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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK

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June 3, 2020

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of CITY COUNCIL will be held in the **CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS** located at **15322 Buena Vista Avenue**, **White Rock**, **BC**, on **MONDAY**, **JUNE 8**, **2020** to begin at **6:00 p.m**. for the transaction of business as listed below.

The City of White Rock is committed to the health and safety of our community. In keeping with Ministerial Order No. M083 from the Province of British Columbia, City Council meetings will take place without the public in attendance at this time until further notice.

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T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

# AGENDA

#### 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 special meeting scheduled for June 8, 2020 as circulated.

# 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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a) June 1, 2020 – Special meeting

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

a) June 1, 2020 – Special meeting

# 4. <u>CORPORATE REPORTS</u>

# 4.1 <u>COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC (VERBAL UPDATE)</u>

Verbal update from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Fire Chief with respect to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Fire Chief regarding the Covid-19 Global Pandemic.

# 4.2 RCMP DISPATCH AND TRANSCRIPTION SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Corporate report dated June 8, 2020 from the Director of Human Resources titled "RCMP Dispatch and Transcription Support Services Agreement". Page 10

# **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the RCMP Dispatch and Transcription Support Services Agreement, attached as Appendix A to this corporate report, for the continued delivery of RCMP dispatch services by the City of Surrey for the City of White Rock.

4.3 PROPOSED PICNIC TABLE PROGRAM FOR OUTDOOR PUBLIC SEATING Page 16
Corporate report dated June 8, 2020 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Proposed Picnic Table Program for Outdoor Public Seating".

# **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council direct staff to acquire and install picnic tables and benches for outdoor public use, focusing on the plaza at Memorial Park as well as other appropriate locations in the East Beach and the Uptown areas, using \$10,000 from operating contingency for the picnic tables and benches, and expand the outdoor seating program if further donations are received from partners.

# 5. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

6. CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE 8, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**PRESENT:** Mayor Walker

Councillor Chesney Councillor Fathers Councillor Johanson

Councillor Kristjanson (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)

Councillor Manning Councillor Trevelyan

#### STAFF:

- G. Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
- T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
- J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
- C. Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services
- K. Pauls, Staff Sergeant
- C. Ponzini, Director of Financial Services
- E. Wolfe, Fire Chief
- S. Lam, Deputy Corporate Officer (via electronic means)

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#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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

#### 2020-314 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council amends the agenda for its special meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020 by adding under Other Business the following Items as presented "On-Table":

- New Item 7.1: Liquor in Public Areas including correspondence from the Business Improvement Association (BIA) dated June 1, 2020; and
- New item 7.2: Acquiring Picnic Tables

AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) May 25, 2020 – Regular meeting

### 2020-315 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopts the following meeting minutes as circulated:

a) May 25, 2020 – Regular meeting

**CARRIED** 

# 4. <u>PETITIONS</u>

#### 2020-316 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council receives for information the following petitions as circulated with the agenda:

**4.1** Petition dated May 13, 2020 submitted by P. Rogers containing 49 signatures under the following statement:

"We are requesting that Mayor of White Rock ask the Semiahmoo Band to reopen their parking lot adjacent to the Indigenous Bloom Business. This will relieve the traffic and parking congestion on Marine Drive and Parker Street. Because Indigenous Bloom have security guards already on their property they can have control over the vehicles parking to ensure that only patrons of Indigenous Bloom can park there. By doing this it will relieve the constant traffic turning around on residential driveways and parking on the side streets off of Marine Drive"; and

4.2 Petition / seven (7) form letters received April 29, 2020 with signatures under the following statement:

"We, the residents living on Parker Street by Marine Drive want to have the pay parking stalls (currently 15 minute parking) on Parker Street changed to Permit Only parking for residents. This is a residential street and since the Bloom Pot shop on Marine opened there has been chronic overuse of these 3 stalls. This promotes accidents. They are not needed for the commercial units in front as there is pay parking there and they have underground access. Please convert WR stalls Nos. 4800, 4801, 4802 to resident parking by permit only".

