

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



May 13, 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 (arrived at 4:07 p.m.)
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
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: Approximately 36

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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: 2024-163 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 13, 2024 as amended to include:

- **Three (3) on-table submissions with staff responses for Question and Answer Period; and**
- **An updated survey from Councillor Cheung for Item 12.1 regarding Dogs on the Promenade.**

Absent (1): Councillor Lawrence

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Councillor Lawrence arrived at the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-164 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the April 29, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3.1 MEETING POSTPONED (ADJOURNED)

The Regular meeting was postponed / adjourned in order to consider the proposed application:

- **Temporary Use Permit 23-001 - 1484 Johnston Road (Civic Address 1478 Johnston Road)**

Motion Number: 2024-165 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Postpone the May 13, 2024 Regular Council meeting at this time until the adjournment or conclusion of the Public Meeting for the following application:**
 - **Temporary Use Permit 23-001 - 1484 Johnston Road (Civic Address 1478 Johnston Road); and**

2. **Directly following the Public Meeting the Regular Council will be reconvened in the City's Council Chambers.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

At 4:40 p.m. the meeting was reconvened

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., May 8, 2024, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

Motion Number: 2024-166 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by noon (12:00 p.m.) May 13, 2024, including "On-Table" information provided with staff responses that were available at the time from:

- **K. Eggar and M. Smithies (submitted by S. Bains) regarding Accessibility for the Pier;**
- **K. Aujlay regarding Accessibility for the Pier and what other accessibility improvements are being looked at for the City; and,**
- **G. Gumley, regarding the City budget - Cash and Cash Equivalents.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

R. Wallace, White Rock, noted concern with the item on the agenda in regard to dogs being permitted on the promenade for additional time in the mornings from April - October, does not agree with this and stated that it is a public safety concern (individuals that have been bitten).

D. Burns, Surrey, noted that accessibility needs improvement due to safety for the public

S. Bains, White Rock, commented in regard to the corporate report to be considered this evening regarding Pier Accessibility Improvement Options stating that Option 1, *Approving funding up to \$115K for the installation of a semi-permanent mat for the pier* is the only option for Council to proceed with. Concern was also noted in regard to the timing of the City's Accessibility Action Plan as it was completed prior to the first meeting of the City's Committee and further stated the City has a duty to accommodate accessibility and that citizens should not be responsible for fundraising for this purpose.

Kim and Marney, Surrey / Delta, involved with South Fraser Active Living and commented that more accessibility programs need to be offered in White Rock as they are travelling to other communities for this. There are many programs that can be explored that offer grant funding to help with accessibility initiatives such as SPARC BC and it should not be the expectation of the public having to fundraise for these initiatives.

R. Lachance, White Rock, a member of the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee, stated frustration that there is debate in regard to making the pier accessible, the pier should be accessible for everyone.

R. Lemire, Burnaby, informed that National Accessibility Week is May 26 - June 1st, there will be a gathering held at the White Rock Pier, May 29th

Motion Number: 2024-167 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize Question and Answer Period be extended a further 15 minutes prior to the conclusion of the regular Council meeting this evening in order to hear from the remaining person signed up to participate as time has run out for this section of the agenda.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a SEMIAHMOO COMMUNITY SAFETY SOCIETY

Dianna Stocker, Darren Alexander and Colleen Bobsien, Semiahmoo Community Safety Society, attended to share information and to raise awareness about their organization, including community policing, and how the public can get involved.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Corporate report dated May 13, 2024, from the Director of Financial Services titled "Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2023".

Brandon Ma, KPMG, the City's Auditors was in attendance to provide an overview / presentation on this topic.

Motion Number: 2024-168 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated May 13, 2024, from the Director, Financial Services, titled "Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2023" for consideration and acceptance of the Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b DRAFT 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Corporate report dated May 13, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Draft 2023 Audited Financial Statements".

Motion Number: 2024-169 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the May 13, 2024, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Draft 2023 Audited Financial Statements;"**
- 2. Accept the Draft 2023 Audited Financial Statements, which have been included in Appendix A, as "approved;" and**

3. **Direct the Mayor and Director, Financial Services, to sign the Statement of Financial Position contained within the Draft 2023 Audited Financial Statements and forward the complete audited financial statements to the province.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c APPLICATION FOR CANNABIS LICENSE REFERRAL AND TEMPORARY USE PERMIT - 1554 FOSTER STREET (TUP/LL 23-015)

Corporate report dated May 13, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Application for Cannabis License Referral and Temporary Use Permit - 1554 Foster Street (TUP/LL 23-015)".

The following discussion point was noted:

- The Applicant, Imagine Cannabis, White Rock, was asked about parking and it was stated they will encourage patrons to park at Central Plaza and not on Foster Street

Motion Number: 2024-170 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Direct staff to schedule the required Public Meeting for Temporary Use Permit 23-015 in conjunction with the Public Hearing for Cannabis Licence Resolution Request 23-015; and**
2. **Authorize staff, pending the results of the Public Hearing and Public Meeting, to forward a copy of this corporate report and the results of the public hearing to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) along with a resolution to advise that Council has considered the location of the proposed cannabis retail store and the potential for impacts to residents and is in support of the cannabis license application at 1554 Foster Street.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

**6.2.d CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT (EXTENSION)
APPLICATION - 1484 JOHNSTON ROAD (TUP 23-001)**

Corporate report dated May 13, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Consideration of Temporary Use Permit (extension) Application - 1484 Johnston Road (TUP 23-001)".

Note: TUP 23-001 was the subject of a public meeting held earlier in the meeting and is on the agenda for issuance under item 9.2.a

Motion Number: 2024-171 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated May 13, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Consideration of Temporary Use Permit (extension) Application – 1484 Johnston Road (23-001)" and consider the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. 23-001, following the Public Meeting.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.e TRANSLINK 2024 COST-SHARE FUNDING AGREEMENTS

Corporate report dated May 13, 2024 from the Manager of Engineering titled "TransLink 2024 Cost-Share Funding Agreements".

