

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



April 29, 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
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development
John Stech, Manager of Community Recreation
Diane Sawicki, Recreation Programmer
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: 34 (approximately)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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: 2024-142 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 29, 2024 as amended to include the following after adoption of the agenda:

- **Staff Sergeant Dixon to provide an update regarding public safety in light of recent events that have occurred at the waterfront.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

2.a **In accordance with the agenda motion 2024-142 Staff Sergeant Dixon read the following statement to regarding public safety in light of recent events at the waterfront:**

In response to two recent stabbings in White Rock, one of which tragically resulted in a homicide, we have increased patrols in the waterfront area. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has taken conduct of the homicide investigation.

This level of violence is not something we are accustomed to seeing in White Rock, however we have experienced investigators at our Detachment and IHIT working diligently to find the person or persons responsible for these incidents.

White Rock RCMP is being supported by specialized policing resources from the Lower Mainland District, Surrey RCMP, Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, Integrated Forensic Identification Services, and Integrated Police Dog Service.

Annually in May, White Rock RCMP starts its enhanced policing initiative coinciding with the warm weather and the influx of people visiting the community. In light of these two incidents the enhanced policing initiative was implemented early. Members of our community can expect to see an increased police presence in the area with officers conducting patrols on foot, bike and via rail through an established partnership with BNSF railway.

Community assistance is key to helping police solve crimes like this recent homicide. Any witnesses who have not yet spoken to police and were in the area

are asked to contact the IHIT info line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Understandably, the incidents have raised concerns surrounding safety in our community. I understand those concerns and want to assure the citizens of White Rock that these acts of violence are the top priority for me and the detachment. To that end, White Rock RCMP will be holding a town hall tomorrow, April 30th, at the community center on Russel Avenue for residents. There we will be discussing our initial response to address public safety, as well as outline our plans for enhanced policing throughout the city that we engage in every summer when the good weather and wonderful events draw people to our City. This will not be a media event, and I will not be providing updates specific to the investigations as they are on going. That said, we will make ourselves available to answer generally, to the best of our abilities, questions residents may have regarding safety and policing in White Rock."

Mayor Knight stated an idea that came up in regard to public safety that she'd like the Staff Sergeant to consider:

- Would like the possibility of a Community Policing satellite office be considered at the waterfront.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-143 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the April 15, 2024, Regular Council meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

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

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

As of 8:30 a.m., April 24, 2024, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no On-Table submissions made for this item and no one came forward to speak during this opportunity.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

None

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a KENT STREET ACTIVITY CENTRE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Kent Street Activity Centre Needs Assessment Study".

Stephen Slawuta, RC Strategies, was in attendance to provide a presentation on this topic.

In addition a video was also shown from a tour that some members from the Kent Street Activity Centre attended to see firsthand some of the services that other municipalities have been able to provide within a community hub.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would like there to be consideration of integrated services, where those with disabilities would be included with the services to be provided (seniors focused but integrate with others within the community)
- Would like to see those who are moving into utilizing the services in the near future to also have opportunity for input

Motion Number: 2024-144 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council:

- 1. Receive for information, the report dated April 29, 2024, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled “Kent Street Activity Centre Needs Assessment Study;” and**
- 2. Direct staff to share this corporate report as well as the accompanying needs assessment report, with the Community Hub Steering Committee for their consideration.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b KOMAGATA MARU RECOGNITION

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Komagata Maru Recognition".

It was clarified that a policy will need to be drafted for a signage plan where other groups may be considered and work with the Museum will also be included, these items will go to the City's Public Art Advisory Committee and then back to Council for final consideration.

Motion Number: 2024-145 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated April 29, 2024, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled “Komagata Maru Recognition;”**
- 2. Approve the recommendation of the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee; and**
- 3. Direct Staff to work with the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee and the White Rock Museum and Archives Society to create a Heritage Interpretive Signage Plan for Council’s consideration.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c WHITE ROCK - HOME OF INTERNATIONAL ARTIST DAY

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "White Rock - Home of International Artist Day".

Motion Number: 2024-146 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Public Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's recommendation, to endorse the select use of the phrase, "White Rock-Home of International Artist Day."

