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February 19, 2020

A MEETING of the **GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE** will be held in the **CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS** located at 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, on **FEBRUARY 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** for the transaction of business as listed below.

T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

AGENDA

Chairperson: Councillor Manning

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee adopt the agenda for February 24, 2020 as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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a) January 27, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee adopt the January 27, 2020 meeting minutes as circulated.

<u>Note</u>: Due to time constraints, Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were deferred from the December 16, 2019 meeting.

The items regarding the Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw and the Council Policy No. 111: Order of Proceedings will be placed on the next Governance and Legislation Committee Agenda where all members of the Committee are expected to be in attendance.

The Recreation and Culture Policy No. 708 – Public Art and Human Resources Policy No. 401 - Employee Recognition Program will be brought forward to a future meeting.

4. FIRST NATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor Manning has requested the topic of "First Nations Land Acknowledgements" be placed on the Governance and Legislation Committee agenda for discussion.

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.

5 <u>LEAN GOVERNMENT STUDY – COUNCILLOR MANNING</u>

Councillor Manning has requested the topic of "Lean Government Study" be placed on the Governance and Legislation Committee agenda for discussion. Link to a definition of "Lean Government" available at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lean government.

Lean Government refers to the application of <u>lean production</u> (also known as "Lean") principles and methods to both identify and then implement the most efficient, <u>value added</u> way to provide government services. Government agencies have found that when Lean is implemented, they see an improved understanding of how their own processes work, that it facilitates the quick identification and implementation of improvements and that it builds a culture of <u>continuous improvement</u>.

Lean for government focuses on governing and serving citizens with respect and continuously improving service delivery by cutting out "waste" and "inefficiency" in processes; this in turn will result in better services overall, engaged civil servants as well as more <u>value</u> for tax-supported programs and services. Generally, proponents also see that a lean government is a means to expand the capacity of government to provide more services per <u>unit</u> of <u>investment</u>. [2]

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee recommends that Council direct staff to prepare a report on hiring a consultant to study White Rock and determine how efficiencies can be gained in our municipal government and maintain or reduce cost to residents.

6. POLICY REVIEW

6.1. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (500 SERIES)

As part of the ongoing City Policy review, the following policies were reviewed by the Planning and Development Services department. These policies were presented for discussion / consideration.

- 1) Planning and Development Services is proposing that Policy No. 505 be repealed and is addressed under Recommendation #1. Page 9
- 2) Policies that have no proposed amendments are listed below to be ratified under Recommendation #2.
- 3) Policies that have proposed amendments are noted with tracked changes and are presented for the Committee's endorsement under Recommendation #3. Page 18

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RECOMMENDATION #1

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee recommends that Council repeal Policy No. 505 – Bed and Breakfast Establishments.

RECOMMENDATION #2

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee recommends that Council endorse the following policies:

- 508 Secondary Suites
- 512 OCP Consultation Policy
- 513 Secondary Stoves in Dwelling Units

RECOMMENDATION #3

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee recommends that Council endorse the following policies:

- 509 Development Approval Procedures City Owned Public Space
- 510 Criteria for Type 2 Tree Removal Requests on Private Lands

6.2 COUNCIL POLICY 135 – RECOGNITION AND STRATEGIC MESSAGES

<u>Note:</u> It was requested this policy be brought back following Council's first year in office so the Committee can review the messages again and have further discussion if needed. Page 21

7. COUNCIL MEMBER VOTING RECORDS

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Council referred this matter to the Governance and Legislation Committee from their November 18, 2019 regular Council meeting.

Note: Staff have included preliminary information from the City of Richmond for discussion purposes.

8. UBCM CHILD CARE PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT

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Correspondence dated December 2, 2019 from Michelle Kirby, Senior Manager, Partnerships and Engagements, from the Ministry of Children and Family Development regarding the "UBCM Child Care Planning Program".

Councillor Manning requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion purposes.

9. <u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FUND POLICY NO. 307</u>

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Councilor Fathers requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

10. <u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY NO. 801 – OPEN DATA POLICY</u> Page 50 Corporate report dated February 24, 2020 from the Manager of Information Technology titled

"Information Technology Policy No. 801 - Open Data Policy".

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated February 24, 2020 from the Manager of IT titled "Information Technology Policy No. 801 Open Data Policy"; and
- 2. Recommends that Council endorse "Information Technology Policy No. 801 Open Data Policy".

11. LMLGA PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING CREATION OF RISK-SHARING MODEL THAT RETURNS STRATA PREMIUMS AND OWNER DEDUCTABLES TO 2019 LEVELS

Councillor Manning requested the following recommendation be noted for the Committee's consideration at this time:

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS strata corporations in British Columbia have seen insurance premiums swell up to several hundred percent, and strata owners similarly had deductibles rise exponentially, all due in part to climate change-related risk aversion by insurers;

AND WHEREAS stratas have increasingly become British Columbians' residence of choice because of their relative affordability and improved land use, but those perceived values are now threatened over escalating insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS the loss of multi-unit homes as a viable housing option for British Columbians would be economically catastrophic to our province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT British Columbia local governments call on the province to act swiftly and decisively to create a risk-sharing model that returns strata premiums and owner deductibles to 2019 levels, adjusted for inflation.

12. CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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City of White Rock Council held in the White Rock Community Centre (Halls A/B/C)

January 27, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Walker

Councillor Chesney Councillor Johanson

Councillor Kristjanson (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)

Councillor Manning Councillor Trevelyan

ABSENT: Councillor Fathers

STAFF: D. Bottrill, Chief Administrative Officer

T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

C. Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services

G. Newman, Manager of Planning S. Lam, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press: 0 Public: 6

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2020-G/L-001 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee adopts the agenda for

January 27, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) December 16, 2019

2020-G/L-002 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee adopts the December 16, 2019 meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

4. OPTIONS FOR TENANT ASSISTANCE DURING REDEVELOPMENT AND RENOVATION

Corporate report dated January 27, 2020 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Options for Tenant Assistance during Redevelopment and Renovation".

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the corporate report.

Councillor Kristjanson arrived at the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Staff are still exploring options on how compensation funds could be provided to tenants (eg: lump sum vs. monthly payments)
- There is no case law that currently exists to reference with respect to this matter; however, staff will continue to monitor what is happening in other municipalities
- Members of the Committee expressed that they would not like to see buildings torn down before they have reached their lifespan
- Would like the rent of those who have lived in one (1) place for a long time to stay the same
- The cost of the City taking-in a bond, and monitoring all the requirements, would depend on the performance of the developers and understanding what is involved with the bond (eg: resources, tasks, etc.)

The Committee recognized tenants in the gallery and it was suggested they be permitted to provide their comments on the matter.

2020-G/L-003 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee permits members of the public to provide their comments were respect to the corporate report "Options for Tenant Assistance during Redevelopment and Renovation".

CARRIED

Lilian, resident, reported that she has resided at her home for 21 years, and expressed concerns that she will not be able to find an affordable place to live. Suggested that the City wait to see what happens with development in the coming years, noting that there are many existing buildings that have vacant suites.

Chuck, resident, questioned if the compensation provided to tenants would be tax-free. Also advised that wherever they are relocated, that they hope not to be moved to a building that may also be subject to renovictions in the future.

Staff advised that further information will need to be obtained with respect to the payments, noting that it is recognized the monies do not constitute income.

Discussion continued and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Concerns that tenants could be subject to tax on the compensation
- Would rather the compensation be held by the landlord/developer, and that they apply the monies to lowering monthly rent. Staff noted that having the landlord/developer administer the compensation monthly through lowered rents could pose logistical challenges (eg: privacy)
- Support was expressed for compensation in the form of an annuity plan
- A tenant being able to choose how they receive their compensation could be a good option

2020-G/L-004 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee defers providing direction with respect to Council Policy 511: Density Bonus / Amenity Contribution Policy, Council Policy 514: Tenant Relocation Policy, and Council Policy 516: Renovation and Relocation Policy pending further information with regards to annuity and tax implications to tenants that qualify for compensation.

CARRIED

Discussion continued and the following comments were noted:

- Concerns were expressed that a strong policy could deter developers from wanting to build rental housing in the City, noting it is important to ensure a dialogue also includes developers
- Interest to find a middle ground between allowing development that is right for the City, and protecting the homes of those that have lived in White Rock long term
- The Official Community Plan allows for an increase in density for purpose built rental projects

It was recognized that a developer was in the gallery, and it was suggested they be permitted to speak.

2020-G/L-005 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee permits Madhi Heidari to provide his comments in respect to the corporate report "Options for Tenant Assistance during Redevelopment and Renovation".

CARRIED

Madhi Heidari, Developer, provided the following comments:

- The proposed numbers and figures for compensation have been in consultation with the Planning Department
- There is a large gap of time since purpose built rental was developed in the City. Now that upgrades are needed, there has been an increase in vacancy because of lack of availability. Developing projects on a more consistent basis could address this problem in the future
- Many of the buildings built decades ago have little or no amenities. Newer builds provide opportunities for amenities

Committee discussion continued and the following comments noted:

- The City could host an open house or event where they can increase their understanding on what developers could be looking for in terms of purpose built rentals
- It was suggested that the open house be held once the policies have been reviewed, particularly with respect to annuities, so that developers may provide comment

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• It was suggested that it may be better to hold these conversations one on one with developers

2020-G/L-006 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee, after it has decided on the direction of Policies 511, 514, and 516, directs staff to host an open house where Council, staff, and developers may discuss how purpose built rentals projects fit into White Rock.

CARRIED

Councillor Johanson voted in the negative

2020-G/L-007 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee permits members of the public to provide their comments with regards to the purpose built rental projects open house.

CARRIED

Councillor Kristjanson voted in the negative

K. Jones, resident, commented that the City needs to take into consideration the input from the community, not just the tenants and the developer. Questioned how long a subsidy could last, stated that tenants will not be able to handle a sudden increase in rental rates.

2020-G/L-008 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee receives for information the corporate report dated January 27, 2020 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Options for Tenant Assistance During Redevelopment and Renovation".

CARRIED

5. CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 27, 2020 GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 6:21 p.m.

