutes at their October 4, 2021 meeting. The following recommendations were not considered by Council at that time and Council are requested to review them and consider them at this time.

Note: The minutes and corresponding corporate report were attached for reference purposes (the recommendations can be found on Pages 94 and 95 of the agenda and the corresponding corporate report can be found on Page 98 of the agenda).

Motion Number: 2022-013 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff:

- 1. To formally request the Ministry of the Attorney General to make the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act applicable to the City of White Rock; and
- 2. Prepare a Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, a Screening Officer Policy, and amendments to existing bylaws as necessary to implement a bylaw notice and adjudication system.
- 3. Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

8.1 BYLAWS

8.1.a BYLAW 2415 - WHITE ROCK REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW, 2022, NO. 2415

Bylaw 2415 - A revenue anticipation bylaw providing for the borrowing of sums of money as may be requisite to meet the current lawful expenditures of the City.

Note: This bylaw was introduced under the corporate report section Item 6.2.b.

Motion Number: 2022-014 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415".

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

8.1.b White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, No. 2377, Amendment No. 5, 2021, No. 2413

Bylaw 2413 - A bylaw to adopt a Financial Plan for 2021 to 2025 to:

 Adjust the funding for the Arena Building Exterior Replacement and the Arena Roof Replacement projects and add funding for the Arena Shop Roof Replacement project. This requires a reduction in the overall budget in 2021 of (\$325)K, an increase in the budget in 2022 of \$607K and removing funding of (\$448)K from 2023.

This bylaw received its first three readings at the special Council meeting held on December 16, 2021. The bylaw was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Note: Advertising for public written comments in relation to Bylaw 2413 was placed in the Peace Arch News January 6, 2022.

There was opportunity for written submission in regard to the financial plan amendment advertised in the January 6, 2022 Peace Arch News, no submissions were received.

Motion Number: 2022-015 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, No. 2377, Amendment No. 5, 2021, No. 2413".

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

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)

8.1.c White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, No. 2377, Amendment No. 6, 2021, No. 2414

Bylaw 2414 - A bylaw to adopt a Financial Plan for 2021 to 2025 to add \$4M for an Affordable Housing Property Acquisition in 2021 funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve and remove the \$4M in funding that was included in 2025.

This bylaw received its first three readings at the special Council meeting held on December 16, 2021. The bylaw was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Note: Advertising for public written comments in relation to Bylaw 2414 was placed in the Peace Arch News January 6, 2022.

There was opportunity for written submission in regard to the financial plan amendment advertised in the January 6, 2022 Peace Arch News, no submissions were received.

Motion Number: 2022-016 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, No. 2377, Amendment No. 6, 2021, No. 2414".

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

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

8.2 PERMITS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2022-017 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the following correspondence as circulated under Item 9.1.a.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.a METRO VANCOUVER'S CLEAN AIR PLAN

Correspondence dated December 15, 2021 from the Chairperson of the Metro Vancouver Board providing information on Metro Vancouver's Clean Air Plan.

Motion Number: 2022-018 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer to staff to review the correspondence dated December 15, 2021, from the Chairperson of the Metro Vancouver Board providing information on Metro Vancouver's Clean Air Plan.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Walker noted the following:

- Dec. 14, Rotary Club, Facebook Live and Special Council meeting
- Dec. 16, Local Mayors and Regional District Chairs for a southwest regional call with the provincial ministries regarding relationship building, supporting reconciliation and working on indigenous issues
- Dec. 16, Mayors from the South of Fraser / TransLink
- Dec. 17, Fraser Health Authority
- Jan. 4, Rotary Club
- Jan. 5, Interview regarding achievements and development in 2021 and looking forward into 2022

10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Johanson noted the following:

- Jan. 6, Climate Caucus Elected Officials meeting
- Jan 10, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation meeting

11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 MOTIONS

None

11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 APPOINTMENT TO THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Mayor Walker requested the following topic be considered by Council at this time:

Motion Number: 2022-019 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council appoint the following members of Council to serve on the Healthy Community Committee for 2022:

- Councillor Johanson, Community Representative; and
- Councillor Manning, Community Representative Alternate.

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

14. CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 10, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 8:33 p.m.

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Mayor Walker	Tracey Arthur, Director of
	Corporate Administration

From:

To: <u>Clerk"s Office</u>
Subject: QA Period

Date: January 15, 2022 11:06:43 AM

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Why was there not a plan to have the warming centers in place for December 2021, or earlier if needed?

Talking about it now is an absolute disgrace.

Marilyn Desmarais White Rock resident

Sent from my Galaxy

UFV CHASI

Community Health and Social Innovation Hub

About Us

A healthy community is a necessary prerequisite for a thriving community. In collaboration with our founding partners (Abbotsford Division of Family Practice, Mission Division of Family Practice, Chilliwack Division of Family Practice, First Nations Health Authority, Fraser Health Authority), the Community Health and Social Innovation Hub at the University of the Fraser Valley charted a course that places the community at the core of all that we do. Working with our community and government partners, the Hub leads collaborative and multi-sectoral projects that use community-engaged research to rapidly identify challenges concerning access and differential experiences of health and social wellness, while developing innovative responses. With evidence-informed interventions that improve access to health and social services, we believe that together we can enhance the physical, social and emotional health of those affected by adverse health outcomes.

Current Initiatives

The Hub is a physical and virtual research centre, supporting the development of innovative, technology-driven responses to current and emerging public policy issues. Our current research portfolio includes

a diverse range of projects on the health-related continuum—from the bio-psycho-social aspects of aging to the impacts of climate change on the health and vitality of the Fraser Valley. An undercurrent of our work is on the development of innovative strategies to address the differential impacts of the pandemic, both with respect to populations that are under-serviced and work productivity during and following the pandemic. We are also engaged in an intergenerational education project with the Abbotsford School District, which provides meaningful opportunities for communication and knowledge transfer across generations. The Hub has and continues to develop formal and informal partnerships with communities, government, and industry to collaborate through advisory committees and knowledge mobilization. We have established working relationships with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada, Fraser Valley Regional District, as well as other government and industry partners. Our founding partners, including the Fraser Health Authority, are vital to what we dowhether that be through our program of research, the community we serve, as well as our strategies for disseminating research. Some examples



How can we help?