CARRIED

The following discussion points were noted in regard to Item 4.1:

• since receiving the petition, that Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN) has reopened a portion of their parking lot

In response to Council's questions, the following comments and information were noted in regard to Item 4.2:

- One (1) collision has been reported to RCMP in this area; however, it was noted that there could be other incidents reported directly to ICBC
- With the City's recent changes to the parking regulations, the three (3) requested parking spots now hold a three (3) hour parking limit which may reduce the stopand-go activity

- The partial reopening of the SFN parking lot also appears to have alleviated some of the overuse
- The petitioners have voiced a request for a crosswalk at Marine Drive and Parker Street, and it was noted this neighbourhood is a priority area that will be under review as part of the City's Master Transportation Plan / Study

# **Subsequent Motion:**

# 2020-317 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT Council directs staff to send a letter in response to the petition (agenda item 4.2) to notify of the current situation in regard to the area and the City's future plan to conduct a Master Transportation Plan.

**CARRIED** 

# WELCOMING A NEW, BUT FAMILIAR, FIRE CHIEF

Council officially congratulated Ed Wolfe, who commenced his new role as Fire Chief with the City of White Rock.

# 5. <u>CORPORATE REPORTS</u>

Councillor Kristjanson arrived at the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

# 5.1 COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC (VERBAL UPDATE)

The Fire Chief provided an update on COVID-19 stats both globally and locally and provided a reminder that the Provincial State of Emergency has been extended to June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Phase 2 of the recovery plan is underway; the City is seeing a limited reopening of transit and parks.

The Chief Administrative Officer reported that the Federal Government announced that the allocation of \$2.2 billion under the federal Gas Tax Fund would be accelerated this year and provided in a single payment in June to help Canadian municipalities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic as quickly as possible, while respecting public health guidelines.

#### 2020-318 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receives the verbal report regarding the COVID-19 Global Pandemic provided by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Fire Chief.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5.2 RESIDENT ONLY FOUR HOUR PARKING AREA ON EAST BEACH

Corporate report dated June 1, 2020 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Resident Only Four Hour Parking Area on East Beach".

# 2020-319 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receives for information the corporate report dated June 1, 2020, from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Resident Only Four Hour Parking Area on East Beach:"
- 2. Designates the 63 parking stalls in the recently opened Totem Park (Cypress Lot) section of East Beach as "resident only" four (4) hour free parking during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- 3. Designates the currently closed 59 parking stalls in East Beach for public pay parking with a maximum three (3) hour stay.

**CARRIED** 

# 6. MOTIONS

The following Notices of Motion were provided at the May 25, 2020 Regular Council meeting:

Councillor Chesney provided two (2) Notices of Motion (Items 6.1a and 6.1b) that were presented for Council consideration at this time:

# 6.1a REQUESTING PRESENTATION FROM THE BIA AND TOURISM WHITE ROCK

# 2020-320 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council directs staff to request a joint presentation from the local BIA in conjunction with Explore White Rock, our tourism initiative handled by Surrey Tourism, to bring forth a report on their future efforts of promoting White Rock and its businesses during this pandemic.

**CARRIED** 

# 6.1b REQUESTING PRESENTATION FROM THE RCMP REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON WHITE ROCK MAIN ARTERIES

# 2020-321 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT Council directs staff and the RCMP to present an overview of posted speed limits in White Rock on the main arteries for future discussion at an upcoming Council meeting.

**CARRIED** 

The following discussion points were noted:

• Though the City is working on a Master Transportation Study that is expected to come forward in the Fall, Council noted that this matter should be addressed as we enter the summer months

Councillor Kristjanson provided a Notice of Motion (Item 6.2) that was presented for Council consideration at this time:

# 6.2 <u>LIT FLASHING CROSSWALK FOR WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY</u>

# 2020-322 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT Council directs staff to bring forward for discussion a corporate report in regard to installing a solar lit flashing crosswalk for White Rock Elementary School at Johnston Road and Prospect Avenue (by the Tower Clock).

**CARRIED** 

The following discussion points were noted:

- pedestrian safety concerns have been expressed in the past by White Rock Elementary School, adding that they discussed a crosswalk at Johnston Road and Prospect Avenue
- known area to have a crossing guard but may not always be there, other times days / times rather than just school hours the flashing crosswalk would be required

# 7. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

# 7.1 <u>LIQUOR IN PUBLIC AREAS</u>

The Director of Planning and Development Services introduced the "On-Table" item, including the following letter from the White Rock BIA regarding the topic of liquor in public areas:

• Letter dated June 1, 2020, A. Nixon, Executive Director of the White Rock BIA, requesting Council use Section 73.2 of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* to allow for consumption of liquor in designated public spaces around White Rock.