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Mayor Walker	Stephanie Lam
	Deputy Corporate Officer

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POLICY TITLE: EXISTING ACCESSORY BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS

POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING AND DEV. SERVICES - 505

Date of Council Adoption: April 14, 2009	Date of Last Amendment:
Council Resolution Number: 2009-216	
Originating Department: Planning and	Date last reviewed by Council:
Development Services	· ·

Policy:

The list of properties by legal description, BC Assessment's property identification number (PID) and civic address at the end of this policy statement are deemed to be 'grandfathered' from the following requirements of Section 407 of the "White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 1999, No. 1591, as amended":

(h) provide one (1) additional on-site parking space per *sleeping unit* used for the *accessory bed & breakfast use*, provided that all parking for patrons shall be provided on the same lot as the *accessory bed & breakfast use*.

Bed & breakfast establishments at the properties listed may continue to operate in their current form PROVIDED THAT:

- 1. They MUST comply with all other requirements of the "White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 1999, No. 1591, as amended", "White Rock Sign Bylaw, 1986, No. 1042, as amended", and "White Rock Business License Bylaw, 1997, No. 1510, as amended", including ALL life safety requirements;
- 2. No structural improvements or additions are made to the dwelling;
- 3. No increases are made to the number of sleeping units used for the bed & breakfast operation.

In the event that an owner / operator of a bed & breakfast wishes to make any such changes, compliance with ALL requirements of the "White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 1999, No. 1591, as amended", including those for on-site parking, must be adhered to. In addition, bed & breakfast establishments at the properties listed, as well as all new applications for bed & breakfast establishments within the City, may include the name of

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the bed & breakfast on the signage permitted under the "White Rock Sign Bylaw, 1986, No. 1042, as amended", with a maximum sign area of 0.37m² (4ft²).

This policy will be effective until <u>December 31, 2011</u> (following review and update of the Zoning Bylaw).

List of Subject Properties:

Lot 9, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 6761 PID: 011-206-560 (14466 Sunset Drive)

Lot 18, Block 16, Section 11, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 1334 PID: 000-599-948 (15964 Pacific Avenue)

South Half Lot 18, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 1390 PID: 002-272-920 (1185 Oxford Street)

Lot 1, Block 10, Section 11, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 1334 PID: 001-480-481 (15671 Columbia)

Lot 27 Except: The North 200 Feet; Section 9, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 6684 PID: 011-204-478 (13894 Terry Road)

Lot "M", Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 7710 PID: 011-285-761 (1287 High Street)

Lot 7, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 5729 PID: 011-147-156 (14647 Marine Drive)

Lot 15, Block 10, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 1390 PID: 011-280-239 (14778 Thrift Avenue)

Lot 16, Block 10, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 1390 PID: 011-280-247 (14778 Thrift Avenue)

Lot 47, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 5768 PID: 011-163-666

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(14635 Bellevue Crescent)

Lot 1, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan BCP14412 PID: 026-106-027 (15089 Buena Vista Avenue)

Lot A, Section 11, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan LMP18400 PID: 018-900-721 (835 Kent Street)

Lot 8, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 4378 PID: 011-079-720 (14884 Hardie Avenue)

Lot 1, Block 35, Section 11, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 2525 PID: 012-693-804 (1107 Fir Street)

Lot 4, Section 9, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 7798 PID: 011-262-028 (14336 Marine Drive)

Lot 2, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan BCP14412 PID: 026-106-035 (15093 Buena Vista Avenue)

Lot 103, Section 9, Township 1, New Westminster District Plan 30382 PID: 002-280-621 (1511 Phoenix Street)

Strata Lot C, Section 10, Township 1, New Westminster District Strata Plan LMS4719 PID: 025-447-777 (1353 Everall)

Rationale:

The City aims to encourage accessory bed & breakfasts as a form of tourist accommodation provided that they are safe and comfortable for tourists. Authorization, by way of licensing existing bed & breakfast establishments, is a valuable part of achieving this objective.

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POLICY TITLE: <u>SECONDARY SUITES</u>

POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING & DEV. SERVICES - 508

Date of Council Adoption: January 2004	Date of Last Amendment: April 29, 2013	
Council Resolution Number: 2004-15, 2013-134		
Originating Department:	Date last reviewed by the Governance and	
Planning and Development Services	Legislation Committee: April 15, 2013	

Policy:

Unauthorized secondary suites which are not yet registered through the City's Secondary Suite registration process, but which have been given notice by the City that they must be inspected and registered in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw shall be given six months from the date of the notice to meet the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw for secondary suites.

Secondary suites which have voluntarily applied for registration but which are deficient in some manner shall also be given six months from the date of the initial inspection to complete the required work.

Rationale:

Some secondary suites may require renovation or additional off-street parking to be constructed and they should be allowed a reasonable period of time to perform the required work.

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POLICY TITLE: OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN CONSULTATION

POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING - 512

Date of Council Adoption: November 7, 2016	Date of Last Amendment:	
Council Resolution Number: 2016-482	Historical Change:	
Originating Department: Planning and	Date last reviewed: November 7, 2016	
Development Services		

1. Purpose:

1.1 The *Local Government Act* requires local governments to provide one or more opportunities for consultation with persons, organizations and authorities that the local government considers will be affected by the development, repeal or amendment of an official community plan. This document sets out Council's consultation policies for implementing these requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Section 475 (1) of the *Local Government Act* requires that during the development of an official community plan, or the repeal or amendment of an official community plan, a local government, in addition to a public hearing, must provide one or more opportunities it considers appropriate for consultation. Section 475 (2) of the *Local Government Act* requires local governments to consider whether the opportunities for consultation should be early and ongoing, and specifically to consider whether consultation is required with:
 - i) the board of the regional district in which the area covered by the plan is located, in the case of a municipal official community plan;
 - ii) the board of any regional district that is adjacent to the area covered by the plan;
 - iii) the council of any municipality that is adjacent to the area covered by the plan;
 - iv) first nations;
 - v) boards of education, greater boards and improvement district boards; and
 - vi) the Provincial and federal governments and their agencies.
- 2.2 Nothing in this policy fetters Council's absolute discretion in relation to any particular development of an official community plan, or repeal or amendment of an official community plan.

3. Policy:

- 3.1 During the development of an official community plan, or the repeal or amendment of an official community plan, Council will provide the following opportunities it considers appropriate for consultation with the following persons, organizations and authorities, being the persons, organizations and authorities Council considers will be affected, and the following consultation policy applies to the development of an official community plan and any repeal or amendment of an official community plan:
 - 3.1.1 if a new plan, or a plan amendment or repeal, is in the opinion of the Director of Planning and Development Services inconsistent with the regional context statement, Metro Vancouver will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process, as soon as such inconsistency has been identified and will be consulted throughout the planning process;
 - 3.1.2 if a new plan under development, or a plan amendment or repeal, requires new servicing from the Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District, they will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process and will be consulted throughout the planning process;
 - 3.1.3 if a new plan under development, or a plan amendment or repeal, is in an area immediately adjacent to the City of Surrey or Semiahmoo First Nation Reserve, the City of Surrey or Semiahmoo First Nation, as applicable, will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process and will be consulted throughout the planning process;
 - 3.1.4 if a new plan under development, or a plan amendment or repeal, is in an area that includes the whole or any part of the School District, or proposes new residential development greater than three (3) dwelling units, the School District will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process and will be consulted throughout the planning process and in any event will be consulted at least once in each calendar year under section 476 (1) of the *Local Government Act*;
 - 3.1.5 if a new plan under development, or a plan amendment or repeal, includes land that is within an improvement district, that improvement district will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process and will be consulted throughout the planning process;
 - 3.1.6 if a new plan under development, or a plan amendment or repeal, affects areas of federal or provincial jurisdiction the appropriate department or agency or both will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process and will be consulted throughout the planning process; and
 - 3.1.7 if a new plan is under development, TransLink or any successor entity will be invited to participate in the early stages of the planning process and will be consulted throughout the planning process.
 - 3.2 Consultation in the early stages of the planning process includes initial contact to discuss issues at the Staff level.

- 3.3 Consultation throughout the planning process will include:
 - 3.3.1 referral of draft options, concepts or plans;
 - 3.3.2 requests for comments, a timeline for response, and general outline of the approval process; and
 - 3.3.3 contact among staff members to review, discuss and clarify issues that might arise.
- 3.4 Consultation with the School District will include seeking input as to:
 - 3.4.1 the actual and anticipated needs for school facilities and support services in the School District;
 - 3.4.2 the size, number and location of the sites anticipated to be required for the school facilities referred to in s. 3.4.1;
 - 3.4.3 the type of school anticipated to be required on the sites referred to in s. 3.4.1;
 - 3.4.4 when the school facilities and support services referred to in s. 3.4.1 are anticipated to be required; and
 - 3.4.5 how the existing and proposed school facilities relate to existing or proposed community facilities in the area.
- 3.5 During the planning process for a new or updated official community plan, amendment or repeal of a plan, consultation with the public may include one or more of the following, subject to Council's discretion in each case:
 - 3.5.1 consultation at an early stage to determine a vision, goals, and potential policies (through a workshop or design charrette);
 - 3.5.2 open houses / public information meetings;
 - 3.5.3 questionnaires and surveys of opinions;
 - 3.5.4 meetings with individual landowners.

For certainty, during the planning process for an amendment of an official community plan initiated by an application, consultation with the public will include:

- 3.5.5 open house / public information meeting as required in the Planning Procedures Bylaw, as amended.
- 3.6 Council will consider any input from the consultation process.
- 3.7 If an organization or authority listed under Section 2.1 does not respond to consultation efforts, within the timeline set out under Section 3.3.2, a notice will be sent to advise that the City will proceed with its consideration of the bylaw.

- 3.8 If an application has been submitted for an amendment to the zoning bylaw, which triggers an amendment to an existing official community plan, the zoning bylaw and official community plan amendments may be processed concurrently with consultation conducted as described in Section 3.1 through 3.5.
- 3.9 After first reading of an official community plan bylaw, Council will, in sequence:
 - 3.9.1 consider the plan in conjunction with the financial plan and any applicable waste management plan;
 - 3.9.2 hold a public hearing on the proposed official community plan in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*, as amended.