In concert with our community partners, we are undertaking projects that enhance the capacity of key stakeholders to create better health and social outcomes in our communities. White Rock is a thriving community shaped by diverse and complicated individual and community level experiences of wellness. CHASI would be excited to partner with the City of White Rock as it navigates the health, social and emotional needs of its citizens during these difficult and unsettling times. In response to the pandemic, the CHASI team recommends an environmental scan and asset/gap analysis in relation to programs and services for older adults in your community. This approach squarely addresses the issues identified by council utilizing a rigorous multi-method research design to inform creative, meaningful, and sustainable programming for those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.





What Makes the Hub Unique

UFV's Community Health and Social Innovation Hub has been created to support the social, mental, emotional, physical, and economic health of those living in our communities. Through collaborative, multi-sectoral research and community engagement, the Hub is a strategic health partner in the region, working to identify challenges and opportunities to improve individual and community health and wellness.

The Hub has established an inter-disciplinary team to mobilize expertise in social connectedness, experiences of risk and marginalization, and the social aspects of aging to support improved experiences of health and wellbeing for individuals and their families. Central to this is the Hub's commitment to knowledge mobilization and the diffusion of rigorous, evidence-based strategies to the local community. Working with the City of White Rock, the Hub will actualize its commitment to mobilizing knowledge into action by supporting increased engagement and improved health and social outcomes for the citizens of White Rock.

of this include a national fire risk assessment, an environmental scan and gap asset analysis of food security in the Fraser Valley, as well as a localized project on the benefits of outdoor exercise for South Asian women. Recently, we have begun working with the BC Centre for Disease Control where we are using individual and community-level health data to identify gaps in health service provision. With all of our partnerships, the primary focus of these relationships and the work of the Hub is to support the development, implementation and evaluation of effective policies and practices, and to engage in knowledge acquisition and transfer activities that encourage innovation and evidence-informed policies and programs.

Foundational Principles

- The Hub's overarching goal is to create better health outcomes through innovation, early intervention, and sustainable models of accessible and equity-driven care
- A foundational principle of the Hub is to provide students with opportunities for meaningful engagement—from idea generation through project development and execution—to knowledge transfer and implementation. Students are an integral part of this venture as they fuel our work and contribute meaningfully to our research portfolio, whether that be though innovative, interdisciplinary research teams, event organization, or conference attendance
- Central to the Hub's engagement practice is the translation of knowledge into action and the development of innovative knowledge mobilization platforms which enhance the sustainability of our work





Context of Need

The pandemic has disproportionately impacted older adults and this analysis will examine the types of services required by residents during COVID-19 and beyond. It will be framed by a gap/asset analysis of services and programs currently offered in White Rock.

Social isolation and loneliness are problems that affect people of all ages across the world. However, rates of social isolation and loneliness are significantly higher among older adults compared to all other age groups, with around 40% of all



older adults reporting feelings of loneliness (Dickens et al. 2011). This has been exacerbated by the global pandemic, with older adults being identified as one of the most vulnerable populations. Older adults are particularly vulnerable, both due to their susceptibility to the virus and social isolation. More concerning is that the World Health Organization has identified that loneliness increases morbidity and mortality amongst older adults, making them especially vulnerable to social isolation during ordinary times; however, as we continue to adapt and adjust to the evolving health and socio-political landscape, we are reminded these are certainly not ordinary times.

The pandemic has also unearthed deep-seated ageism across the world. From January to March, we witnessed a worldwide inertia, with individuals failing to respond to the

urgency of the pandemic, seeing the virus as affecting "only" or "predominantly old people", which highlighted the degree and severity of global ageism. The world clearly responded by measuring human value in terms of chronological age and older adults appeared to be more disposable in the face of the global pandemic. When ageism such as this increases at the societal level then so does self-ageism, whereby older adults bearing witness to societal ageism begin to internalize ageism at the individual level (Lev 2009; 2018). This is particularly concerning as self-ageism leads to poor health outcomes and research has shown that older adults who hold more negative views of their own aging are less likely to seek preventive health services (Levy et al. 2000; Rothermund 2005; Kim et al. 2014).

Another factor that may affect, or indeed disrupt, social connectedness in long-term care is the recent single site directive implemented in British Columbia requiring care staff to be employed at a single location. For residents receiving regular care, these amendments have not only disrupted the continuity of care but the provision of person-centred care (Fazio 2008). There is likely a select group of older adults who are feeling further isolated given that their new care staff does not have the same understandings of their life history or care preferences their previous staff had (Caspar et al. 2017).

Critical to White Rock

While this work is necessitated by the devastating consequences of the pandemic, the results will assist the city respond to both more immediate and longer-term vision needs. Through partnership with the Community Health and Social Innovation Hub, White Rock occupies a strategic position to be leaders in enhancing the health and wellness of its citizens through the rapid identification of challenges concerning access and differential experiences of health and social wellness during the pandemic. White Rock will benefit from an environmental scan and gap analysis focusing on the needs of adults aged 50 years and older, who comprise just under half of White Rock's population. The social, emotional and physical health of this population has never been more pressing, given the pandemic-related social isolation measures which have come at a significant cost to the social, emotional, and economic fabric of this community. Highlighting the community need as it relates:

- The most dramatic impact of COVID-19 has been felt by older adults, their families, and caregivers. According to the BC Centre for Disease Control, those aged 60 years and older make up 27% of the province's population, and yet comprise 97% of COVID-19 deaths. Although Canada's COVID-19 mortality rate is relatively low compared to other countries, the proportion of deaths occurring in long-term care is double the OECD average, with approximately 81% of COVID-19 deaths occurring in long-term care residents.
- The Fraser Health region, which includes the regional communities served by the University of the Fraser Valley, has experienced a disproportionate impact compared to other health regions in the province with 38,284 total cases and 620 deaths reported as of January 20, 2021. The median age of people testing positive for COVID-19 in British Columbia is 37 years, and yet the median age of death is 86. As older adults continue to experience

- the greatest risk for the most serious consequences of COVID-19 and other influenza-like illnesses, innovations that address social isolation and loneliness within a climate of public health measures and associated systemic stressors is critical.
- COVID-19 has led to elective surgical procedures being cancelled or postponed, which has unevenly distributed healthcare provision for middle and older aged adults who are most likely to suffer from chronic ailments. When chronic medical problems and pain go untreated or under-treated it has a significant impact on functioning and quality of life, which can lead to both depression and anxiety.
- Despite much being done to offset social isolation and loneliness for older adults living in long-term care, it is important to recognize that loneliness and social isolation commonly result from having few or no social contacts and, for many, these circumstances will not

- have changed. Indeed, the BC Centre for Disease Control has identified that over one-third of White Rock's residents also identified as depressed and had mood or anxiety disorders prior to COVID-19 (BCCDC 2020). Further, without visits from family and friends, we have also been unable to monitor the quality of care provided to residents in longterm care, which has resulted in significant discrepancies in care provision across British Columbia.
- Increased loneliness may explain older adults' failure to adhere to self-isolation recommendations, particularly for those who have few social connections. They may further feel as if their social or emotional needs have been overlooked or dismissed, without a sufficient understanding of why such stringent measures have been implemented. Older adults who report higher rates of self-ageism are at an increased risk of COVID-19, health concerns, and heightened levels of anxiety (Bergman et al. 2020).