Council discussed the benefits and concerns that could arise from permitting such a program and directed staff to bring back a corporate report and proposed bylaws for review and discussion.

The following comments were noted:

- Limited hours of operation could be put in place
- This program would take place only while the pandemic is happening
- The new COVID-19 Recovery Task Force can monitor the program and make further recommendations
- Concerns that the City could be perceived as a party destination, noting there could be ramifications
- Staff noted that the public would continue to be subject to the laws in place regarding drinking and public intoxication

## 2020-323 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to allow for the consumption of liquor in Memorial Park plaza, and that the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force be requested to consider recommending additional potential public places that may be appropriate for allowing consumption of liquor.

**CARRIED** 

Councillor Chesney voted in the negative

# 7.2 <u>ACQUIRING PICNIC TABLES</u>

The Director of Planning and Development Services introduced the proposed recommendation which was presented also in response to the proposal for liquor in public areas.

Council discussed the possibility of installing additional picnic tables / benches along the waterfront. These picnic tables and benches could be used by patrons visiting the nearby businesses, since the summer is approaching and dine-in options are limited.

# 2020-324 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council defers consideration of the following motion as presented "On-Table":

THAT Council direct staff to partner with the White Rock BIA to acquire and install picnic tables and benches on public property for the use of local restaurant take-out customers, focusing on the plaza at Memorial Park as well as other appropriate locations in East Beach and the Uptown area.

AND THAT Council authorizes the use of \$10,000 from operating contingency for the picnic tables and benches.

Until a corporate report is brought forward with further information including details about the partnership with the White Rock BIA, the picnic tables and bench products, how they will be utilized and project timelines.

**CARRIED** 

Council recognized that the City's Waterfront Enhancement Strategy includes the removal of the ATM at the corner of Martin Street and Marine Drive. It was suggested that this could be a good location for picnic benches.

# 7.3 MOTION: USE OF AREA WHERE ATM IS ON MARINE DRIVE

Councillor Manning put forward a motion in regard to proposed use of area where ATM is on Marine Drive.

#### 2020-325 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorses consideration at this time of the motion brought forward regarding proposed use of the area where the ATM is currently on Marine Drive on the waterfront.

CARRIED

2020-326 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT Council directs staff to report back on cost and timeline to move the ATM at the waterfront (Martin Street and Marine Drive) and what the proposed configuration / usage for the area would be.

**CARRIED** 

8. CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE 1, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 6:17 p.m.

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Mayor Walker	Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

# THE CORPORATION OF THE

# CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** June 8, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Council

FROM: Jacquie Johnstone, Director, Human Resources

**SUBJECT: RCMP Dispatch and Transcription Support Services Agreement** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the RCMP Dispatch and Transcription Support Services Agreement, attached as Appendix A to this corporate report, for the continued delivery of RCMP dispatch services by the City of Surrey for the City of White Rock.

#### INTRODUCTION

The City of Surrey has been providing RCMP dispatch services as well as 24/7 transcription support services to the City of White Rock since March 1, 2010. Pursuant to an agreement which was renewed in 2015 for a five year term ending 2020, the Surrey Police Operations Call Centre has been handling calls and transcription services for the White Rock RCMP Detachment.

# **ANALYSIS**

The new RCMP Dispatch and Transcription Support Services Agreement (Agreement) is for a one year term, with an option for one additional year from the date of execution of the Agreement by both parties. Executing the Agreement, as outlined in Appendix A, will preserve the existing contractual terms between the parties. The Agreement will continue to be subject to termination on six months' notice by either party.

An extension of the Agreement provides the City of White Rock with a satisfactory level of dispatch and transcription services. The continuation of the Agreement will be subject to review, as the City of Surrey continues its transition from RCMP to a municipal police force. Provision of dispatching services would continue to be an option after Surrey transitions to a municipal police force should the City of Surrey agrees to continue to provide the service. Other options, including ECOMM and Federal Operational Communication Centre, are currently being explored by the City of White Rock in the event Surrey does not wish to provide the dispatching services in the future.