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POLICY TITLE: SECOND STOVES IN A DWELLING UNIT

POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING - 513

Date of Council Adoption: June 12, 2017	Date of Last Amendment:
Council Resolution Number: 2017-276	
Planning and Development Services	Date last reviewed by the Governance and
	Legislation Committee: April 24, 2017

Policy:

To allow a second stove in an ancillary kitchen within the main dwelling unit in a Single Family Dwelling Unit with or without an accessory registered secondary suite. The second stove must be adjacent to the main kitchen and not accessible to any part of the house other than the main kitchen.

Rationale:

It has become popular for many homes to have an "Oil" or "Spice Kitchen" ancillary to the main kitchen. The purpose of this ancillary kitchen is to cook things that require deep frying or "messy" processes.

The Zoning Bylaw defines "one - unit residential use" means a residential use limited to one dwelling unit on a lot exclusive of an accessory registered suite.

The Zoning Bylaw defines "dwelling unit" means one or more habitable rooms used for residential accommodation of one or more persons as independent and separate residence containing cooking, living, sleeping and sanitary facilities, containing of **one** stove and kitchen sink, and one or more sets of sanitary facilities for the exclusive use of such person or persons, but specifically excludes recreational vehicles".

In order to allow the ancillary kitchen, it must be subsidiary to the main kitchen in use and be adjacent to the main kitchen but cannot be accessible to or from any other room or part of the house other than the main kitchen.

The conformance to this policy shall be established through the plan review of the Building Permit application.

A second stove will not be permitted in any other part of the building unless it is in an accessory registered secondary suite.

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POLICY TITLE: <u>DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCEDURES CITY</u>

OWNED PUBLIC SPACE

POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING AND DEV. SERVICES - 509

Date of Council Adoption: September 11, 2000	Date of Last Amendment: April 29, 2013		
Council Resolution Number: 2013-134			
Originating Department: Planning and	Date last reviewed by the Governance and		
Development Services	Legislation Committee: April 15, 2013		

Policy:

All City owned public buildings are required to proceed through a development and design approval process similar to that used by the private sector regardless of whether or not they are sited within a Development Permit area.

For new City-owned buildings that are publically accessible, the architect and/or City staff managing the project will present the project to the City's Advisory Design Panel, and the Advisory Design Panel may provide feedback in the form of a resolution to Council on any recommended changes to the project.

This presentation to the Advisory Design Panel may be waived at the discretion of the Director of Planning and Development Services under extenuating circumstances, such as grant application timelines or the unavailability of the Advisory Design Panel.

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POLICY TITLE: CRITERIA FOR TYPE 2 TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS
ON PRIVATE LANDS

POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING AND DEV. SERVICES - 510

Date of Council Adoption: June 28, 2010	Date of Last Amendment: April 29, 2013	
Council Resolution Number: 2010-323; 2013-134		
Originating Department:: Planning and	Date last reviewed by the Governance and	
Development Services	Legislation Committee: April 15, 2013	

Policy:

- 1. Who Can Apply The tree must be on the applicant's lands or more than 50% on the applicant's lands and the remainder is on the City right-of-way. If more than 50% is on the City right-of-way it is treated as a tree on City lands. Further, if the tree(s) or the critical root zone straddles the property lines of two privately owned properties, both property owners will be required to make joint application.
- 2. Criteria for Making Type 2 Tree Removal Requests In order to be considered for removal (as defined in Bylaw No. 1831), the tree or trees must meet the following criteria:
 - i) the tree's roots are destroying property and cannot be resolved through root pruning; or
 - the tree is a nuisance and dropping pitch, sap, fruit or branches/nuts, causing damage to property (i.e. houses, cars); or
 - ii) the tree is getting large and mature and, although healthy, is generating concern that it could become a hazard during a major storm event; or
 - iii) the tree has been previously topped or inappropriately trimmed and although still healthy is at future risk of failure; or
 - the tree is impeding completely obstructing views and views cannot be improved through approved pruning practices such as crown thinning or width reduction.
- 3. **Notification Prior to Decision** The City will mail or deliver letters to the property owners immediately adjacent to the property under consideration for Type 2 tree removal request with a request for comments to be returned by a specified date prior to consideration of the request.
- 4. **Criteria for Decision** Requests for Type 2 requests shall be reviewed in relation to the following criteria:

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- i) the topping of trees as defined in Bylaw No. 1831 is not permitted.
- ii) the proposed tree removal must not adversely impact privacy, screening or shading for a neighboring property owner, unless they have no objections to the tree removal.
- the "nuisance unwanted tree" criteria must be supported by sufficient evidence, including photographs in order to determine the degree or type of nuisance or damage, where the accumulation of falling leaves or evergreen needles only does not qualify as a nuisance damage.
- iv) Previously topped or inappropriately trimmed trees should be considered for removal and replacement.
- 5. **Notice of Decision** copies of the decision will be given to Council, to the applicants, and to the immediately adjacent property owners.
- 6. **Appeals** the opportunity to appeal the decision to Council shall be made within 14 days of the notification, and provided solely to applicants when their request has been denied. The decision of Council on the appeal shall be final. No tree cutting will be permitted until completion

THE CORPORATION OF THE **CITY OF WHITE ROCK**15322 BUENA VISTA AVENUE, WHITE ROCK, B.C. V4B 1Y6



POLICY TITLE: RECOGNITION AND STRATEGIC MESSAGES

POLICY NUMBER: <u>COUNCIL - 135</u>

Date of Council Adoption: April 16, 2012	Date of Last Amendment: February 25, 2019		
Council Resolution Number: 2011-234, 2012-104, 2013-082, 2015-285, 2017-063, 2019-042, 2019-			
Originating Department: Administration			
	Legislation Committee: February 25, 2019		

Policy

- 1. Mayor and Council greetings will be placed in a strategic fashion in various municipal guides and speciality publications.
- 2. Each greeting is based on merit and is a Communications Officer decision in consultation with the Mayor.
- 3. Up to eleven (11) paid strategic messages be placed in the Peace Arch News annually as follows:
 - a. National Volunteer Week
 - b. Canada Day
 - c. Remembrance Day
 - d. Christmas Day/New Years Day
 - e. And that Mayor and Council each bring forward one event (seven total) to be approved by Council as a paid strategic message for the remainder of the term (Appendix A).

Rationale

To balance public recognition of significant dates within budget limitations in a manner that is consistent with the City's mission and value statements.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF COUNCIL SELECTED STRATIC MESSAGES IN EFECT COUNCIL TERM (2018 – 2022)

February - Black History Month February - Family Day March - International Women's Day April - Easter June – National Indigenous Peoples Day June/July – Pride Week August- BC Day December - Hanukah

MEMO

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2019

TO: GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FROM: TRACEY ARTHUR, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

RE: ONLINE COUNCIL MEMBER VOTING RECORDS

At the November 18, 2019 regular Council meeting, a member of the public inquired if the City of White Rock could post voting records on the website, noting that the City of Richmond offers this feature on theirs.

Council directed this matter to be placed on the next Governance and Legislation Committee meeting agenda, and in preparation for discussions, staff reached out to the City of Richmond requesting information and background with respect to their system.

Attached for your information is the directive and corporate report outlining options considered by the City of Richmond. Their selection is a stand-alone database, and the data is populated into the system after the meetings. This system was designed by in-house technical staff.

The City of White Rock uses existing software and creates/publishes their Council documents (agendas/minutes) manually without a data-base or software program. The only external systems used to convey information is web-streaming (Granicus) as well as the City's website, Civic Plus, which would involve purchase of further modules.

Staff have contacted the City's web streaming service (Granicus) and they provided <u>preliminary</u> cost(s) of approximately \$9,840 US.

The information is also attached to the memo for information purposes.

Given the time and extra funds required, Council would ultimately need to consider the value and use of the materials it provides.

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Director of Corporate Administration

Appendix A: City of Richmond corporate report dated February 26, 2019 titled "Options for an Online

Council Member Voting Record"

Appendix B: Council directive requesting staff bring forward information regarding Online Council

Member Voting Records.

Appendix C: City of Richmond Voting Record Excerpt & example from their website.

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Report to Committee

To:

General Purposes Committee

Date:

February 26, 2019

From:

David Weber

File:

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Director, City Clerk's Office

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Re:

Options for an Online Council Member Voting Record

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Options for an Online Council Member Voting Record," dated February 26, 2019, from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be received for information.

David Weber

Director, City Clerk's Office

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(604-276-4098)

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ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER	
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Staff Report

Origin

At the General Purposes Committee of December 3, 2018, the following referral motion was adopted:

That staff be directed to examine options and the feasibility for a public registry of City Council member voting records and report back.

This report responds to this referral and outlines options for Council's consideration.

Analysis

It is commonplace even for very small local governments to publish agendas and minutes online. The City of Richmond was an early adopter of this practice and has been publishing Council and Committee agendas and minutes since January 2000. The minutes comply with all requirements of the *Local Government Act* and the *Council Procedures Bylaw* by recording all motions and final decisions of Council, direction to staff, Council members' attendance or absence, declarations of conflict of interest, pertinent discussion and votes cast on all motions including specifying those voting in opposition. Outside of the Council and Committee minutes, there is currently no other stand-alone City summary of individual Council member votes.

Staff conducted a scan of 80 local government websites in BC and across the country in order to determine if and how municipalities post summary voting data online (Attachment 1). A total of 40 BC and lower mainland local government websites were surveyed. Of those surveyed, every local government publishes agendas and minutes online, and 2 of those local governments, namely Vancouver and Prince George, also create and publish a separate Council member voting record online. Additionally, out of a total of 40 of the largest cities and provincial capitals that were surveyed across Canada, a further 3 cities, namely Toronto, Brampton, and Halifax, were found to publish a separate voting record or summary on their websites in addition to publishing agendas and minutes.

The municipalities that regularly provide a voting summary separate from meeting minutes take varying approaches to compiling and presenting the voting data and offer different features as part of their end product. These differing approaches generally reflect varying levels of resources devoted to the process. A brief description of each city's approach is provided in Attachments 2-6 along with samples of the published voting records. Below is a summary of some of the key differences in approaches and features observed:

How voting data is captured: Some of the municipalities simply work from the official minutes to glean the voting data for the voting record or summary after the fact. Other municipalities, such as Vancouver, Toronto and Halifax, instead use their meeting audio/visual control systems to capture and collect live voting data at the time of voting. By pressing buttons during the meeting on a control panel, individual Council members can cast their vote on a motion which is then captured and populated into a system that is used to create and display a voting record. This approach requires the appropriate hardware and software to be in place in the meeting room.