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.d SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS - BUENA VISTA AND THRIFT AVENUES - STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Speed Limit Reductions - Buena Vista and Thrift Avenues - Street and Traffic Bylaw".

Note: Bylaw 2505 is on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.a

The following discussion points were noted:

- Signage would need to be considered to make any changes clear

Motion Number: 2024-147 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive the corporate report dated April 29, 2024, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations, titled "Speed Limit Reductions - Buena Vista and Thrift Avenues - Street and Traffic Bylaw"; and**
2. **Endorse the housekeeping edits proposed herein.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

6.2.e RESPONSE TO METRO 2050 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT ELECTORAL AREA A OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Response to Metro 2050 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Electoral Area A Official Community Plan".

Motion Number: 2024-148 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated April 29, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Response to Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect Electoral Area A Official Community Plan" 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 amendments request to Metro 2050 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.f RESPONSE TO METRO 2050 TYPE 3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REFLECT ACCEPTED REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENTS AND CORRECT MINOR ERRORS

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Response to Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendments to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors".

Motion Number: 2024-149 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Response to Metro 2050 Type 3**

Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors;” 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 Type 3 amendment request to Metro 2050 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.g INITIAL REVIEW OF 1513 JOHNSTON ROAD (OCP00012/ZON00060/MJP00039)

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Initial Review of 1513 Johnston Road (OCP00012/ZON00060/MJP00039)".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would like to hear from the province and possible updates
- Rent to own concept was discussed where tenants can become owners and their rent of 2 – 3 years would go toward the downpayment (details being worked through and other considerations can be made)

Motion Number: 2024-150 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated April 29, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Initial Review of 1513 Johnston Road (OCP00012/ZON00060/MJP00039);" and**
- 2. Direct staff to refer the OCP and zoning bylaw amendment application at 1513 Johnston Road to the City's Community Hub Steering Committee for consideration.**

Voted in the negative (2): Councillor Chesney, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

6.2.h INITIAL REVIEW OF 15156 AND 15158 ROPER AVENUE (ZON00063)

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Initial Review of 15156 and 15158 Roper Avenue (ZON00063)".

Motion Number: 2024-151 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to advance the zoning amendment application at 15156 and 15158 Roper Avenue and proceed to the next stage in the application review process.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.i INITIAL REVIEW OF 1556 GEORGE STREET (OCP00013/ZON00062/MJP00040)

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Initial Review of 1556 George Street (OCP00013/ZON00062/MJP00040)".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would like to see more affordability options added

Motion Number: 2024-152 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive for information the corporate report dated April 29, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Initial Review of 1556 George Street (OCP00013/ZON00062/MJP00040);" and**
2. **Direct staff to move forward with the next steps within the process the OCP and rezoning amendment application at 1556 George Street at this time.**

Voted in the negative (2): Councillor Chesney, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

6.2.j CITY OF WHITE ROCK ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2490

Corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2024, No. 2490".

Note: Bylaw 2490 is on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.b

Motion Number: 2024-153 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the April 29, 2024, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2024, No. 2490".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-154 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee, April 10, 2024.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Note: The Committee recommendations regarding the following topics were addressed through corporate reports considered earlier in the meeting under Items 6.2.b and 6.2.c - nothing further was required at this time regarding these matters.

- Komagata Maru Recognition (6.2.b); and
- White Rock - Home of International Artist Day (6.2.c).

8. POLICIES

None

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

9.1.a **BYLAW 2505 - STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW 1999, NO. 1529, AMENDMENT NO. 10, 2024, NO. 2505**

Bylaw 2505 - A bylaw to amend the Street and Traffic Bylaw in regards to incorporating a new 30km/hr schedule.

Note: Bylaw 2505 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.d

Motion Number: 2024-155 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to "Street and Traffic Bylaw, 1999, No. 1529, Amendment No, 10, 2024, No. 2505" with the following housekeeping items:

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

9.1.b **BYLAW 2490 - CITY OF WHITE ROCK ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2490**

Bylaw 2490 - A bylaw for the levying of rates on land and improvements and to provide for the payment of taxes and user fees for the year 2024.