Responding to the Pandemic

A Community Scan and Needs Assessment for the City of White Rock

Objectives:

The specific aims of this community scan and needs assessment are as follows:

- 1. Identify key social health and well-being issues of adults aged 50 and older in relation to the pandemic as reflected in existing data/reports and primary collection methods outlined below;
- Identify potential challenges to obtaining services, support, and/or resources based on the community scan of demographic and program availability, as well as existing data sources, such as BCCDC and Statistics Canada data;
- Identify strategies through community level program delivery to enhance the social health and well-being of adults aged 50 and older, during COVID-19 and beyond; and,
- Utilize the information gathered to inform effective front-line service delivery, particularly for adults aged 50 and older who are not presently being reached by current programming.

Activities:

The specific activities to achieve the objectives of the community scan include:

- Identify key variables relevant to social health and well-being for adults aged 50 and older in White Rock, which will be used to more effectively support population health and residents who may be experiencing barriers to obtaining services, support and/or resources during COVID-19 and beyond;
- 2. Identify how the context (economic, social, cultural, demographic, environmental, local health and social care system and related policies) contributes to social health and well-being. The type of information and data collected for the community scan will be dependent on available data sources and the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force's desired outcomes; and,
- 3. Create an inventory of existing services and resources related to social health and well-being, and the particular aspects of social connectedness the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force has emphasized. Elements of the inventory may include information

about local programs to support adults aged 50 and older who are socially isolated, levels of perceived social isolation and/or social connectedness and well-being; physical, social and emotional wellness programs, as well as the scalability and sustainability of COVID-19 specific programs that support social health and well-being.

The specific activities to achieve the objectives of the needs assessment include:

- Stakeholder interviews with ten key program delivery stakeholders determined in consultation with City of White Rock staff;
- 2. Participant-observation (including field notes from attending virtual community events); and,
- 3. Focus groups (5) with adults aged 50 and older in White Rock. Each interview and focus group will be approximately one hour in length.

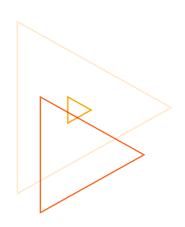
CHASI will use a rigorous, multi-method research design to collect this information and a number of key data sources will be used. In particular, CHASI will utilize demographic and health data from the BC Centre for Disease Control which outlines the demographic, health and economic composition of White Rock. We will further assess social health and well-being through several other measures, two of which include the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) and the BC COVID-19 SPEAK Survey collected by the BC Centre for Disease Control and Provincial Health Services Authority.

Deliverables:

- Compilation of a detailed report attending to the needs identified in the proposal, as well as objectives outlined above;
- Creation of a PowerPoint slide deck based on findings of the report;
- 3. Presentation to key stakeholders involved in the assessment to impact service delivery; and
- 4. Subsequent availability to work directly with stakeholders and service providers to translate research into practice, impacting service delivery.

Budget for Community Scan and Needs Assessment

Budget Item	Description	Amount Requested	Amount from Other Sources	Total Project Expenses
Personnel	Senior Researcher \$77/hour x 126 hours = \$9,702	\$19,170	N/A	\$19,170
	Student Research Assistant \$27/hour x 144 hours = \$3,888			
	Visual Project Specialist \$77/hour x 40 hours = \$3,080			
	Project Manager \$2,500			
Transportation to White Rock	100km x \$0.52 per km x 5 trips Associated parking costs (\$10 x 5 trips)	N/A	\$310 In-kind from CHASI/UFV	\$310 In-kind from CHASI/UFV
Materials	Use of supplies for printing and disseminating information	N/A	\$2,500 In-kind from CHASI/UFV	\$2,500 In-kind from CHASI/UFV
Digital Fee	Use of audio recording devices, data analysis software, and visual specialist's equipment	\$1,000	\$4,000 In-kind from CHASI/UFV	\$5,000 \$4,000 In-kind from CHASI/UFV
Subtotal		\$20,170	\$6,810 In-kind	\$26,980 (\$24,991 requested)
Admin Fee	18%	\$3,631		
Total		\$23,801		
GST	5%	\$1,190		
Grand Total		\$24,991		



THE CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: January 24, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Eric Stepura, Director, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Daytime Warming Shelters

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$160,000 to operate a daytime warming shelter in a modular office trailer to be located in the parking lot located adjacent to the baseball concession/washroom facility at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022. As 50% (or \$80,000) of this funding will be provided by the City of Surrey, the City's portion will be up to \$80,000. Funding for this service is not identified in the City's 2022 operating budget, therefore, approval of this project would require a further tax increase of .32% in 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In late December 2021, Council received letters from local citizens and the Homelessness Association of BC asking Council to setup a warming shelter for people experiencing homelessness in the South Surrey/White Rock area, especially due to the extreme cold weather forecasted to occur in this region over the Christmas holidays.

At the January 10, 2022 regular Council meeting, staff provided a corporate, titled "Options for a Warming Shelter" in response to Council's request that the City provide a warming shelter for local people experiencing homelessness.