- Static documents versus database-driven systems: Some municipalities create a separate static document for the voting summary which simply lists the agenda items along with the individual Council member votes. Other municipalities capture the voting information in a database system which is then used to create or display a dynamic online report. Database-driven systems are typically more flexible in terms of how the information can be accessed and displayed over time, they provide more search and filter options, and can more easily link to related minutes and reports.
- Resources: Depending on the nature of the voting record or summary, a municipality's investment towards providing this service may be modest or significant. Prince George's model, for example, would be fairly modest to implement as it would only require the production of a single document once every two weeks. At the other end of the spectrum, Toronto's investment has been significant in that their online voting record is part of a larger meeting management database system that was developed in-house approximately ten years ago. This system manages all manner of information related to the legislative process including agenda creation, minutes, referral and action tracking, voting records, searching and web publication. The system is used by numerous legislative services staff and the public and is supported by four full-time technical staff to manage the system.

City of Richmond Council Decisions Database

Since approximately 2005, the City Clerk's Office has maintained a database which documents all open Council meeting decisions as presented in official minutes. Information in the Council Decisions Database dates from the year 2000 onwards and is regularly kept up-to-date. Using a web-based interface, users can search the database by multiple fields such as subject, keyword and date. Once a search result is obtained, users can link directly from the database search results list to the relevant minutes and reports on the City website. Over the years, the database has grown in scope and has become a significant tool for staff for records management and research.

Initially, the database was used only by staff in the City Clerk's Office to assist with research requests. However, a few years ago, after the addition of a more user-friendly search screen, the database was made available to all City staff as a self-serve research tool through the City intranet. Over the last year, staff have been working towards making the database available to the public on the City website, with a potential public launch of the system by mid-2019.

The database significantly enhances access to the vast store of information found in minutes and reports on the City website that document the Council decision-making process over the last 19 years. Once launched, the Council Decisions Database will provide an enhanced level of service to the public and will support transparency of government and improve access to information. This enhanced level of service will support and make all of the options outlined below more robust.

Option 1 - Enhanced status quo

Voting information is a required element and is already included in official municipal minutes. Every recorded motion indicates whether it is carried or defeated and includes the names of individual Council members who may have voted in opposition. Minutes of Council and

Committee meetings have been readily available online and in the public domain since January 2000 and provide a comprehensive voting record for all motions and resolutions.

While it may currently be challenging to search for a specific item out of 19 years of minutes and reports, the soon to be launched Council Decisions Database (available mid-2019) will significantly enhance the public's ability to research Council decisions, reports to Council and voting information as recorded in minutes.

There is no additional financial impact to implementing Option 1.

Option 2 - Voting Record created as a static document

A separate voting record could be produced after each meeting in the form of a simple word-processed, excel or pdf document, similar to the Prince George voting record. As a static standalone document, there would be little to no ability to search or filter results, and there would be no ability to dynamically display the information. Over time, static stand-alone voting record documents would become very lengthy and numerous and challenging to navigate.

Staff recommend that if voting information were provided separately under this option, that it only be made available on a "go-forward" basis (starting with the beginning of the current Council term) and that the scope of the available records would cover decisions made at Council meetings and Public Hearings.

There would be no additional start-up cost to creating and publishing static stand-alone voting record documents following each meeting. There would be some ongoing staffing impact since the creation of the voting record documents would require some effort on the part of staff following each meeting, however, it is anticipated that this task could be reasonably incorporated into current workloads. Implementation could proceed forthwith.

Option 3 - Voting Record built as an add-on to an existing City database

It would also be feasible to create a separate voting record or voting summary by building new functionality into the Council Decisions Database. The vendor of the Council Decisions Database software has indicated that this functionality could be reasonably added to the current system and would work in conjunction with the existing body of work in the database, thus avoiding duplication of effort if a separate stand-alone record were to be implemented. A voting record provided in this manner would function similarly to that seen in the Vancouver model and would provide various search, filtering and display features. Links to the minutes and reports would also be possible.

Staff recommend that if voting information were provided separately under this option, that it only be made available on a "go-forward" basis (starting with the beginning of the current Council term) and that the scope of the available records would cover decisions made at Council meetings and Public Hearings.

A voting record provided as an add-on to Richmond's existing Council Decisions Database would have an estimated start-up cost under \$10,000. There would be some ongoing staffing impact since entering the voting data into the database following each meeting would require some effort on the part of staff, however, it is anticipated that this task could be reasonably incorporated into current workloads. Implementation would occur by mid-2019 with the launch of the Council Decisions Database.

Option 4 - Voting Record built on live voting data

Several of the municipalities that provide a separate voting record, including Vancouver, Toronto and Halifax, capture the voting data using a live voting feature that is built into their respective meeting room control systems. To illustrate, during a meeting when the question is called on a motion, Council members are asked to press voting buttons on a control panel, the results of which are displayed on a screen and are automatically captured into a database system. This data is later used as the source to display an online voting record. Online voting records created using this type of system typically include search and filter capabilities and flexible online reporting.

The City of Richmond does not have a voting component as part of the current Council Chambers audio/visual meeting control system, although the original system was capable of displaying voting information on the Council Chamber screens. In order to display and capture live voting data in the same manner as Vancouver, Toronto and Halifax, and then to provide an online voting record, software modifications would be required to the current Council Chambers system at a one-time estimated cost of \$44,000.

This option would require a significant change to the existing meeting procedures in that voting would no longer be conducted by a show of hands, but instead, voting would be conducted using technology to tabulate, display and record voting results.

Although staff recommend that voting records be provided only for Council decisions made at Council meetings and Public Hearings on a "go-forward" basis, if Council directed that the same functionality also be provided for Committee meetings, then the Anderson Room would have to be equipped with the appropriate hardware and software (similar to the Council Chambers system) at a further estimated cost of \$32,000 or, alternately, the Committee meetings would have to be held in the Council Chambers.

If Council's preference were Option 4, the next steps would be to better define the scope of work for the necessary system upgrades, including any potential OBI (ongoing budget impact) and to submit a capital request as part of the 2020 budget cycle.

Table 1: Summary of Options and Features

	Option 1 (Enhanced status quo)	Option 2 (Voting Record created as a static document)	Option 3 (Voting Record as addon to City database)	Option 4 (Voting Record built on live voting data)
Minutes and Reports Available Online (minutes include voting information)(already existing)	√	✓	√	✓
Enhanced search capability using new Council Decisions Database (starting mid-2019)	√	✓	√	✓
Separate Voting Record in addition to official minutes		✓	✓	✓
Ability to search and filter voting data			✓	✓
Additional cost – one-time (with possible OBI for Option 4)			✓ (Under \$10,000)	(\$44,000 - \$76,000)
Changes to meeting procedures required	C	NCL - 126		✓

Financial Analysis

There is no direct financial impact for Option 1 or Option 2.

The financial impact of implementing Option 3 would be under \$10,000 and could be funded from Council Contingency.

The financial impact of Option 4, which would require significant software and hardware upgrades in the Council Chambers (and potentially in the Anderson Room) would be estimated to cost from \$44,000 to \$76,000. If Option 4 is the preferred option, a capital project request, including any potential OBI (operating budget impact), would be submitted for consideration as part of the next budget process. However, if Council wished to proceed with Option 4 prior to the next budget process, staff could suggest alternate funding sources such as Council Contingency.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

There are a number of options available should Council decide to implement a separate Council member voting record. Option 1 (Enhanced Status Quo) will leverage the mid-2019 launch of the Richmond Council Decisions Database. This Database will offer a new and robust search tool that will assist the public in navigating through the official minutes and reports considered by Council over the last 19 years. The database supports transparency of the Council decision-making process and provides enhanced access to information found in the minutes. The official minutes provide a complete record and full wording of every resolution along with the voting information for each motion as required by law.

The Council Decisions Database will also support and provide an enhanced level of service in conjunction with all of the options outlined in this report. Options 2, 3 and 4 outline levels of service whereby a further additional voting record is made available that summarizes how individual Council members vote on resolutions. The difference between Options 2, 3 and 4 is the cost, the flexibility and strength of the search and display features, and the way in which the voting data is captured.

In Option 2 (the static document model), the voting data is taken from the minutes, the cost is negligible, but the search and display features are limited. In Option 3 (building a voting record by adding new functionality to the Council Decisions Database), the voting data is also taken from the minutes, the start-up cost is under \$10,000, and the search and display features would be flexible and similar to Vancouver's online voting record. In Option 4, the voting data would be captured live using a new push-button voting display system, the cost of which is estimated at \$44,000 to upgrade the Council Chambers or \$76,000 to upgrade the Chambers and the

Anderson Room meeting control systems. Option 4 would also have flexible search and display features and would have the ability to provide an online voting record with similar features to Vancouver's and similar to that described in Option 3.

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- Att.
- 1: Online Voting Record Scan of 80 Local Government Websites
- 2: City of Vancouver Council Voting Record
- 3: City of Prince George Council Voting Summary
- 4: City of Brampton Recorded Vote Summary
- 5: City of Halifax Council Voting Report
- 6: City of Toronto Council Voting Record Data Set
- 7: City of Richmond Council Decisions Database

Online Voting Record - Scan of 80 Local Government Websites

BC and Lower Mainland Local Governments Larger Canadian and Other Select Local Governments

A scan of other local government websites was undertaken to determine:

- Which local governments publish agendas online
- Which local governments publish minutes online
- Which local governments publish an additional voting record online

Findings:

- All local governments surveyed publish minutes and/or agendas online.
- 5 out of 80 local governments surveyed publish an additional voting record online.