Note: Bylaw 2490 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.j

Motion Number: 2024-156 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*White Rock Annual Rates Bylaw, 2024, No. 2490*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Note: Council Policy No. 109 notes that the City of White Rock does not make official proclamations. Item 10.1.a has been included under correspondence for public information purposes only.

Motion Number: 2024-157 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 PROCLAMATION REQUEST - NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH IN MAY

Correspondence dated April 8, 2024, from the Peace Arch Hospice Society, requesting that Council acknowledge May as National Hospice Month.

10.1.b METRO VANCOUVER INCLUSIONARY HOUSING POLICY REVIEW

Correspondence dated April 18, 2024 to inform regarding Metro Vancouver's collective efforts to address the need for non-market rental housing - Inclusionary Housing Policy Review.

[Click here to view the attachment - MVRD Board report dated February 20, 2024 titled "Inclusionary Housing Policy Review - Final Report and Regional Model Policy Framework".](#)

10.1.c TAX SALE MANDATED PROCEDURAL CHANGES 2024 - CITY OF BURNABY

Note: Further action on the following correspondence item may be considered. Council may request that this item be discussed separately and may propose a motion of action on the matter.

Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from the City of Burnaby Council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs expressing concerns regarding the proposed changes to the tax sale process.

Motion Number: 2024-158 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive the April 15, 2024 correspondence from the City of Burnby; and**
2. **Direct staff to forward correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs stating White Rock City Council's support of the City of Burnaby's concern regarding the proposed changes to the tax sale process.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Announced that a male has been arrested in connection with the two recent stabbings at the waterfront
- April 17, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors
- April 17, Monthly meeting with Staff Sergeant Rob Dixon and our Chief Administrative Officer
- April 17, RCMP Community Policing Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- April 18, Met with ten (1) residents from Oceana Parc
- April 21, Opening Day Ribbon Cutting - White Rock Farmers' Market
- April 25, TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

- April 25, "In Her Shoes" Spring 2024 Fundraising event
- April 26, Metro Vancouver Board of Director's meeting
- April 27, WR RCMP Shred a than
- April 27, Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club's Opening Day Event
- April 28, White Rock Lawn Bowling Club's Opening Day Event (also the club's 90th Anniversary)
- April 28, Candlelight Vigil to honour of Kalwinder Sohi, the fatal stabbing victim (April 24, 2024 on East Beach)

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- Our hearts are heavy as we mourn for the victims involved in last week's tragic events in our community. Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends affected. We want to assure everyone that local authorities are actively investigating the situation to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents
- Residents want to know how can I help with safety in our community? Volunteer with the White Rock Community Policing, Police partner with the community, taking a problem-solving proactive approach that emphasizes the role of police as partners with the citizens of White Rock on issues of public safety and security. White Rock Community Policing has a wide variety of volunteer programs that help with traffic control, crime prevention, and community safety

Councillor Cheung noted the following information:

- April 19: Councillor Partridge and I went to the Surrey Board of Trade Rainbow Entrepreneur round table discussion
- April 21: Opener of the Farmers Market
- April 25, "In Her Shoes" Spring 2024 Fundraising event
- Note that next weekend is the "Hike for Hospice" event

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

12.1.a PLACEMAKING FOR JOHNSTON ROAD PROJECT

Councillor Partridge provided the following motion for consideration at this time:

Motion Number: 2024-159 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize additional funds of up to \$10,000 for staff to proceed with incorporating additional placemaking design elements within the Johnston Road Phase 2 Construction project, the design priorities, recommended by the Public Art and Placemaking Advisory Committee and approved by Council, were crosswalks, cement benches, sidewalk pavement and lamp posts.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

**12.2.a TRIAL PERIOD ALLOWING DOGS ON THE PROMENADE
APRIL - OCTOBER 5:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.**

Councillor Cheung provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the May 13, 2024 regular Council meeting:

That Council direct staff to bring forward a bylaw amendment to facilitate a trial period for allowing dogs on the promenade from April to October, during the specific hours of 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

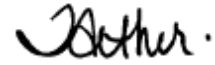
14. OTHER BUSINESS

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 29, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:49 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of
Corporate Administration

Unapproved