Following discussion, Council directed staff to conduct further research on daytime warming shelter options in White Rock and bring back one (1) or more location(s) suitable for use as a daytime extreme weather warming shelter for Council's consideration at their January 24, 2022 regular Council meeting. Council also directed staff to reach out to the City of Surrey on this matter. This corporate is in response to this request.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the January 10, 2022, regular Council meeting, Council approved the following motions regarding a staff report from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "Options for a Warming Shelter:"

Motion # &	Motion Details
Meeting Date	
2022-010	THAT Council direct the following:
January 10, 2022	1. Between now and Jan 24, 2022 (next scheduled regular
	Council meeting) that the Mayor and staff identify one (1)
	or more location(s) to be used as day time extreme weather

	warming shelter whereby the city would cover the cost and the staff to run it (including partnerships with other agencies); and further
2.	That the Mayor and staff connect again with the City of Surrey on this matter.

Motion # &	Motion Details	
Meeting Date		
2022-011	THAT Council receive the corporate report dated January 10,	
January 10, 2022	2022, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled	
	"Temporary Warming Shelter Options".	

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

At the January 10, 2022 regular Council meeting, staff provided a corporate, titled "Options for a Warming Shelter" in response to Council's request that the City provide a warming shelter for local people experiencing homelessness. Staff had provided three options (including estimated costs) for Council's consideration related to providing warming shelters in the City of White Rock for local people experiencing homelessness, and a fourth option which was to for the City to provide warming shelter services once funding from other government or charitable sources can be secured.

All four options presented in the corporate report were not supported by Council, and staff were directed to do further research on warming shelter options and identify one or more recommended location(s) to be used as a daytime extreme weather shelter.

This corporate report will provide an update on the further research that has been done to identify a suitable location(s) for a daytime warming shelter; recommend a warming facility option; and provide some background information on three daytime warming shelters operated during the recent cold weather period in Courtney, Gibsons, and Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Warming Shelter Locations Considered but Not Recommended

In two previous reports to Council (March 8, 2021 and January 10, 2022) on warming shelter options, several civic facilities have been considered, but are not recommended due to anticipated negative impacts that a warming shelter at these locations may cause, such as safety and increased crime concerns of adjacent residents and businesses, complaints from regular facility users, renters and tenants due to cancelling City programs and services, and safety concerns associated with mixing regular facility users with people experiencing homelessness. The civic facilities in White Rock that have previously been considered and rejected are:

- White Rock Community Centre
- Centennial Arena Hall
- Centre for Active Living
- Kent Street Activity Centre Auditorium
- City Hall
- City Hall Annex
- City Operations Yard
- A tent on the corner of Johnston Road and Russell Avenue
- A tent in the Centennial Park parking lot

Since the January 10, 2022 Council meeting, staff have researched some additional civic facilities to find a suitable facility for a daytime warming shelter. This research is as follows which includes staff recommendations:

Mann Park Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

• Not recommended as this City owned building is leased to the Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club and is being used throughout the winter months for indoor carpet bowling and for a Montessori School.

White Rock Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

• Not recommended as this City owned building is leased to the White Rock Lawn Bowling Club and is being used by members for Club activities throughout the winter months whenever their artificial turf green is usable.

Pop Uptown Gallery

• Not recommended as this art gallery space which the City leases from the Landmark Group is booked for monthly art exhibits by local artists between now and Fall 2022. Cancelling these art shows to repurpose the space for a daytime warming shelter would greatly upset members of the local art community. The property management company for the Landmark Group expressed concern about the impact of having more homeless people loitering around the stores in Central Plaza.

Peninsula Productions Black Box Theatre

• Not recommended as this City owned facility is leased to Peninsula Production for use as a rehearsal and performance space for providing theatre arts productions and concerts in the community. Cancelling these shows and reallocating the space for a daytime warming shelter would greatly upset members of our local art community.

In addition, the Mayor and a member of Council have reached out and contacted several members of local faith based agencies to ask if they have facilities available that could be used to accommodate a daytime warming shelter during periods of extreme weather for people experiencing homelessness. To date, none of the local church groups have offered indoor facilities to address this need for the current winter season.

Recommended Daytime Warming Shelter Location

Staff recommend renting and installing a 12' x 60' modular office trailer to be located in the parking lot adjacent to the baseball diamond concession/washroom building at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022.

Facility Costs

The cost for rental and hookup of a modular trailer, with added washroom cleaning is as follows:

	Total installation/rental/cleaning cost	\$ <u>18,000</u>
•	Extra daily janitorial cleaning of washrooms at Centennial Park	\$ 8,500
•	Loss of pay parking revenue	\$ 500
•	power hookup, power cable and BC Hydro permit fee	\$ 2,500
•	rental, delivery, setup, takedown, and taxes	\$ 6,500

Warming Shelter Operating Costs

Staff have received a quote of \$3,000/day from the Engaged Communities of Canada Society (ECCS) for operating a warming shelter for up to 30 people experiencing homelessness in South Surrey and White Rock during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. ECCS is available to start operating a warming shelter once a suitable facility is identified and available for use. ECCS

would need at least four (4) days of notice to mobilize their team to operate a warming shelter and would need commitments of a minimum of seven (7) days for each deployment. If space were identified and staff were able to provide four (4) days of notice in anticipation of inclement weather, delivering services for one week would equate to a staffing cost of \$21,000 weekly for 30 people in need.

For budget purposes, due to the need to provide four (4) days of advance notice for a minimum seven (7) day commitment, staff are providing an option for consideration for providing services for a block of time (January 28 to March 15, 2022). Therefore, the estimated operating cost for the warming shelter from January 28 to March 15, 2022 is estimated at \$142,000 based on serving 30 people per day. These operating costs would likely be less if the warming shelter is only opened during periods of minus zero degree weather, however, these services may be difficult to deliver sporadically as inclement weather can be hard to predict.

The total combined facility costs and operating costs, to provide and operate a warming shelter for local people experiencing homelessness from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022 is estimated at \$160,000 for up to 30 people. Again, these costs would be less if the centre is only opened as needed during periods of minus zero degree weather.

Discussions with the City of Surrey

City staff have had conversations with staff at the City of Surrey, and they have indicated that their Council have also been asked by the same group of church volunteers to provide a daytime warming shelter for South Surrey and White Rock people experiencing homelessness.

Surrey staff have also conducted a review of facility options for a shelter in South Surrey, and to date have not found a suitable location.

Surrey did indicate that they are prepared to contribute 50% towards the cost of installing and operating a warming shelter in White Rock or South Surrey, once a suitable location can be found.