BC and Lower Mainland Local Governments	Publish Agendas?	Publish Minutes?	Publish additional or separate Voting Records?
1. Abbotsford	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
2. Anmore	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
3. <u>Belcarra</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
4. Bowen Island	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
5. <u>Burnaby</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
6. <u>Chilliwack</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
7. Coquitlam	Yes	Yes	No
8. <u>Delta</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
9. <u>Harrison Hot Springs</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
10. <u>Hope</u>	Yes	Yes	No
11. Kamloops	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
12. <u>Kelowna</u>	Yes	Yes	No
13. <u>Kent</u>	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
14. Langley (City)	Yes	Yes	No
15. Langley (Township)	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
16. <u>Lions Bay</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
17. Maple Ridge	Yes	Yes	No
18. Metro Vancouver	Yes	Yes	No
19. Mission	Yes	Yes	No
20. Nanaimo	Yes	Yes	No
21. Nanaimo Reg. District	Yes	Yes	No
22. New Westminster	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
23. North Vancouver (City)	Yes	Yes	No
24. North Vancouver (Dist)	Yes	Yes	No
25. Pemberton	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No

BC and Lower Mainland Local Governments	Publish Agendas?	Publish Minutes?	Publish additional or separate Voting Records?
26. Pitt Meadows	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
27. Port Coquitlam	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
28. Port Moody	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
29. Prince George	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Yes
30. Quesnel	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
31. Richmond	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
32. <u>Squamish</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
33. <u>Surrey</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
34. Vancouver	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	Yes
35. <u>Vernon</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
36. <u>Victoria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
37. West Kelowna	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
38. West Vancouver	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
39. Whistler	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
40. White Rock	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No

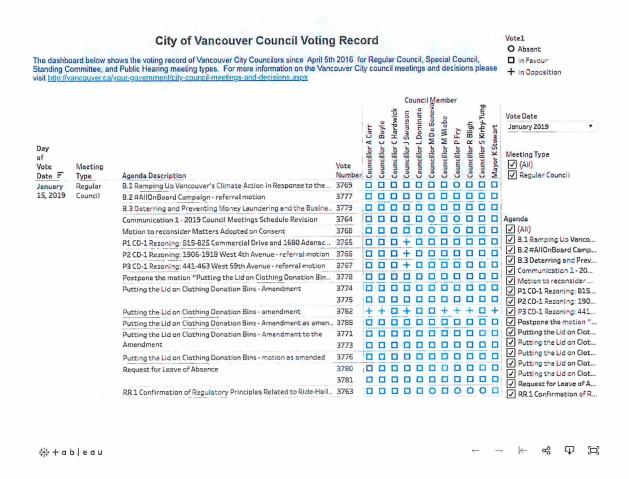
Larger Canadian / Other Select Local Governments	Publish Agendas?	Publish Minutes?	Publish additional or separate Voting Records?
41. Barrie, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
42. Brampton, Ontario	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
43. Burlington, Ontario	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
44. Calgary, Alberta	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
45. <u>Cambridge</u> , Ontario	Yes	Yes	No
46. Charlottetown, PEI	Yes	Yes	No
47. Edmonton, Alberta	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
48. Gatineau, Quebec	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
49. Greater Sudbury, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
50. Guelph, Ontario	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
51. Halifax, Nova Scotia	Yes	Yes	Yes
52. <u>Hamilton</u> , Ontario	Yes	Yes	No
53. <u>Kitchener</u> , Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
54. <u>Levis</u> , Quebec	Yes	Yes	No
55. <u>London</u> , Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
56. Longueuil, Quebec	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
57. Markham, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
58. Mississauga, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
59. Montreal, Quebec	Yes	Yes	No

Larger Canadian / Other Select Local Governments (cont.)	Publish Agendas?	Publish Minutes?	Publish additional or separate Voting Records?
60. Oakville, Ontario	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
61. Oshawa, Ontario	Yes	Yes	No
62. Ottawa, Ontario	Yes	Yes	No
63. Pointe Claire, Quebec	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
64. Portland, Oregon	Yes	Yes	No
65. Quebec City, Quebec	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
66. Regina, Saskatchewan	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
67. Saint John, New Brunswick	Yes	<u>Yes</u>	No
68. <u>Saskatoon</u> , Saskatchewan	Yes	Yes	No
69. <u>Seattle</u> , Washington	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
70. Sherbrooke Quebec	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
71. St. Catharines, Ontario	Yes	Yes	No
72. St. John's, Newfoundland	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
73. Toronto, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	Yes
74. <u>Trois-Rivières</u> , Quebec	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
75. Vaughan, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
76. Whitby, Ontario	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
77. Whitehorse, Yukon	<u>Yes</u>	Yes	No
78. Windsor, Ontario	Yes	Yes	No
79. Winnipeg, Manitoba	Yes	Yes	No
80. <u>Yellowknife</u> , NWT	Yes	Yes	No

City of Vancouver

Council Voting Record

- The City of Vancouver began publishing a searchable online voting record in 2016 as part of a broader City-wide open data initiative.
- The voting data is captured and recorded live at the time of voting when Council members press voting buttons that are linked to the Council Chambers a/v meeting control system.
- Council member votes are captured and made available for Regular and Special Council meetings, Standing Committee meetings, and Public Hearings, which are all held in the Council Chambers where the hardware / software for data capture is located.
- The Vancouver Council Voting Record system allows users to download voting data, to filter and display voting data by month, meeting type, agenda items and by Council member.
- Agendas and minutes are available in a separate area on the City of Vancouver's website and are not directly linked to the Voting Record items.



Website: https://vancouver.ca/your-government/council-voting-dashboard.aspx

City of Prince George Council Voting Summary

- The City of Prince George produces a Voting Summary document following each Council meeting which is published on its website alongside the meeting minutes.
- The summary provides a listing of agenda items and report titles along with the voting data which is taken from the minutes.
- The summary is a stand-alone document and published as a pdf document.
- The individual Voting Record summaries are not linked to one another, they have no search or filtering capabilities and are not directly linked to the meeting minutes.

genda Item	Description	Mayor Hall	Councillor Evertt	Councillor Frizzell	Councillor Koehler	Councillor Krause	Councilior McConnachie	Councilior Merrick	Councillor Scott	Councillor Skakun	Decision	For/Against Count
A.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	CARRIED	8-0
B.1	ADOPTION OF MINUTES Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held February 19, 2018	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	CARRIED	8-0
C.	DELEGATIONS		-									
C.1	Volunteer Prince George	-							A STATE OF STREET			
C.2	Prince George BMX Supertrak	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	CARRIED	8-0
D.	CONSENT AGENDA					Section 1				-		
D.1	Report: Dave Dyer, General Manager of Engineering and Public Works: BMX Track Lighting at Carrie Jane Gray Park	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	CARRIED	8-0
E.	INFORMAL HEARINGS						The second second		Newscort Cost Contact	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	-	
E.1	Report: Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development: <u>Development Variance Permit Application</u> <u>No. VP100491</u> 5202 Chief Lake Road (To Approve)	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	CARRIED	7-1
E.2	Report: Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development: <u>Development Variance Permit Application</u> <u>No. VP100490</u> 3620 Fisher Road (To Approve)	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	CARRIED	7-0
F.	FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING		-			-	-	and the last	-			

Sample page from March 5, 2018 City of Prince George Council meeting https://www.princegeorge.ca/City%20Hall/Minutes/2018/March/2018-03-05-Voting_Summary_2018.pdf

City of Brampton

Council Recorded Votes Summary

- The City of Brampton publishes a voting record summary of "recorded votes" only.
- Recorded votes are those that, by request of a Council member, are recorded indicating those in favour and those opposed to a motion. Unless a recorded vote is otherwise requested, the minutes would only indicate whether a motion is carried or lost.
- The summary is provided on the website in a pdf format and in a large tabular form online (shown below) which allows for filtering and sorting of results.
- Links to meeting minutes are also provided.

2014-2018 Term of Council Recorded Votes

Last Updated for the Council Meeting held on September 12, 2018.

This page lists recorded votes for City Council and its Standing Committees for the 2014-2018 term. For the official meeting record or questi

This glossary of terms is listed for convenience to help users understand the terminology that has been used in the list of recorded votes.

Council / Committee	Meeting Date	Agenda Item #	Agenda Item Subject	
City Council	2014/12/1	IO N.1	Mayor's compensation	
City Council - Special	2014/12/1	17 D.2	Interim Auditor General	Cont.
City Council - Special	2014/12/1	17 D.2	Interim Auditor General	L
City Council - Special	2014/12/1	17 D.2	Interim Auditor General	
Corporate Services Committee	2015/01/2	21 H,9	Lobbyist Registry under Sec.223.9	
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City of Halifax

Council Voting Report

- Halifax publishes a vote summary for its Council meetings the data for which is captured using a meeting room control system similar to Vancouver's. However, the summary that is produced (sample shown below) is a static document and has no search or filter capabilities.
- The Voting Report summary is published online as a background document along with the meeting video and meeting minutes.

Voting Report

14.6.1 Case 20594 - Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for lands at Opportunity Site B, Fall River

Meeting:	Regional Council January 29, 2019					
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Vote name:	14.6.1 Case 20594 - Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and					
Vote subject:	Land Use By-law for lands at Opportunity Site B, Fall River					
Vote start:	29/01/2019 15:23:11					
Vote stop:	29/01/2019 15:23:55					

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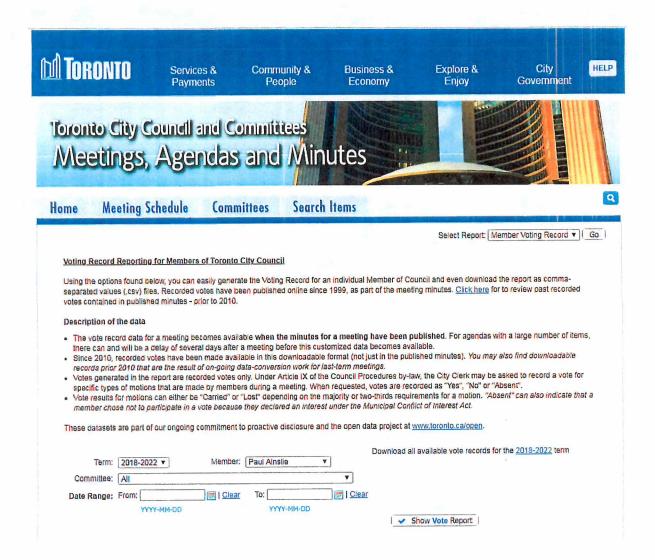
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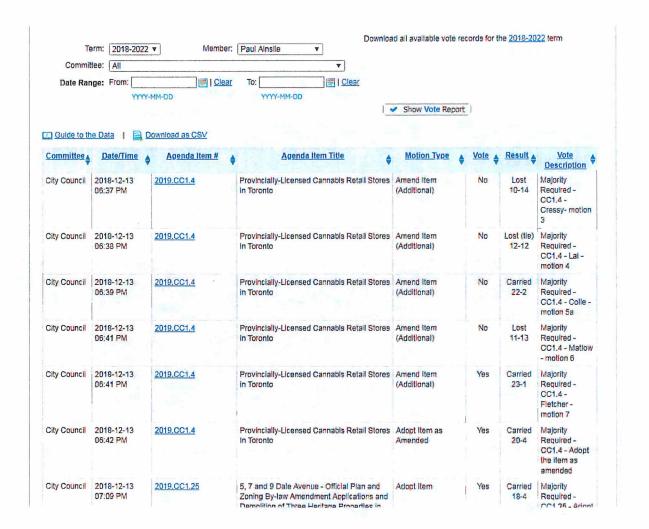
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City of Toronto Council Voting Record Data Set