# **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The Agreement provides for an annual increase of approximately three percent (3%) for 2020, two and half percent ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ %) for 2021 and two percent (2%) for 2022. For 2020, the City's current budget is \$305,400. The difference of \$2,715 will be funded from the City's Operating

Contingency Budget. The annual fee for each of the three years are as follows:

Year	Annual Fee
2020	\$308,115
2021	\$315,818
2022	\$322,135

# **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City of Surrey continues to provide a satisfactory level of RCMP dispatch and transcription services.

# **CONCLUSION**

The Agreement with City of Surrey for RCMP dispatch and transcription support services continues to be delivered as outlined in the previous agreement executed in 2015. The City of White Rock and White Rock RCMP have reviewed the services and recommend proceeding with the City of Surrey.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Johnstone

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Director, Human Resources

#### **Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer:**

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.

Guillermo Ferrero

Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: RCMP Dispatch and Transcription Support Services Agreement with Surrey

THIS A	GREEMENT made the	day of	_, 2020.
BETWE	EN:		
	CITY OF SURREY 13450 104 <sup>th</sup> AVE Surrey, BC V3T 1V8		
	("Surrey")		
			OF THE FIRST PART
AND:			
	CITY OF WHITE ROCK 15322 Buena Vista Avenue White Rock, BC V4B 1Y6		
	("White Rock")		

OF THE SECOND PART

**WHEREAS** Section 23 of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, as amended, provides that the corporate powers of a local government include the power to make agreements with a public authority respecting activities, works or services within the powers of a party to the agreement, including agreements respecting the undertaking, provision and operation of activities, works and services.

AND WHEREAS Surrey has agreed to receive, process by means of computer aided dispatch service and re-transmit police related calls to White Rock.

AND WHEREAS, Surrey and White Rock seek to establish a mutually beneficial, long term relationship to provide police dispatch services to White Rock;

AND WHEREAS, Surrey and White Rock seek to ensure that police dispatch services are provided in a safe and cost effective manner for both Cities over time;

AND WHEREAS, Surrey and White Rock will seek to ensure that employees impacted by this Agreement are treated in a respectful and supportive manner;

AND WHEREAS, Surrey and White Rock commits to continuing an open dialogue to ensure the enduring success of this Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH** that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, the parties mutually agree as follows:

- 1. Surrey agrees to provide White Rock with:
  - (a) computer aided dispatch service;
  - (b) re-transmit to White Rock all Police related calls transmitted to or received by Surrey; and
  - (c) 24/7 transcription support services;

all on the terms and conditions herein contained (collectively, the "Service").

- 2. For the Service, White Rock agrees to pay to Surrey telecommunications costs, including equipment installation and upgrading costs, incurred to transmit data to and from Surrey in addition to the sums as set out in Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this Agreement which are payable as follows:
  - (a) each year, White Rock shall be billed July 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual charges for that calendar year;
  - (b) all invoices, bills and charges rendered by Surrey shall be paid by White Rock within 30 days of receipt.
- 3. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date that this Agreement is executed by Surrey, and shall terminate one year later unless extended in accordance with section 4.
- 4. The parties may, by mutual agreement, extend the term of this Agreement for an additional period of one year.
- 5. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party six (6) months' written notice at the above address.
- 6. Surrey and White Rock reserve the right to renegotiate the annual fee should the annual Service call volume change significantly (defined as +/- 5% change) in comparison to the pervious calendar year.
- 7. Surrey shall be responsible for, have control and custody of and maintain the computers, computer programs and other equipment necessary, and provide the staff to receive and retransmit the Service calls emanating from White Rock and provide ongoing radio support to attending police emergency response crews.
- 8. Surrey will work with White Rock and the White Rock RCMP Detachment to maintain an OPERATING AGREEMENT that will detail the policies around White Rock RCMP Standard

Operating Procedures relating to calls for service and other administrative functions affecting operations. This Operating Agreement will also outline the requirement for an evolving measurement tool and for a communication structure to deal with any concerns of White Rock and Surrey RCMP Detachment members and employees as it relates to this service.

