

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



April 15, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Mayor Knight
Councillor Chesney
Councillor Cheung
Councillor Klassen
Councillor Lawrence
Councillor Partridge
Councillor Trevelyan

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Candice Garty, Director of Financial Services
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Ralph Volkens, Manager of Parking Services
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC 26 (approximately)

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.1 **FIRST NATIONS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would like to recognize that we are gathered on the traditional unceded territory of the Semiahmoo First Nation, within the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2024-125 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for April 15, 2024 as amended to include two (2) submissions from G. Gumley for Item 4 - Question and Answer Period.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-126 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the March 25, 2024, Regular Council meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3.1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3.1.a WHITE ROCK FIRE RESCUE AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

Robert Heath, White Rock Fire Rescue Auxiliary Fire Fighter, attended for special recognition of his 45 years of service with the White Rock Fire Department.

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD (15 MINUTES / 2 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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

As of 8:30 a.m., April 10, 2024, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

Motion Number: 2024-127 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the two (2) On-Table submissions from G. Gumley in regard to the following:

- **Why does city staff maintain that a decrease in property taxes in 2024 will automatically mean those funds will need to be collected in 2025 as part of an 8.49% property tax increase?; and**
- **Why is City staff now asking for an additional \$1.5M for the Enterprise Resources Management (new Financial Planning Program for the City) increasing the total budget to \$3.5M?**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

It was noted that staff have provided answers to both questions that are included with the On-Table submissions that are available at this time and will be posted on the City website.

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

No one came forward at this time.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a NEW WESTMINSTER & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL - 2024 DAY OF MOURNING

Shelia Raikadroka, Executive Board member, New Westminster & District Labour Council attended in recognition of the 2024 Day of Mourning (April 28) for workers killed and injured on the job.

5.1.b BARBARA COOPER AND HEIDI GRECO - NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Residents Barbara Cooper and Heidi Greco attended to discuss National Poetry Month and notified of eight (8) prominent White Rock Authors who are not recognized within the community.

It was requested that the delegation connect with the City's Director of Recreation and Culture to discuss this topic in more detail.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a **RESPONSE TO LAND DESIGNATION AMENDMENT TO METRO 2050 CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE - YENNADON LANDS**

Corporate report dated April 15, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled " Response to Land Designation Amendment to Metro 2050 City of Maple Ridge - Yennadon Lands".

Motion Number: 2024-128 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive for information the corporate report dated April 15, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Response to Land Use Designation Amendment to Metro 2050 City of Maple Ridge – Yennadon Lands;" and**
2. **Authorize the Director of Corporate Administration to respond to the Metro Vancouver Board stating that the City does not object to the proposed amendment request by the City of Maple Ridge to the Regional Growth Strategy, and by sending Council commentary and any applicable resolution along with this corporate report as a response to the Metro Vancouver Board request for comment.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b PROPOSED ANNUAL PARKING DECAL OPTION FOR NON-WHITE ROCK RESIDENTS

Corporate report dated April 15, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Proposed Annual Parking Decal Option for Non-White Rock Residents".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Cost is more expensive than anticipated
- Future technology consideration of a Licence Plate Recognition Program could help with this in future

Motion Number: 2024-129 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated April 15, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled “Annual Parking Decal Option for Non-White Rock Residents”.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (BIA) SURVEY INFORMATION AND PROCESS

Corporate report dated April 15, 2024, from the Director of Corporate Administration titled "Business Improvement Association (BIA) Survey Information and Process".

Motion Number: 2024-130 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive the April 15, 2024 corporate report titled “Business Improvement Association (BIA) Survey Information and Process”;**
2. **Approve staff utilizing TheWGroup to conduct a BIA Member Survey at the cost of \$8,875; and**
3. **Approve the proposed objectives, methodology, timeline and draft survey outlined in the corporate report.**

Voted in the negative (3): Councillor Chesney, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)

6.2.d 2023 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SURPLUS ALLOCATION

Corporate report dated April 15, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2023 General Fund Operating Surplus Allocation".