- The City of Toronto provides web-based access to their Council member voting records dating back to 2010.
- Accessible through Toronto's open data system, the voting record includes the ability to search by Council term and Council member name. Further filtering by Committee or date range is also possible from the main search screen. Once a result is presented, the system allows the user to sort various information columns.
- Users may also download into Microsoft Excel the voting records for the entire cumulative 2018-2022 term.
- The Voting Record data is a component of a broader more comprehensive legislative services information management system that was developed in-house.
- Links to further information in agendas and minutes are provided



Sample Toronto Voting Record

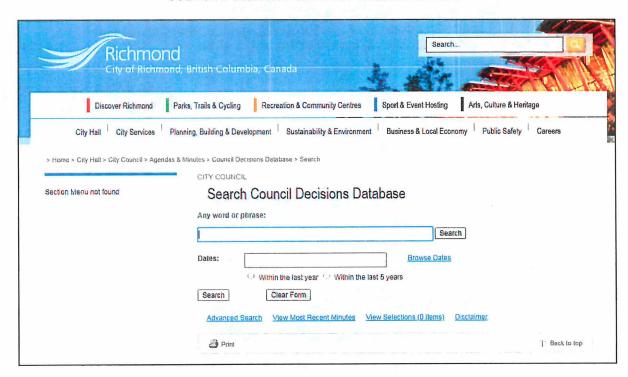


City of Richmond

Council Decisions Database

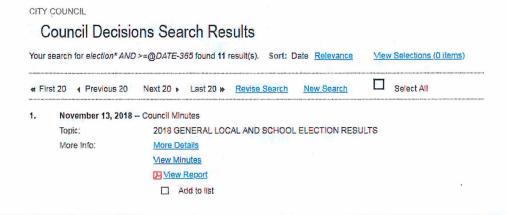
- The Council Decisions Database was developed as an internal research tool. Staff have been working over the last year to make the database available to the public on the City of Richmond website. It is anticipated that the database will be ready to launch by mid-2019.
- With close to 12,000 entries in the database covering 19 years of Council minutes and reports the database provides enhanced search capabilities and enables browsing by multiple fields.
- Database users have the ability to save, email, or print out search results for future reference and use.
- The database searches the full text of the minutes and returns results showing resolutions, discussion and Council member voting information.
- Links are provided directly to minutes and reports.

Council Decisions Database Search Screen:



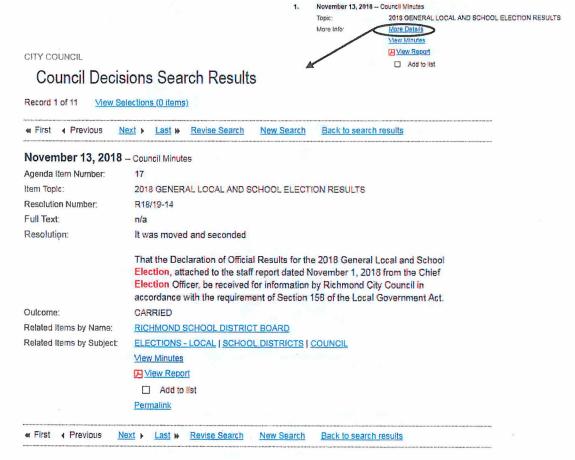
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Search results initially present an abbreviated list with the option to select "More Details" "View Minutes" and/or "View Report".



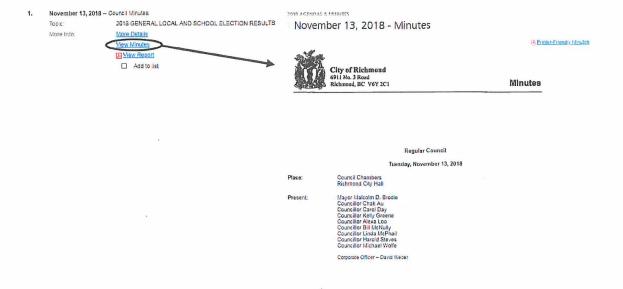
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Selecting "More Details" will provide the complete entry from the official minutes including discussion, the text of the resolution, the result of the vote and the names of those opposed (if any):



Selecting "View Minutes"

Selecting "View Minutes" links the user to the minutes web page relevant to that item.



Selecting "View Report"

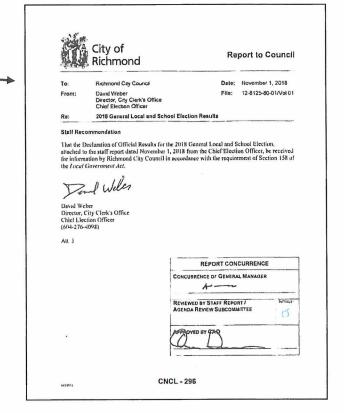
Selecting "View Report" links the user directly to the PDF of the report(s) to Council which may then be downloaded as a pdf or printed.

November 13, 2018 - Council Minutes 2018 GENERAL LOCAL AND SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS Topic More Details

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ONLINE VOTING RECORD

Direct staff to find options for a public registry of City Councils members voting records that clearly and simply allows interested parties to access the voting record of each councillor and the mayor and bring the options back to council for consideration.

Rational: Currently people interested in the voting record of council have to go through tedious and often confusing minutes of each public meeting in order to access the voting records. The public find it difficult to follow the process and subsequently understand the results are various issues that have come before council.

Providing current and easy to understand information would enhance transparency and confidence in City Council and allow the public to better understand the decisions made at council meetings.

In Toronto the public can see the description of the agenda item and the vote by simply clicking a button the attached information was found on this web site http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/getAdminReport.do.

In Vancouver a simple tab on the web site allows the public to quickly and easily access voting records on all agenda items chronologically for all council

http://data.vancouver.ca/datacatalogue/council-voting-record.htm

Here is the link: http://data.vancouver.ca/datacatalogue/council-voting-record.htm

City of Vancouver Council Voting Record

Standing Committee, and Public Hearing meeting types. For more information on the Vancouver City council meetings and decisions please The dashboard below shows the voting record of Vancouver City Councilors since April 5th 2016 for Regular Council, Special Council visit http://vancouver.ca/your-government/city-council-meetings-and-decisions.aspx

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Stephanie Lam

Subject:

UBCM Child Care Planning Grant

From: Kirby, Michelle MCF:EX < Michelle.Kirby@gov.bc.ca >

Sent: December 2, 2019 12:22

To: Darryl Walker < DWalker@whiterockcity.ca>; David Chesney < DChesney@whiterockcity.ca>; Helen Fathers

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Subject: UBCM Child Care Planning Grant

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor Walker and Councillors,

I want to let you know that the <u>UBCM Child Care Planning Program</u> reopened in September, and the deadline for grant applications is <u>January 31, 2020</u>. In 2019, UBCM granted 74 local governments up to \$25,000 each for the development of child care plans to better assess the inventory of child care spaces, as well as the gaps in access to licensed, affordable child care in their communities.

I noticed that White Rock did not receive a child care planning grant in 2019, and I hoped that you would consider applying for 2020.

This would require:

- a resolution from Council,
- a completed three page application form,
- and budget detailing how you would spend the grant.

I hope that you will consider applying for these funds to support your community planning, and provide valuable insight into where child care should be built, and identify which age groups need spaces (Infant-Toddler, 3-5 year old, or School Age care).

The <u>Childcare BC New Spaces Fund</u> is helping to fund the creation of 22,000 licensed child care spaces throughout British Columbia. Funding is available to support the creation, expansion and relocation of child care facilities proposing to create new licensed child care spaces. Families earning less than \$111,000 have access to the <u>Affordable Child Care Benefit</u>, which can reduce fees for parents by hundreds of dollars. They can only access the affordability programs if they have access to licensed spaces, so we're doing our best to create more licensed child care centres across BC.

Please feel free to contact me to learn more!

Thanks,

Michelle Kirby
Senior Manager, Partnerships and Engagement
Child Care Capital and Community Services
Early Years and Inclusion Division
Ministry of Children and Family Development
Michelle.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Office: 778-698-2215

THE CORPORATION OF THE **CITY OF WHITE ROCK**15322 BUENA VISTA AVENUE, WHITE ROCK, B.C. V4B 1Y6



POLICY TITLE: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FUND

POLICY NUMBER: FINANCE - 307

Date of Council Adoption: 2000	Date of Last Amendment: November 4, 2013				
Council Resolution Number: 2005-336; 2013-346					
Originating Department: Finance	Date last reviewed by Finance and Audit				
	Committee: October 7, 2013				

Policy:

- 1. The City will maintain a General Operating Fund accumulated surplus at 10% to 15% of general operating financial plan expenditures for the purpose of:
 - (i) Ensuring the City's General Operating Fund is never in a deficit position;
 - (ii) Interim financing to reduce the debt incurred to borrow for operations until the City's taxation due date;
 - (iii) Finance internal borrowing to reduce the cost of debt; and
 - (iv) A buffer against annual variations in anticipated revenues
- 2. At the conclusion of the annual audit, if the General Operating Fund accumulated surplus balance exceeds 15%, the excess is to be either transferred to operations or to a capital reserve.

The transfer of a portion of the General Operating Fund accumulated surplus balance to current year operations can be used only for emergencies, non-recurring operating expenditures, or early debt repayment expenditures

If a transfer of a portion of the General Operating Fund accumulated surplus balance results in a balance below the level established as the objective of the fund, a restoration strategy is required as part of the recommendations to utilize the fund.