- 9. White Rock shall provide and maintain compatible radio systems and hardware to receive the transmittals from Surrey.
- 10. White Rock will provide Surrey with all information deemed necessary by Surrey in order that Surrey may properly provide the Service.
- 11. White Rock agrees that it will continue to be responsible for receiving all non-Service (i.e. administration) calls.
- 12. Surrey, at its sole discretion, may assign this Agreement to its municipal policing services provider. White Rock may not assign this Agreement without Surrey's prior written consent.
- 13. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior representations, understandings and agreements whether verbal or written.
- 14. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

<b>CITY OF SURREY</b> by its authorized s	ignatories:
MAYOR	-
CITY CLERK	-
CITY OF WHITE ROCK by its authori	ized signatories:
MAYOR	-
CITY CLERK	_

# **SCHEDULE "A"**

# THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK

	Annual Charges Payable by the City of White Rock
2020	\$308,115
2021	\$315,818
2022	\$322,135

# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** June 8, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Council

FROM: Carl Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services

**SUBJECT: Proposed Picnic Table Program for Outdoor Public Seating** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council direct staff to acquire and install picnic tables and benches for outdoor public use, focusing on the plaza at Memorial Park as well as other appropriate locations in the East Beach and the Uptown areas, using \$10,000 from operating contingency for the picnic tables and benches, and expand the outdoor seating program if further donations are received from partners.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

At the June 1, 2020 special meeting of Council, a draft motion was discussed regarding the City increasing the outdoor seating capacity in popular public venues near restaurants. Council requested additional information on the parameters of this program. The purpose of this corporate report is to provide additional detail for Council consideration and to obtain Council's direction on increasing outdoor seating capacity.

# **PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

At the Special Council meeting on June 1, 2020, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council defers consideration of the following motion as presented "On-Table":

THAT Council direct staff to partner with the White Rock BIA to acquire and install picnic tables and benches on public property for the use of local restaurant take-out customers, focusing on the plaza at Memorial Park as well as other appropriate locations in East Beach and the Uptown area.

AND THAT Council authorizes the use of \$10,000 from operating contingency for the picnic tables and benches.

This corporate report is brought forward with further information including details about the partnership with the White Rock BIA, the picnic tables and bench products, how they will be utilized and project timelines.

# **ANALYSIS**

#### **Program Principles**

The City has a wide variety of outdoor seating options such as benches and tables in City parks, on the Promenade, and on sidewalks throughout the City. These existing resources allow for public enjoyment of views, rest, people-watching, and for eating. The COVID-19 public health orders limiting restaurants to 50% of their normal capacity, and resulting increase in take-out

services has increased demand for places to sit and eat outdoors while exercising physical distancing from other "bubbles" or people of other households. Staff have been contacted by individual businesses, residents, and by the White Rock BIA with requests for increasing the outdoor seating capacity to the public.

In order to meet this demand and increase the City's outdoor seating capacity in a timely and manageable way, staff brought forward a motion for Council's consideration to approve the acquisition of picnic tables to be deployed in high demand areas, such as the plaza at Memorial Park. Council provided feedback on the concept and requested additional detail regarding the proposed program.

Based on the discussion at the June 1, 2020 Council meeting, the following basic principles are recommended for the proposed picnic table program:

- open to the public (no requirement for purchase); and
- minimum 2 metre spacing between tables and around outside to allow circulation.

Staff have been in discussion with the Executive Director of the White Rock BIA, who has confirmed that they are supportive of the tables being available to the general public.

While the possibility of allowing liquor consumption in one or more of these outdoor public areas was introduced at the June 1, 2020 Council meeting, several concerns were raised by regarding enforcement. Council may consider or reconsider allowing liquor consumption in the future through the establishment of a bylaw under section 73 of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

# **Table Material Options**

Based on cost, aesthetic, and local availability, staff's recommended picnic table is 1.8 metre (six foot) in length, stained red cedar, and accommodates six (6) large adults. This is available from a local Vancouver-based supplier, and is designed to allow easy side access. At this time, it is anticipated that this option could be delivered approximately two (2) weeks from when it is ordered. An image of the recommended table ("The Chief" model) from the supplier's website (www.thegreatcanadianpicnictable.ca) is shown below for reference:



It is expected that these tables would last for several seasons and could be re-used in future years in other locations around the City.

Staff have also sourced several other suppliers for Council's consideration, however the cost, availability and delivery time have not been confirmed prior to agenda publication. If one of the suppliers below is chosen, it would impact the amount of seating and delivery time.