White Rock RCMP Report on Homelessness in White Rock

On April 16 and 17, 2021 the White Rock RCMP conducted a point-in-time count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in the City. This count did not include individuals living in shelters, transitions houses, safe houses, or temporarily in other people's homes. With their knowledge of the many secluded spots in White Rock, they went into bushes, parks, around condos, vacant buildings, in parkades, alleys, and around businesses. They located four (4) individuals during these patrols. As point-in-time counts have limitations, the officers at the detachment were also canvassed regarding their encounters with people experiencing homelessness over the previous two months in White Rock. Twenty four (24) individuals in total were identified as being unsheltered. Many of the officers have developed a rapport with these individuals, allowing for candid sharing of their experiences.

On January 10, 2022, Kale Pauls, Detachment Commander for the White Rock RCMP reported that the current number of people experiencing homelessness in White Rock fluctuates between two and six individuals. A couple of the people they encounter in White Rock will likely not go to a warming shelter. Much of the local need for people experiencing homelessness is primarily located with the area along 152 Street between 16th Avenue and 24th Avenue in South Surrey where the fast food restaurants and coffee shops allow these individuals to stay for a while in their establishment to keep warm.

Other BC Daytime Warming Shelters

At the January 10, 2022 regular Council meeting, a volunteer at Peninsula United Church addressed Council to plea for Council to provide a daytime warming shelter for the homeless in White Rock. The Peninsula United Church volunteers mobilized to operate a daytime warming shelter at their church from December 28, 2021 to January 3, 2022.

In her presentation, the volunteer stated that during the recent cold weather over the holidays, the BC communities of Gibsons, Courtney and Cowichan Valley operated daytime warming shelters provided by their local government. Staff have contacted these communities to learn what they did to help their homeless individuals, how they funded it, and what their experience was. The findings are as follows:

Town of Gibsons

Staff spoke with the CAO for the Town of Gibsons, and the Homeless Consultant, about their warming shelter experience. Their comments were as follows:

Through "Everybody Needs a Home" Gibsons Program, the Town of Gibsons opened a daytime warming shelter for up to 12 people at the Marine Room located under their Town owned Arts Building in Gibsons every day for two weeks from December 24, 2022 to January 7, 2022. The Town provided the space including heat and light. The shelter was operated by a Homeless Coordinator consultant, with assistance from community volunteers and donations. The Town's program also provided rides over this time period for homeless individuals and supportive housing residents needing to get back and forth from Gibsons to Sechelt to attend the overnight shelter operated by the Salvation Army in Sechelt, or to get medical attention.

The "Everybody Needs a Home" Gibsons project was funded by the Strengthening Communities' Services funding grant program, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), for a year-long term for eligible expenses. It has three parts: support for the winter shelter, an outreach program and a de-stigmatization program. The Town of Gibsons has formed a partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association to hire and fund a new outreach worker for the remaining duration of the Everybody Needs a Home program.

Municipal staff were not involved in providing direct contact with the people attending the warming shelter. That work was done by trained staff, and community volunteers.

Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)

Staff spoke to staff at the CVRD. Their comments were:

The CVRD did provide the Cowichan Community Centre for a warming centre during the recent cold snap over the past holiday season, at the request of the Province and Island Health, but it was operated by the Red Cross, not CVRD staff. However, CVRD staff were on the front line at the facility trying to keep their regular recreation programs going, which meant attempting to keep their regular customers separated from the homeless people. CVRD staff experienced violent altercations, inappropriate conduct, high stress and disruption to their regular operations.

"We will work with Island Health to identify appropriate locations and service providers for when we need to activate cooling centres/warming centres for the vulnerable populations during future extreme weather events. The community and agencies always look to the CVRD as we own the community centre, but we need to draw a line as to what services are appropriate for a centre that serves a multitude of users."

City of Courtney

Staff talked to staff at the City of Courtney. They provided the following information on their community programs for the homeless:

A daytime warming shelter called CONNECT, is operated by a not for profit society called Comox Valley Transitional Society in partnership with the Comox Valley Association to End Homelessness. CONNECT provides a safe, welcoming space for vulnerable individuals experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness. It is a space where people can escape inclement weather, access bathrooms, enjoy light refreshments, access Wi-Fi and be connected to other support agencies. The goal of CONNECT is to help reduce homelessness by providing support and resources to individuals that may assist them in obtaining and maintaining housing. CONNECT is located at 685 Cliffe Avenue in Courtenay, and is open seven day a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONNECT is located in a facility purchased by the City of Courtney to store the City's archives. The building was repurposed in March 2020. The City rents the space to Comox Valley Transitional Society at a subsidized rate of \$1,000/ month, which is a 66% subsidy of its market value. Municipal staff are not involved in providing direct contact with, or services to the people attending the warming shelter. That work is done by trained staff and community volunteers. Funding to operate the CONNECT warming shelter for up to 60 people is provided by Comox Valley Regional District, the Comox Valley Community Foundation, BC Housing and various donors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City has not budgeted for the provision of a warming shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

If approved, funding in the amount of \$160,000 will be required to install and operate a daytime warming shelter in a modular office trailer to be located in the parking lot located adjacent to the baseball concession /washroom facility at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022. The City of Surrey has agreed to fund 50% of this expense, therefore, the actual cost to the City of White Rock will be \$80,000. As funding for this service cost is not identified in the City's 2022 operating budget, approval of this project will require an additional tax increase of .32%.

City staff will explore funding from Provincial agencies such as BC Housing, UBCM and others to help fund this cost. No provincial grant funding for this service has been secured at this time.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Residents, regular park user groups and businesses located near the site of a temporary shelter for local people experiencing homelessness should be notified before the shelter is operational.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

Engineering and Municipal Operations will need to approve and oversee the placement and utility hookup of a modular office trailer placed on City property, and will arrange for extra janitorial cleaning of the park washroom building located adjacent to the warming shelter.

The City's Fire Chief would have to establish the room capacity of the warming shelter trailer.

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The City's Parking Services staff, under the Planning and Development Services Department, will need to be notified of this parking lot closure, as it will result in loss of some parking at Centennial Park.

Recreation and Culture staff will need to notify soccer and baseball field users that a portion of the parking lot adjacent to the soccer and baseball fields will be repurposed for use for a temporary warming shelter modular office trailer.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following alternate option is available for Council's consideration.