Motion Number: 2024-131 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive the April 15, 2024, corporate report from Candice Gartry, Director, Financial Services, titled "2023 General Fund Operating Surplus Allocation";**
2. **Confirm that Council agreed to ratify a settlement with CUPE Local 718 in March of 2024 that included increases to wages and benefits and that any increases above the amounts already provided for in the 2024 financial plan would be funded as follows: 2024 incremental costs to be funded from the 2023 General Fund Operating Surplus, and 2025 incremental costs to be funded via taxation;**
3. **Endorse any funding cost increases above the amounts already provided for in the 2024 financial plan in accordance with Council's Exempt Compensation Policy No. 403 as follows: 2024 financial year incremental costs from the 2023 General Fund Operating Surplus, and 50% of the incremental cost for 2025 from the 2023 General Fund Operating Surplus with the balance coming from taxation;**
4. **Direct staff to distribute \$1.5M of the 2023 Unallocated General Fund Operating Surplus to the new ERP/Financial System project; and**
5. **Direct staff to distribute \$0.8M of the 2023 Unallocated General Fund Operating Surplus to the General Operating Fund Accumulated Surplus reserve.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

Motion Number: 2024-132 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff on the distribution of the remaining 2023 Unallocated General Fund Operating Surplus funds (following motion 2024-131) as follows:

- \$1M for the Pier;
- \$2M for the Community Hub Project; and
- \$200,000 to be placed in unallocated surplus.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-133 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Housing Advisory Committee - March 21, 2024; and,
- Internal Community Hub Steering Committee - April 2, 2024.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2.a PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR KLASSEN, CHAIRPERSON)

7.2.a.a "WELCOME TO WHITE ROCK" GATEWAY SIGN

Note: Minutes from the January 11, 2024 Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee meeting, when this motion was passed by the Committee, attached for reference, along with supporting photos. This recommendation was held back with the intention of

being brought forward to Council at this time, following the completion of budget discussions.

Motion Number: 2024-134

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- **approve up to \$10,000 to go towards improvements and upgrades for the existing White Rock sign at the south-west corner of Johnston Road and North Bluff Road, in collaboration with one of the owners, who will also put forward up to \$10,000 for the project; and,**
- **direct staff to bring forward a report outlining potential options for the project.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

8. POLICIES

None

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

9.1.a BYLAW 2499 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2000, AMENDMENT (AIR SPACE) BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2499

Bylaw 2499 - A bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to facilitate air space parcel subdivision within the City of White Rock by adding in the Definition Section "Air Space Parcel" and refining the definition of "lot". Bylaw 2499 received three readings on March 25, 2024, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Note: In accordance with Section 464(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Council waived the requirement for this public hearing to address a housekeeping amendment in regard to Air Space Parcels, as the proposed amendment is consistent with the Official Community Plan.

Motion Number: 2024-135 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No. 2000, Amendment (Air Space) Bylaw, 2024, No. 2499*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2500 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2000, AMENDMENT (SHORT TERM RENTALS) BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2500

Bylaw 2500 - A bylaw to update the short-term rental regulations within the zoning bylaw to ensure the City aligns with the 90 day provincial parameters established under Bill 35, to provide for ease of enforcement and community expectations. This amendment will broaden the maximum permitted length of stay for short-term rentals from 30 days to 90 days. The proposed amendment also removes references to "accessory vacation rentals" and replaces them with "short term rentals". Bylaw 2500 received three readings on March 25, 2024, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Note: In accordance with Section 464(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Council waived the requirement for this public hearing as the proposed amendment aligns the City's Zoning bylaw regarding Short Term Rental into compliance with Bill 35 and is consistent with the Official Community Plan.

Motion Number: 2024-136 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No. 2000 Amendment (Short Term Rentals) Bylaw 2024, No. 2500*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.c BYLAW 2501 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2000 AMENDMENT (SECONDARY SUITES) BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2501

Bylaw 2501 - A bylaw to permit accessory registered secondary suites in the following zones in the White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No. 2000 (the "Zoning Bylaw"):

- 1) RS-1 One Unit Residential Zone
- 2) RS-2 One Unit (Small Lot) Residential Zone
- 3) RS-3 One Unit (Small Lot, Hillside) Residential Zone
- 4) RS-4 One Unit (12.1m Lot Width) Residential Zone

on lots where there are currently minimum lot size restrictions. All lands zoned RS-1, RS-2, RS-3, RS-4 may be impacted.