- Landscape Forms Harvest Table Benches (US Supplier, HDPE plastic surface, metal legs approximately \$2,000 USD)
   (https://www.landscapeforms.com/en-US/product/Pages/Harvest-Table-Benches.aspx)
- 2. DuMor Tables (US Supplier multiple materials) https://www.dumor.com/products/Tables
- 3. Landscape Structures (US Supplier Recycled Polyethelyne materials) http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/39476322#/39476322/9
- 4. Wishbone Site Furnishings (Canadian Supplier, multiple materials) https://www.wishboneltd.com/site-furnishings/picnic-tables

#### **Locations and Layout**

There are three locations currently proposed for the installation of picnic benches, based on expected areas of demand. The program could be scaled up to include more locations or more benches in the same locations if Council considers this appropriate, or scaled back for cost or other reasons.

Appendix A contains examples of site layouts for each of the three locations (including a street view image of the location, followed by the site plan layout). The layouts provide a minimum of two metres between tables and allow for circulation around the tables so that accessing the tables allows compliance with physical distancing between different groups or "bubbles." If the program proceeds, these layouts may require minor modification for field fit.

# **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Each picnic table under Option 1 is anticipated to cost between \$600-700, and the \$10,000 requested would allow for the purchase of 12-14 picnic tables, from the operating contingency. If the White Rock BIA provides a donation to this program, the number of tables may be increased, but the tables would remain in City ownership.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct environmental or climate action effects related to this policy. Selecting a local supplier for the tables may have a marginally lower carbon emission outcome related to the transportation of materials.

# **OPTIONS**

The following options are available for Council's consideration:

- 1. Direct staff to acquire and install picnic tables and benches for outdoor public use, focusing on the plaza at Memorial Park as well as other appropriate locations in East Beach and the Uptown area, using \$10,000 from operating contingency for the picnic tables and benches, and expand the outdoor seating program if further donations are received from partners;
- 2. Direct staff to acquire and install an alternative outdoor seating option in locations as directed by Council;
- 3. Direct staff to take no further action on this proposal;
- 4. Defer consideration pending the receipt of further information to be identified by Council.

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Staff recommend Option 1, which is incorporated in the recommendations of this corporate report.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Outdoor seating options such as benches and tables allow for public enjoyment of views, rest, people-watching, and for eating, and during the COVID-19 pandemic spending time outside is a both a psychological relief from lockdown measures and is generally considered a safer alternative to indoor activities. Further, businesses serving food and drink are currently required to provide no more than 50% of their normal capacity, putting a strain on their ability to stay operating, and increasing the demand for outdoor areas to consume food. Staff recommend increasing the seating capacity in outdoor places to allow for public enjoyment and to support businesses to be able to serve more customers. This corporate report recommends the deployment of 1.8 metre (6 foot) length cedar picnic tables in several well-frequented areas throughout the City, and requests Council's approval to proceed with the recommended option or direction on other preferred table types or locations.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Isaak, MCIP, RPP

Director of Planning and Development Services

#### **Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer:**

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.

Guillermo Ferrero

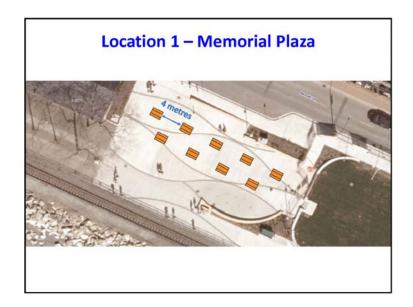
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Draft Layout for Picnic Table Program Sites

# **APPENDIX A**

# **Draft Layout for Picnic Table Program Sites**

















White Rock Business Improvement Association

June 5 2020

To: Mayor Walker & Councillors

City of White Rock

Re: Additional Public Seating and Tables in White Rock

Dear Mayor & Council:

The White Rock BIA fully supports increasing public seating and tables in public spaces around White Rock, including Memorial Park, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

White Rock businesses have seen their customers use public seating to enjoy takeout. The demand for public seating will only grow as the weather improves and the restaurants and cafes in our community are limited in their capacity. Increasing public seating will support the businesses by allowing more areas for their customers to sit.

From our perspective, there is no issue with the seating being open to the general public- the businesses will still benefit from increased public seating, just as they currently benefit from the seating that is available to the general public.

We understand that the City of White Rock is looking to us to provide supplementary funds for this project. The White Rock BIA Board of Directors has authorized a contribution of \$2500 to this project. We understand that the City of White Rock will retain ownership of the tables.

Thank you for your ongoing responsiveness to concerns from our businesses and residents during this pandemic. Please reach out to me should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Kind Regards,

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