Purchase rather than rent a modular office trailer for use as a daytime warming shelter for use as needed in the future. The price quote received for a 12' x 60' modular office trailer including purchase, delivery and setup and applicable taxes is \$62,500. Utility hookup cost (i.e. power, water and sewer) will be approximately another \$10,000 or more depending upon the site chosen. This option would require a total of \$225,000 in funding in 2022 of which \$72,500 would be needed from the City's 2022 Capital Asset Budget. If the remaining \$152,500 is split 50/50, with the City of Surrey, then the City's portion would be an estimated \$76,250, which would result in approximately a .31% increase in 2022 City property taxes.

This option is not recommended as the proposed site for the office trailer in the parking lot beside the baseball diamond concession/washroom building at Centennial Park should not be used during the months of April through October, as it would greatly interfere with annual scheduled baseball and soccer activities, and the planned construction of the new baseball training centre which will start work in the summer/fall of 2022.

CONCLUSION

Since February 2021, Council has received letters from members of some local faith based organizations asking White Rock City Council to take on the responsibility for providing a warming shelter for local people experiencing homelessness.

In late December 2021, Council received letters from local citizens and the Homelessness Association of BC asking Council to setup a warming shelter for people experiencing homelessness in the South Surrey/ White Rock area, especially due to the extreme cold weather forecasted to occur in this region over the past Holiday Season.

At the January 10, 2022 regular Council meeting, staff provided a corporate, titled "Options for a Warming Shelter" in response to Council's request that the City provide a warming shelter for local people experiencing homelessness. Staff had provided three options (including estimated costs) for Council's consideration related to providing warming shelters in the City of White Rock, and a fourth option, which was to for the City to provide warming shelter services once funding from other government or charitable sources can be secured.

All four options presented in the corporate report were rejected by Council, and the Mayor and staff were directed to do further research on warming shelter options and identify one or more recommended location(s) to be used as a daytime extreme weather shelter for Council's consideration at their January 24, 2022 regular Council meeting. Council also directed staff to reach out to the City of Surrey on this matter.

Since the January 10, 2022 Council Meeting, staff from both the City of White Rock and the City of Surrey have researched the possible use of civic facilities in White Rock and South Surrey in an effort to find a suitable facility for a daytime warming shelter. It has been

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determined that none of the existing civic facilities in White Rock or South Surrey are available and/or suitable to be repurposed as a daytime warming shelter.

Staff recommend providing a temporary daytime warming shelter by renting and installing a 12' x 60' modular office trailer in the parking lot adjacent to the baseball diamond concession/washroom building at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily for up to 30 people is estimated at \$160,000 for up to 30 people. These costs would be shared by the City of White Rock and the City of Surrey, therefore, the City of White Rock's share of the cost to operate a daytime warming shelter in an office trailer located in Centennial Park between January 28, 2022 and March 15, 2022 is estimated at \$80,000. This cost will likely be less if the warming shelter is only opened as needed during periods of extreme cold weather.

The shelter would be operated by trained staff from a not for profit society (Engaged Community of Canada Society) who are experienced in working with people experiencing homelessness. ECCS is the agency that recently operated a warming shelter at Peninsula United Church for local area people experiencing homelessness. They are prepared to start operating the daytime warming shelter as early as January 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Stepura

Director, Recreation and Culture

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: January 24, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

SUBJECT: City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider and endorse commencing the City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 meeting schedule as outlined in this corporate report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff are reviewing Council's last direction whereby the City's Advisory Bodies (Committees) will resume meeting from February 1, 2022.

It is noted that the City is still experiencing permanent staffing shortages in some key departments that are liaisons to the Committees. In addition, it has been found they are also being impacted by illness due to COVID-19 and the variant(s).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion # & Meeting Date	Motion Details
2021-IC-78	THAT Council suspend all their Advisory Bodies / Committees, due
October 25, 2021	to staffing issues, starting in November until end of January 2022.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The following six (6) Committees suspended meeting since November 2021; included is a notation of the City department that is the standing liaison to the Committee:

- Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (Recreation and Culture)
- Economic Development Advisory Committee (Planning and Development Services)
- Environmental Advisory Committee (Engineering and Municipal Operations)
- History and Heritage Advisory Committee (Recreation and Culture)
- Housing Advisory Committee (Planning and Development Services)
- Public Art Advisory Committee (Recreation and Culture)

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No further meetings are anticipated to be scheduled for the City's At-Risk and Priority Population Task Force in accordance with Mayor Walker's comments made at the October 25, 2021, regular Council meeting:

The City has been working with the City of Surrey in regard to a full-time shelter. Any outstanding items will be moved to the City's Housing Advisory Committee.

At the October 25, 2021, closed meeting staffing challenges were brought to the attention of Council. At that time challenges were particularly being felt both within the Engineering & Municipal Operations and Planning and Development Services Departments. It was following this discussion that Council adopted the motion to suspend Committee meetings until the end of January 2022.

The Engineering and Municipal Operations department are still experiencing key position staffing shortages. In particular, the Manager of Engineering position has not yet been filled. This continues to have an impact on the workload whereby others, such as the Director and the Manager of Public Works and Municipal Operations, have had to take on pertinent projects. In addition, the department has been experiencing temporary staff shortages due to illness. In November 2021, staff were successful in hiring an Acting Director of Planning and Development Services who has been reviewing the department functions and has been able to keep the department in a position where they have been able to manage pertinent workload items. Staff continue to work on completing the hiring of a Director of Planning and Development Services, as well as the Manager of Planning position.

It is further noted that within the Recreation and Culture Department the Manager of Cultural Development will be out of the office on medical leave until mid-March 2022.

Committee Meetings for 2022

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations has requested the Environmental Advisory Committee not to resume meeting until the new Manager of Engineering is hired. It is anticipated this will be completed in time for meetings to re-commence staring in March 2022. It has been noted that current staff do not have the time to work with the Committee due to full time staffing shortages and the number of sickness absences they are experiencing. The nature of this department's work requires day to day services to continue to be delivered even with shortages (example: infrastructure, garbage and recycling etc.). As well, they oversee the majority of Council's top corporate priority projects (Solid Waste Pick Up for Multi-Family, Community Amenity Contribution, Shovel-in the Ground Projects – Emerson Park Playground, Maccaud Park, Centre Street Hillside Walkway, Review Options for Upgrading Multiple Hillside Walkways).