Bylaw 2501 received first, second, and third reading on March 25, 2024, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2024-137 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to " *White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No 2000 Amendment (Secondary Suites) Bylaw 2024, No. 2501*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.d BYLAW 2502: WHITE ROCK PARKS REGULATIONS BYLAW 1977, NO. 675, AMENDMENT NO. 8, 2024, NO. 2502

Bylaw 2502 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Parks Regulation Bylaw in regard to loitering in the waterfront park areas. Bylaw 2502 received first, second and third reading on March 25, 2024 and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2024-138 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Parks Regulations Bylaw 1977, No. 675, Amendment No. 8, 2024, No. 2502*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.e BYLAW 2503: TICKETING FOR OFFENCES BYLAW, 2011, NO. 1929 AMENDMENT NO. 14, 2024, NO. 2503

Bylaw 2503 - A bylaw to amend the Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw in regard to Schedule B7. Bylaw 2503 received first, second, and third reading on March 25, 2024, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2024-139 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw, 2011, No. 1929, Amendment No. 14, 2024 No. 2503*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2024-140 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive correspondence Item(s) 10.1 a - 10.1.b as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a METRO VANCOUVER - MARCH 22, 2024 MEETING SUMMARIES

Metro Vancouver, March 22, 2024 meeting summaries are provided for information purposes.

10.1.b MINISTER OF HOUSING - BILL 16

Letter dated April 8, 2024 from Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, providing information regarding proposed Bill 16, which, if passed, will introduce several new tools for local governments to use to build more affordable and liveable communities.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Mar 28, Monthly meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Staff Sergeant from the White Rock RCMP
- April 2, the City's Internal Community Hub Streeting Committee meeting
- April 4, TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation meeting
- April 5, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee meeting
- April 9, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce's Mixer with Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke
- April 10, Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- April 11, Metro Vancouver Mayors' Committee meeting
- April 12, TransLink Joint Finance Committee meeting
- April 12, VIP Opening Event for "Noble at the Hills" at Peace Portal Golf Club raising funds for the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation
- April 13, Opening Day Ceremonies for the South Surrey & White Rock Minor Softball Association

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Cheung noted the following information:

- Councillor Partridge and I were elected to the Board of Semiahmoo Arts Society where I was appointed as the Treasurer/Secretary and Councillor Partridge as Vice President
- I am also on the Board of White Rock Farmers' Market, who are celebrating the 25th year
- April 6, 50th Anniversary celebration of Semiahmoo Arts Society at the Landmark Popup Gallery

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- White Rock Rotary Charity Book Sale, the 5-day sale raised \$68,000
- Last week, Councillor Cheung and I were elected to serve on the 2024-2026 Board of Directors for the Semiahmoo Arts Society
- Landmark Pop-Uptown Gallery, this year marks Semiahmoo Arts Society's 50th anniversary where a showcase of the artwork made by their members and friends from April 4 - 26 will be held to commemorate the milestone

Councillor Klassen noted the following information:

- Notification that a new project will be coming forward from the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee that is expected to help with the retail district
- White Rock Pride Society will be hosting a Town Hall meeting, April 25 between 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Lawrence noted the following information:

- participated last month with judging for the Junior Black Achievement Awards Stellar Speech Competition

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- Kudos to staff for hosting the "Coffee Chat" with business owners on Johnston Road, it was well received and a good way to keep communication flowing in terms of what to expect with the Johnston Road Revitalization Project and be able to answer questions
- April 21, Opening of the White Rock Farmers' Market
- Next week, the Surrey Eagles will be continuing onto round two (2) within the playoffs of the BC Hockey league

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.2.a COUNCILLOR TREVELYAN - AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURE BYLAW RE: LATE ITEMS

Councillor Trevelyan requested consideration of the following motion at this time:

The following discussion point was noted:

- There is already a provision within the Council Procedure Bylaw where Council can vote to amend the agenda or can decide to not endorse the amendment (thereby not adding additional information / on table items).

Motion Number: 2024-141 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the *Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, 2021, No. 2393* with respect to Late Items (On Table or Supplemental Agenda) to state:

16(1) An item of business and/or On Table document(s) not included on the Agenda must not be considered at a Council meeting unless Council resolves to permit the late item to be added to the agenda by vote of the majority of members present, and only if the subject matter is of an urgent nature and cannot be held to the next scheduled Council meeting.

This is with the exception of Question and Answer Period Submissions where they are permitted after the agenda has been issued.

Voted in the negative (5): Mayor Knight, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Lawrence, and Councillor Partridge

Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)

13. **RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

None

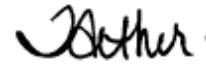
14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 15, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
Administration

Unapproved