Rationale:

To ensure the City has funding available to use for emergencies and to ensure the general operating fund is never in a deficit position.

THE CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: February 24, 2020

TO: Governance and Legislation Committee

FROM: Chris Zota, Manager of IT

SUBJECT: Information Technology Policy No. 801 – Open Data Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Governance and Legislation Committee:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated Februry 24, 2020 from the Manager of IT titled "Information Technology Policy No. 801 Open Data Policy"; and
- 2. Recommends that Council endorse "Information Technology Policy No. 801 Open Data Policy".

INTRODUCTION:

The City of White Rock collects and uses a wide array of data in the course of its everyday operations. This data is an important strategic asset and, when managed well, is a source of significant value to the City. Open Data makes machine-readable data freely available, easy to access, and most importantly, simple to reuse. Many public sector organizations already make their data available to the public, including on their websites or in reports and publications. Taking steps to make this data easier to find and use, and opening access to other datasets, will unlock opportunities for the public sector, businesses and communities to utilize data in more and diverse ways.

ANALYSIS:

Given the current fiscal constraints and pressures on government services, including increasing demand for flexible and high quality online and mobile services, better management and new uses of existing assets such as data is now more important than ever. Building a strong open data program requires a strong foundation. The City went live with an open data portal in 2014 and due to operational constraints, the number of data sets made available is somewhat limited by comparison with other public sector bodies.

When government data is made open to the public, new ideas and perspectives unlock exponential potential for it to be re-used, analyzed, and correlated to help improve the City's delivery of public services, engage with citizens in government decision making, and innovate our approaches to civic problem-solving. A stable foundation and substantial investment in open data will be a key contributor to the success of strategic initiatives like Open Government and Smart Cities.

In order to tackle the civic and social issues facing our community, the City cannot work in isolation. Greater community involvement requires a focus on establishing, fostering, and growing a network of mutually-beneficial community partnerships that will produce benefits for residents of White Rock. Community groups can and should become critical partners for capturing the value

of open data and improving the program. Open by default needs to be a formal requirement and holistically embraced by senior leadership. Open data should be easily discoverable, widely accessible, and made available without bureaucratic or administrative barriers that would deter people from accessing it.

To be of value, open data should be prioritized given the needs from users and the resources needed for publication, and it must be comprehensive, accurate, and of high quality. The City needs to remove organizational cultural barriers to open data. This can be fulfilled through recognition of the effort and value groups create within the organization and for the community. Creating safe spaces and strong relationships to address perceived risks in releasing open data needs to be addressed at all levels of the organization.

Administering a successful Open Data program entails the following key elements:

- a specially designed website (<u>www.data.whiterockcity.ca</u>)
- supporting policy, fully embraced by senior management and a dedicated clerical position to assist with data classification and manipulation processes
- ideally, a permanent part-time (2-3 days per week) position will help take this program in the right direction

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The current financial plan does not include additional permanent part-time staff resources that would be necessary to administer this program.

CONCLUSION:

To be successful, open data must be fully embedded within City's processes. To do this, open data needs to be a fundamental part of White Rock's operations. Create Open Data as an official City program and align it with other organizational data governance initiatives.

Staff are proposing that an Open Data program be formalized with the adoption of the attached policy. Open Data staff resources would still be required in order to effectively grow and advance the Open Data program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Zota Manager of IT

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer:

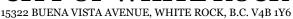
I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.

Dan Bottrill

Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Information Technology Policy No. 801 – Open Data Policy

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK





POLICY TITLE: OPEN DATA POLICY NUMBER: NO. 801

Date of Council Adoption: February 24, 2020	Date of Last Amendment:
Council Resolution Number:	
Originating Department: Information	Date last reviewed by the Governance and
Technology	Legislation Committee:

Policy:

Policy Statement

The City of White Rock actively disseminates Open Data while adhering to applicable legislation including the privacy, security, and confidentiality provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

Rationale:

The purpose of the City of White Rock Open Data Policy is to improve the management and use of the City's data assets in order to deliver value and benefits for its residents. This includes a greater release of appropriate and high-value data to the public in ways that are easily discoverable and usable. It is intended that opening access to City's data will increase productivity and improve service delivery by supporting innovation, research and education, and by facilitating collaboration and evidence-based decision making.

Furthermore, it outlines the principles, roles and responsibilities by which the City of White Rock data is made available to the public as valuable, machine-readable datasets.

Introduction

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Many public sector organizations already make their data available to the public, including on their websites or in reports and publications. Taking steps to make this data easier to find and use, and opening access to other datasets, will unlock opportunities for the public sector, businesses and communities to utilize data in more and diverse ways. This gives rise to the development of new insights, ideas and services that have the potential to improve the way we work and live. Given the current fiscal constraints and pressures on government services, including increasing demand for flexible and high quality online and mobile services, better management and new uses of existing assets such as data is now more important than ever.

What is Open Data?

In practice across Canada and the world, the approach to open data varies to some extent. For the purpose of this Policy, data is considered 'open' when it is:

- released and available for the general public (not for exclusive use);
- easily discoverable;
- in formats that are modifiable, non-proprietary and machine-readable;
- licensed to enable reuse and redistribution; and
- available at no cost to users.

Why Open Data?

Opening access to public sector data, together with approaches to removing restrictions surrounding its use, is a growing trend nationally and internationally. Better management and use of data within government and enabling broader access and use (e.g. by non-government organizations, businesses and industry, academia and members of the public) has a range of potential benefits for both the public sector and the community.

This includes a more efficient and effective public sector through improvements in the use and application of data for financial and evidence-based policy decisions and the development of innovative solutions, services and tools where there is an identified policy or community need. Opening access to data also supports public sector efficiencies and savings through reduced duplication, streamlined processes, and the development and delivery of tools/services more quickly and at lower costs.

For the broader community, potential social and economic benefits include opportunities to develop new businesses (including the not-for-profit sector); improved research outcomes; and better business and community decision making. Opening access to public sector data also promotes a more transparent and accountable government by providing greater visibility around government activity and expenditure.

Application

This policy applies to all City staff and to all data in the custody and under the control of the City of White Rock. Personal information must be removed from all datasets before publication. Constituency data of the City's elected representatives are not considered to be in the custody and control of the City and therefore not subject to this policy. The data released by departments as part of the Open Data program will follow these principles where operationally feasible:

Open Data Principles

1. **Data quality:** Any data that is not subject to valid privacy, security or privilege limitations is made available. It is important users have confidence in the data they are accessing and using and are made aware of any caveats relating to it. To enable users to determine whether a dataset is suitable for their purposes, data should be made available with a statement, or metadata, regarding its purpose and quality. Even where there are limitations with regard to a dataset, such as an incomplete dataset, releasing the data is encouraged, provided sufficient information is included to notify users of any limitations or gaps.

- 2. **Primary:** Data will be primary source data where possible with data collection methods documented.
- 3. **Timely**: Data is made available to the public in a timely fashion to preserve the value of the data taking into consideration the type of data (real-time vs. static).
- 4. **Accessible:** Data released by the City should be as accessible as possible, with accessibility defined as the ease with which information can be obtained. Providing an interface for users to make specific calls for data through an Application Programming Interface (API) makes data more accessible.
- 5. **Machine-readable:** Machines can handle certain kinds of inputs much better than others. Datasets released by the City should be stored in widely used file formats that easily lend themselves to machine processing (e.g. CSV, XML). Datasets will be published in machine-readable formats so that the data can be easily leveraged for various uses such as mobile applications, visualizations and websites.
- 6. **Non-discriminatory:** Non-discrimination refers to who can access data and how they must do so. Static data is available to anyone with no requirement of registration. Real-time data requires registration by the individual to keep them informed of system changes.
- 7. **Non-proprietary:** Datasets released by the City should be in freely available file formats as often as possible.
- 8. **Licensing:** The City releases datasets under the Open Data License. This license is based on the Open Government License Canada, which was developed through public consultation. The license is designed to increase openness and minimize restrictions on use of the data. Datasets are not subject to any copyright, patent, trademark or trade secret regulation.
- 9. **Permanence of datasets:** The capability of finding information over time is referred to as permanence. For best use by the public, datasets made available online should remain online, with appropriate version-tracking and archiving over time.
- 10. **Usage costs:** The City releases the data on the Open Data Portal (www.data.whiterockcity.ca) free of charge.

Release of Open Data

As part of their data management responsibilities, all City departments will establish an annual Open Data Release Plan that includes:

- 1. A publication plan, to be updated annually, outlining the general timelines for release of the datasets identified by the department.
- 2. A summary of datasets published to date by the respective department. Each department will take into account public requests for data and, whenever possible, attempt to match publication of datasets to public requests.

Responsibilities

City Staff is responsible for:

- Sharing with the public its open and accessible datasets while adhering to rights of privacy, security and confidentiality as identified in the applicable provincial and federal legislation.
- Preparing and publishing datasets via the Open Data Portal (data.whiterockcity.ca), which meet the principles identified in this policy.
- Maintaining the dataset to ensure that the data is up-to-date to preserve the value and quality of the information provided. Review cycles will be established and at a minimum, the

datasets will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the departmental Open Data Release Plans.

Open Data Team is responsible for:

- Managing the Open Data Portal (<u>www.data.whiterockcity.ca</u>) and ensuring that published data meets the principles identified in this policy.
- Proposing Open Data Release plans to departments for consideration based on public requests and what other municipalities are releasing using the Open Cities Index as a guide.
- Posting on the Open Data Portal an Open Data License, supported file formats, glossary and other dataset context information to promote the responsible use of City of White Rock data.
- Coordinating with the Manager of Property, Risk and Freedom of Information or designate:
 - Upon request from City Staff, reviewing proposed datasets for adherence to legislated privacy. Providing recommendations to City Staff regarding the removal of personal information and quasi-identifiers from proposed datasets.
 - Releasing datasets to the Open Data Team where a formal Freedom of Information request has already been made and the request aligns with principles outlined in this policy. Advising City Staff of the proposed Open Data release of datasets obtained through formal Freedom of Information requests.

Senior Managers are responsible for:

- Approving the annual departmental Open Data Release Plans that contribute to achieving the annual dataset release targets.
- Working with the Open Data Team on the planning, development and publication of new datasets, the review of existing datasets, and the archiving of superseded datasets as required.
- Consulting with the Corporate Services staff on proposed new datasets for guidance on legislated privacy requirements.
- Ensuring new proposed dataset releases conform with legislated privacy requirements.