The Acting Director of Planning and Development Services Department has requested the following Committees resume meetings as noted:

- Housing Advisory Committee: February 2022; and
- Economic Development Advisory Committee: February 2022

The additional Planning and Development's Committees: Advisory Design Panel (ADP) and Board of Variance (BOV) were not included in the discussion in regard to the suspended meeting resolution. The ADP is scheduled to have a meeting in January 2022 and the BOV meets as the need arises.

City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 Meeting Schedule Page No. 3

The Director of Recreation and Culture has requested the Public Art Advisory Committee and the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee not resume meeting until the Manager of Cultural Development is back to work, with that expectation to be mid-March 2022.

Due to COVID numbers being on the rise it would be anticipated that any Committee meetings scheduled would be held via electronic means.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

Across the province municipalities and local businesses are facing staffing shortages due to illness. The City of White Rock is included in that, as well as experiencing some further challenges with vacant key positions within the organization. The City is looking forward to getting its Committees back up and running; however, to help address internal workload, and to ensure that once the Committees are brought back online they have the necessary support, it is requested they be brought back gradually.

CONCLUSION

The proposed commencement of the 2022 Committee meeting schedule:

February

- Housing Advisory Committee (Planning and Development Services)
- Economic Development Advisory Committee (Planning and Development Services)

March

- Environmental Advisory Committee (Engineering and Municipal Operations)
- Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (Recreation and Culture)
- Public Art Advisory Committee (Recreation and Culture)

April

• History and Heritage Advisory Committee (Recreation and Culture)

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracey Arthur
Director, Corporate Administration

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK BYLAW 2417



A Bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of the Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2021, No. 2401 in regard to Item: Development Category Application Fees for Planning and Development Services.

The Council of the City of White Rock, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. **Schedule "A" PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** of the 2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2021, No. 2401 Section titled as follows:

ITEM

Development Category Application Fees, be deleted; and a new **Schedule "A" PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** attached to and forming part of this bylaw be inserted in its place.

2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2021, No. 2401, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 2417".

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Schedule 'A' PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ITEM		2022
Building Code Initial Alternative Solution		\$675
Building Code subsequent Alternative Solution - each		\$224
Change of Address		\$597
Letter of Enquiry		
Residential		\$168
Multi-family or commercial		\$662
Noise Bylaw Extension of Hours – Admin Fee		\$275
Property File Research and Copies		
Research and first printed copy		\$17
Each additional copy		\$5.40
Copies on disc or flash drive (excluding print cost)		\$23
Building Permit Plans (Architectural Drawing Size)		
Each page of Print/Copy		\$5.40
Property Site Survey Certificate		\$22
Sidewalk Use License – per square foot *		\$4.20
Sidewalk Use Agreement Application		\$179
Other Fees		
Accessory registered secondary suite in conjunction with a new		
house building permit registration		\$255
All other secondary suite registrations		\$337
Underground Oil Storage Tank Removal documentation		\$232
Permit Application Fees:		
Building permits involving addition or alterations to existing buildings		\$213
Building permits to construct new single or two family dwellings		\$765
Building permits to construct other than single or two family dwelling, a	Minimum	\$213
fee equal to 50% of the estimated permit fee		
	Maximum	\$7,650
All other permits application fee		\$75
Permit Application Fees will be credited to the permit fee at Permit issuance	e,	
but is non-refundable if permit is not issued.		
Building Permit Fees:		
		Additional fee per
Range of "Construction Value"	Initial Fee	\$1,000 or part
	4010.00	thereof
\$0 to \$1,000	\$213.00	010.00
\$1,001 to \$100,000	\$213.00	\$18.80
\$100,001 to \$250,000	\$2,074.20	\$14.60
\$250,000 and over	\$4,264.20	\$12.40

The current edition of the Marshal Valuation Service or the Marshall and Swift Residential Cost Handbook may be used by the Building Official to determine the "Construction Value" of the work for the purpose of assessing permit fees.

Any Building Permit fee payable shall be reduced by 2.5% to a maximum reduction of \$500.00 where any aspect of the construction of the proposed building or alteration is under the review and Letters of Assurance of a CRP – Coordinating Registered Professional.

Schedule 'A' Continued PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ITEM	2022
Other Permit Related Fees	
Extension of Permit	\$220
Creation of New Civic Address	\$599
Permit Transfer	\$386
Re-review of Plans Fee - per hour	\$275
Building Move Fee	\$220
Digital Archive Fee – per page	\$5.40
Re-Inspection Fee	\$275
Commercial Cooking Facility (NFPA 96) - Plan Review and	0.412
Inspection Fee	\$413
Demolition Permit	
Accessory Building	\$89
SFD/Duplex	\$1,159
Commercial/Multi-Family	\$1,379
Permit Fees	
First Fixture	\$84
Each Additional Fixture	\$45
First Zone for Hydronic Heating System	\$84
Each Additional Zone for Hydronic Heating System	\$45
First Sprinkler Head	\$84
Each Additional Sprinkler Head to 100	\$5.40
Each Additional Sprinkler Head over 100	\$3.30
Each Fire Hydrant	\$50
Each Standpipe	\$50
Each Hose Valve	\$50
Fire Department Connection	\$50
SFD/Duplex Sanitary Sewer	\$84
SFD/Duplex Storm Sewer	\$84
SFD/Duplex Water Service	\$84
MFD/Commercial Sanitary Sewer first 30m	\$145
MFD/Commercial Storm Sewer first 30m	\$145
MFD/Commercial Water Service first 30m	\$145
Each Additional 30m of Commercial Sanitary Sewer, Storm	
Sewer, or Water Service or part thereof	\$70
Each Sump, Manhole, or Catch Basin	\$70
Re-Inspection Fee	\$275
Non-compliance Inspection Fee	\$275
Special or Other Inspection Fee	\$275

^{*} Pro-rated based on license coverage dates for seasonal licenses.

