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Item 4 - Q&A Submission with staff response

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**Subject:** RE: Q/A February 12 2021  
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Hello Redacted,

The responses to your question are in-line in red:

Best,  
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From: Redacted  
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 11:42 AM  
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Subject: Q/A February 12 2021

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Hello,

My questions today are about Moving the City Council Chambers to the Annex.

On January 29, City Council approved a \$500,000 dollar expenditure to relocate the City Chambers to the Annex for 4-5 years.

The Corporate report that was attached to the agenda item was titled "Temporary Office and Council Chamber Options"

The last sentence in the report states: "The option of relocating Council Chambers to the Annex and constructing offices in the vacated space is considered the option to provide the best interim (4-5 years) value to the City".

Would City Council members who voted in favour of this move please tell the residents of White Rock, what possible "best interim (4-5 years) value to the City" is going to be achieved for tax payers by this move?

I can't speak for Council, however the best value when compared to other options presented in the report, which describes each option in detail. Unfortunately, due to space constraints in our current configuration, we are unable to provide workstations for new employees.

1. How many offices will be constructed in the current chamber location?

This information will be available after the detailed design is completed. We have already engaged a consultant to undertake this work, which will serve as the basis for an RFP for the construction. The design work is scheduled to start this Friday. We will try to accommodate as many offices as possible to meet current and, if possible, future demands for the next 4-5 years..

2. How many staff members will be assigned to work in that space.

See above. Ideally, Finance and Corporate Administration will be located upstairs (in the current Council Chambers), and the vacated space downstairs will be utilized for Planning and HR. The report provides details on the current staff's need.

3. How long will the City Chambers occupy the Annex?

Until the new City Hub is constructed and new Council chambers are built.

4. What is the seating capacity proposed to be at the renovated chamber.

We will have more information after the design is completed. However, the space is larger than the current council chambers, and we will try to accommodate at least as much seating capacity as the current configuration.

5. Will the renovated chamber be rated as an "accessible building"?


Yes, we will provide accessibility access to the chambers at the Annex.

6. When is the renovation going to begin and when will the first meeting of City Council happen at the renovated chamber?

We should have a better understanding of the timeline once the RFP for construction is issued, and responses are received. Ideally, as soon as possible, but realistically, I expect they will be ready after the summer break. The current chambers will continue to operate until the new one at the Annex is ready to go. Once the new chambers in the Annex are operational, we will then proceed with office renovations at City Hall.

7. What event is going to occur that will mean that the City Chambers are no longer "Interim" and when will that event occur?

The construction of the City Hub which will include new chambers and adequate offices to host all staff in the future.

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Resident of White Rock