Review

This Policy is subject to review at the end of the first year and at least every two years, or as deemed appropriate, thereafter.

Definitions

Confidential Information includes but is not limited to personally identifiable information such as home telephone numbers, personal health information, employee files, credit card information, incamera minutes, third-party commercially valuable information, and solicitor-client and litigation privileged information. It also typically includes City or partner business information that would be withheld from disclosure pursuant to mandatory and/or discretionary exemptions to disclosure under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Data is information for computer processing. That is, in a form suitable for storage in, or processing by computer software. Data typically comprises numbers and text but can also comprise things such as images, sounds and symbols. A dataset is a collection of related data records. Raw data is data in a pre-interpreted form or not yet subjected to analysis or processing. Information is any

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collection of data that is processed, analyzed, interpreted, classified or communicated in order to serve a useful purpose, present fact or represents knowledge in any medium or form.

Data linking is where separate sets of data are combined or a connection between the data is made. Data linking can provide a means for better analysis of the subjects of the data; however, caution needs to be exercised to ensure it does not reveal personally identifiable information.

Machine-readable (data) is data which is in a format that can be read and interpreted by a computer program or through a calculation process without the need for manual human intervention and can be read automatically by a web browser or computer system. Formats such as XML, JSON, or spreadsheets in CSV are machine-readable. Word processing documents in formats such as PDF are not.

FIPPA means the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as amended, and includes any regulations passed under it.

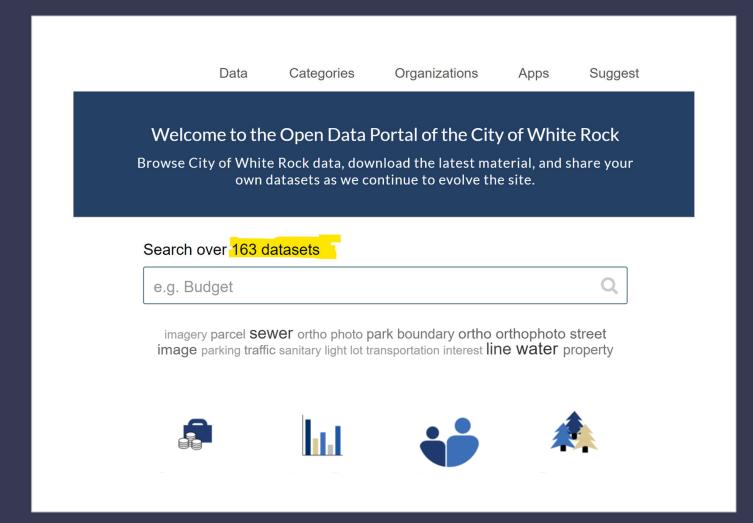
Open Data is a philosophy and practice requiring that certain data are made freely available to the public, in machine-readable format without restrictions from copyright, patents or other mechanisms of control.

Open Data Portal is the website at data.whiterockcity.ca that is the source of data released by the City of White Rock for free use by the public.

Open Data Team is a team of City of White Rock employees tasked with managing and posting data to the Open Data Portal.

Personal Information as defined by FIPPA means any recorded information about an identifiable individual, including:

- a. information relating to the race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation or marital or family status of the individual,
- b. information relating to the education or the medical, psychiatric, psychological, criminal or employment history of the individual or information relating to financial transactions in which the individual has been involved,
- c. any identifying number, symbol or other particular assigned to the individual,
- d. the address, telephone number, fingerprints or blood type of the individual,
- e. the personal opinions or views of the individual except if they relate to another individual,
- f. correspondence sent to an institution by the individual that is implicitly or explicitly of a private or confidential nature, and replies to that correspondence that would reveal the contents of the original correspondence,
- g. the views or opinions of another individual about the individual, and
- h. the individual's name if it appears with other personal information relating to the individual or where the disclosure of the name would reveal other personal information about the individual;



www.data.whiterockcity.ca

White Rock Open Data Portal

Why Open Data?

Civics:

- Engagement by citizens / Individual decision making
- Fosters feeling of partnership between government and citizens
- Less red-tape (one license, no cost)
- Relieve burden of analysis
- Economic and Innovation Drivers
- Academic Research and Teaching
- Furthers life-cycle of data (Data Re-use / Repurposing / Fixing)

What Data and Information?

Wide variety of data/information like:

- ✓ Administrative
- ✓ Statistical
- √ Geospatial, maps
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Databases, real-time data
- ✓ Photos, videos



What Data and Information?



- Personal information
- Commercially sensitive
- Security implications
- Culturally sensitive
- Other reasons, e.g. incomplete data and information that may be materially misleading

Traditional Data Reporting

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						BYLAW						
21	20	26979	COMPLETED	Apr 16, 2018 10:25 tt	~BYLAW	ENFORCEMENT	ILLEGAL DUMPING	N/A	Jan 6, 2017 00:00 tt		Apr 16, 2018 09:34 tt	JASON STOREY
22	21	26987	CANCELLED	Jan 10, 2019 08:08 tt	~PARKS	PARKS	BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE	N/A	Jan 6, 2017 00:00 tt			
23	22	26988	COMPLETED	Jan 10, 2017 00:00 tt	~OPERATIONS	ROADS	CRACKS/DAMAGE	N/A	Jan 9, 2017 00:00 tt			
24	23	26989	COMPLETED	Jan 23, 2017 00:00 tt	~PARKS	TREES	TRIMMING	N/A	Jan 9, 2017 00:00 tt			

White Rock - Calls for Service Data

Analytics Dashboard View Example



Welcome to the City of White Rock's online Request for Service portal

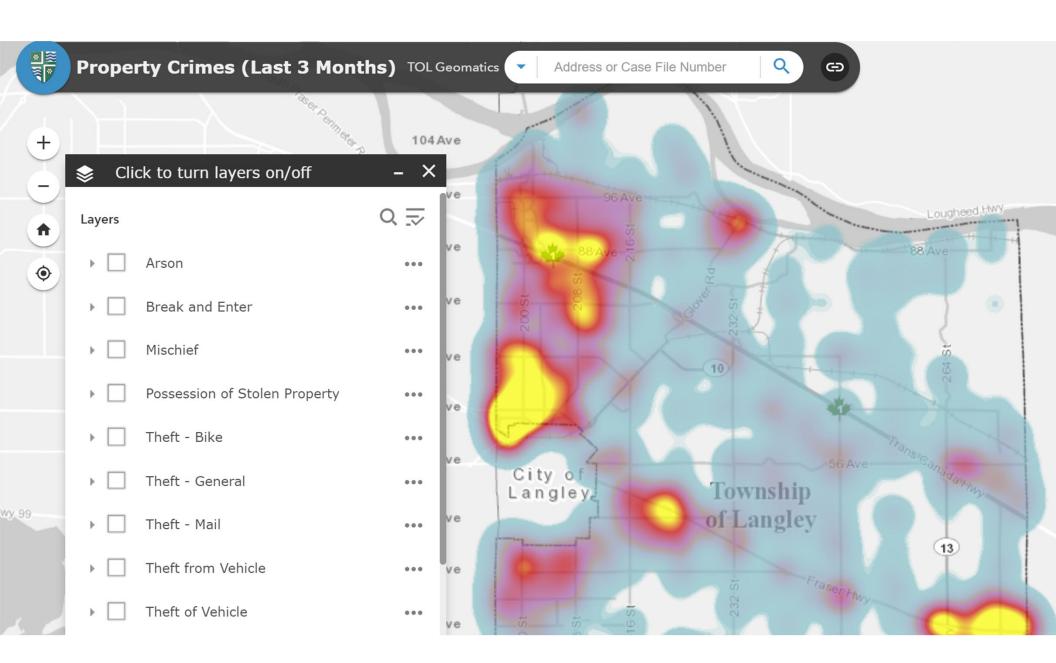
This portal is for non-emergency requests, for example, pot holes, illegal dumping or parking issues.

To use this service, we recommend that you have the following ready:

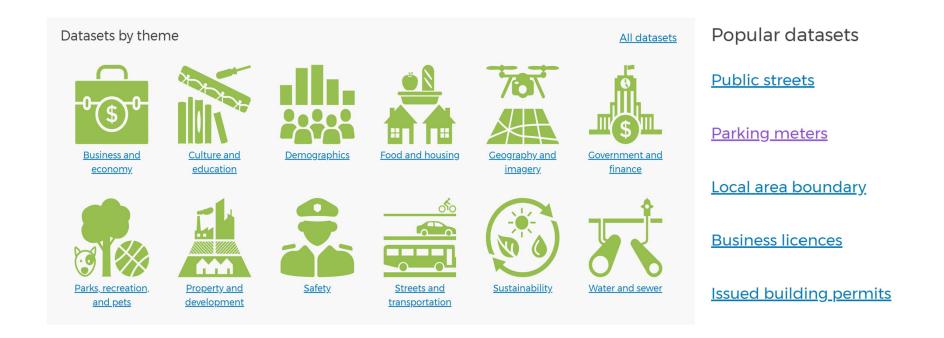
- Have your service request photos available if you have any. (e.g.: photo of the flooded area, burnt out street light).
- · Address and location (cross streets).
- · Have an available phone number and email so we may contact you if a follow up is required.

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City of Vancouver



City of Vancouver – Media Posting

The City's Open Data website was launched in September 2009 following a council motion with 20 basic datasets available for download. Today's open data catalogue contains 167 datasets with new ones added and existing ones updated regularly.

In addition to Open Data, the City publicly posts a large amount of other detailed information on its website including:

- In camera agendas and reports
- Budgets and finances
- Mayor's discretionary fund transactions
- Water consumption top 50 utility accounts
- City Council annual financial disclosure statements
- Progress reports, documents, details and backgrounds on high profile City initiatives
- Progress reports, documents, details, and backgrounds on high profile developments and re-developments
- City Manager's emails and memos to Mayor and Council

https://datahub.johnscreekga.gov/pages/finances

Expected Benefits of Open Data

- Enhanced services
- Efficiencies across the organizatio
- Cost reductions (e.g. FOI requests)
- Economic development
- Improved government transparency & trust
- Increased citizen engagement

Open Data

Where government and citizens get into intelligent interactions based on equal knowledge