Schedule 'A' Continued PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ITEM	2022
Development Category Application Fees	
OCP Amendment	\$5,406
Zoning Amendment	\$4,346
Combined OCP/Zoning Amendment	\$7,579
Additional Public Meeting/Hearing on applications revised by	\$1,081
Applicant	
Phased Development Agreement (including amendment)	\$5,406
Amendment of a Land Use Contract	\$2,162
Discharge of a Land Use Contract	*
With associated rezoning	\$1,081
With no associated rezoning	\$2,162
Development Variance Permit (or amendment of time extension)	\$2,120
Major Development Permit, with zoning amendment application	
Fee plus \$100/new dwelling unit to be created, to a maximum	\$2,650
of \$5,000	
Major Development Permit, without zoning amendment	
application. Fee plus \$100/new dwelling unit to be created, to a	\$3,710
maximum of \$10,000	
Amendment or Time Extension for a Major Development Permit	\$2,692
Temporary Use Permit (including renewal and amendment)	\$2,162
Temporary Use Permit Cannabis Store	\$2.100
(including renewal and amendment)	\$3,180
Liquor Licence Referral (Requiring Public Hearing)	\$2,703
Liquor Licence Referral (Requiring Public Notification Only)	\$530
Request for Purchase of Municipal Right of Way	\$265
Development Permit (Minor)	\$1,590
Amendment or Time Extension for a Minor Development Permit	\$1,590
Subdivision (Fee-Simple or Bare Land Strata)	¢1.500
Fee plus \$100/new lot	\$1,590
Air Space Parcel Subdivision	\$10,600
Lot Line Adjustment Subdivision (no new lots created)	\$1,081
Form "P" Approval for Phased Strata Development	\$217
Final Approval and/or revisions for Phased Strata Development	
(per phase)	\$217
Strata Title Conversion	\$1,060
Amendment to Preliminary Layout Approval (PLA)	\$1,081
Time Extension to Preliminary Layout Approval (PLA)	\$541
Final Approval for Fee-Simple or Bare Land Strata Subdivision,	Ψ2 11
or Strata Plan Amendment	\$270
Bare Land Strata, Phased Strata and Form "E"	
Final Re-Approval	\$106
Tree Management Permit – Type 3	\$1,060
Tree Management Permit – Type 2	\$500
Board of Variance	\$583
Assignment of Application under Consideration (per Section 15)	\$530
Formal Pre-Application Fee	\$450

THE CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF WHITE ROCK BYLAW NO. 2415



A revenue anticipation bylaw providing for the borrowing of sums of money as may be requisite to meet the current lawful expenditures of the City.

WHEREAS the Council of the City is empowered by Section 177 of the "Community Charter", without the assent of the electors or the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities, by Bylaw to provide for the borrowing of such sums of money as may be required to meet the current lawful expenditures for the year 2022 of the City, such borrowing not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of seventy-five per cent of all taxes levied for all purposes in the preceding year.

AND WHEREAS the aggregate that the Council may presently borrow, calculated in accordance with the above, is \$38,800,000.

AND WHEREAS to meet the current lawful expenditures for the year 2022 of the City, it is requisite that the Council borrow up to \$5,000,000.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the City of White Rock, hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. It shall be lawful for the said City Council to borrow upon the credit of The Corporation the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in such amounts and at such times as the same may be required, and to pay interest thereon.
- 2. All the monies so borrowed and interest payable thereon shall be repaid on or before the 31st day of December, 2022.
- 3. There is hereby set aside as security for the liability hereby authorized to be incurred \$5,000,000 being that part of the taxes for the current year, 2022, deemed by the City Council to be so set aside.
- 4. This Bylaw may be cited as the "White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415".

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January 4th, 2022

Guillermo Ferrero CAO City of White Rock 15322 Buena Vista Avenue White Rock, BC V4B 1Y6

Dear Guillermo,

As a valued member of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership during the pandemic.

Communities across our country have experienced an unprecedented challenge over the past two years dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. All sectors, public and private, pulled together to take care of our vulnerable citizens and maintain basic services for all our residents. This required dedication, hard work, creativity, and unwavering spirit from us all. Behind the scenes it also required an immense amount of coordination.

As a CAO, we know the amount of effort and ingenuity it has taken for you to lead your staff throughout the pandemic. The strength of your municipal team directly impacted your residents in the most important and fundamental ways. You have guided your staff through a long and stressful period when you yourself have been under tremendous pressure. You played a critical role in your community's success. Your leadership has not gone unnoticed. Please know how proud we are of your efforts.

Unfortunately, there is no end in sight, and we will continue to be relied upon to provide leadership to our communities to the best of our ability and I know you will have continued success in helping your staff and citizens get thru this very difficult time in our history.

All the best to you and your team as we look forward to 2022.

Sincerely,

Jack Benzaquen CAMA President

cc Mayor Darryl Walker & Council

January 18, 2022

File No. 0220-20

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Dear Minister Dix, Mr. Sinclair and Dr. Lee:

Re: Temporary Closure of Maternity Ward at Peace Arch Hospital

On behalf of Council and the City of White Rock, I am writing to you further to the recent decision by the Fraser Health Authority to temporarily close the Maternity Ward at the Peace Arch Hospital and asking maternity patients to attend Langley Memorial Hospital for their deliveries beginning January 28.

We understand that there may be a reduction in medical staff and pediatricians at the Peace Arch Hospital currently and the need to provide optimal care, however, this is an essential health care need in the City of White Rock and surrounding South Surrey area with an increasing population of young families. The Peace Arch Hospital services a local area population of 110,000, delivers more than 1,000 babies per year and 20% of its emergency patients are children.

In addition, the White Rock community has heavily invested in maternity services at the Peace Arch Hospital. In 2010, the community together with the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation raised and invested \$5.3M to build a new Maternity Ward at the Peace Arch Hospital. Those are community dollars.

We also note that maternity patients are being asked to drive 30 minutes to Langley Memorial Hospital, or perhaps a 40-minute drive to Surrey Memorial Hospital, which does not seem acceptable for these patients.

Currently, Cloverdale or Delta has no maternity services available, and the new hospital planned for Cloverdale, which is years away from being built and operational, will not offer maternity services. We understand that Surrey Memorial Hospital's maternity services are at capacity, meanwhile Surrey is on a trajectory to surpass Vancouver as the region's largest city in the next few years.

It is disappointing that there seems to have been a lack of collaboration or planning with stakeholders so that this situation could perhaps have been prevented.

On behalf of the residents of White Rock and the South Surrey area, we are seeking a permanent solution by the Minister of Health and the Fraser Healthy Authority. At the very least, assurances that this is temporary situation, the recruitment of sufficient staff, and the reopening of the Maternity Ward is a priority.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to a reply.

Yours truly,

Darryl Walker, Mayor

cc: Dr. Laura Lewington, Pediatrics Department, PAH White Rock Council