Motion Number: 2024-172 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated May 13, 2024, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "TransLink 2024 Cost-Share Funding Agreements;"**
- 2. Endorse that the 2024 Consolidated Five-Year Financial Plan be updated accordingly to reflect the grant contributions for Buena Vista – Johnston to Best Bike Path and the Oxford/Russell Crosswalk; and**

3. **Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute the funding agreement for the Buena Vista – Johnston to Best Bike Path.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.f PIER ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

Corporate report dated May 13, 2024, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Pier Accessibility Improvement Options".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Staff will review grant opportunities, it was noted that usually once work has begun on a project it would not be eligible for a grant
- City staff need to apply for grants on the City's behalf

Motion Number: 2024-173 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve funding of up to \$115K for the installation of a semi-permanent mat to improve accessibility on the Pier and direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for a semi-permanent mat, evaluate proposals, and report to Council.

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

Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)

Motion Number: 2024-174 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to continue researching grant opportunities for Pier accessibility improvements and to include a funding request for consideration during 2025 Financial Plan discussions.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-175 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Housing Advisory Committee, April 18, 2024.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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 (housekeeping amendments only). Bylaw 2505 was given three (3) readings on April 29, 2024, and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading

Note: Amendment was made at the April 29th meeting to move forward with housekeeping bylaw amendments only. The 30km/h speed limits in schedule C remain the same as currently enforced.

Motion Number: 2024-176 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives final reading to " *Street and Traffic Bylaw, 1999, No. 1529, Amendment No, 10, 2024, No. 2505*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

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.

Bylaw 2490 received three (3) readings at the April 29, 2024 meeting, and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2024-177 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to " *White Rock Annual Rates Bylaw, 2024, No. 2490*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

9.2.a TEMPORARY USE PERMIT 23-001 (1484 JOHNSTON ROAD)

Temporary Use Permit 23-001 is requesting an extension to previously approved TUP 19-012 to allow for the continued use of a non-medical cannabis retail store at 1484 Johnston Road (civic address of 1478 Johnston Road). The proposed TUP 23-001, if issued, will permit this cannabis store use for an additional three (3) years.

Note: TUP 23-001 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.d and a public meeting held earlier in the afternoon.

Motion Number: 2024-178 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue Temporary Use Permit (TUP) 23-001 (1484 Johnston Road).

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

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. Items 10.1.a has been included under correspondence for public information purposes only.

Motion Number: 2024-179 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 - MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Correspondence received April 25, 2024, from Kathleen Barnard, Founder and President, Save Your Skin Foundation, requesting that Council acknowledge May 2024 as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

10.1.b METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF

The Metro Vancouver Board in Brief from the April 26, 2024 meetings is provided for information purposes.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Thank you to the White Rock RCMP, IHIT and all investigators for their relentless efforts that led to the recent charges being laid in connection with the two recent tragic events that occurred at the waterfront as well to those who reached out with information to assist.
Council's core priorities will always be the safety and well-being of this community
- April 30, Video messaging update on the incidents that occurred at the waterfront
- April 30, White Rock RCMP Town Hall meeting on the topic of public safety

- May 1 - 3 Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference
- May 4, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation's Annual Fundraising Gala
- May 9, City's Employee Long Term Service Award lunch
- May 9, City's Internal Community Hub Steering Committee meeting
- May 10, Metro Vancouver's Regional Planning Committee meeting

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Cheung provided the following information:

- Apr 30, Surrey Board of Education/White Rock liaison meeting
- May 1 - 3 Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference
- May 5, Hike for Hospice
- May 8: Spring healthier Community Partnership virtual town hall with planetary health focus
- May 9: Surrey Board of Trade Top 25 under 25 Awards.

Councillor Partridge provided the following information:

- May 1 - 3 Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference
- May 11, Surfrider Canada's beach cleanup event

Councillor Trevelyan provided the following information:

- Reminder of the Landmark Pop-Up Town Gallery exhibit "Artistic Moments" featuring three unique artistic styles from artists Ciel Ellis, Catherine Sheppard, and Mindy Hardiman that runs to the end of May

Councillor Klassen provided the following information:

- April 29, Appreciation event, Peninsula United Church for those helping with the extreme shelter this past winter
- May 1 - 3 Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference
- May 5, Hike for Hospice

- May 29, Accessibility Challenge at the Pier

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Councillor Cheung provided the following motion for consideration (notice of this motion was noted at the April 29, 2024 Regular Council meeting):

NOTE: Councillor Cheung provided a self-written report on this matter to provide information in regard to the motion for consideration.

Provided On-Table were updated statistics collected from Councillor Cheung who conducted a survey regarding additional time for dogs to be permitted on the promenade via her Facebook page.

Motion Number: 2024-180 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council direct staff to place the survey questions provided by Councillor Cheung from the survey she had undertaken on her Facebook page on the City's Talk White Rock platform, for thirty (30) days and staff to then provide the feedback to Council so they can discuss and consider the following motion:

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.

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

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

14. OTHER BUSINESS

In accordance with motion 2024-167 Question and Answer Period was extended to allow for the additional speaker from earlier in the meeting to be able to ask a question / make a comment.

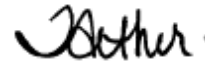
- G. Worters, White Rock, noted concern with some members of Council stating they may consider amending the Official Community Plan (OCP), and further inquired why Planning staff are permitted to bring forward applications that do not comply with the OCP

The Mayor noted that anyone has the right to submit an application. Staff are required to bring all applications forward for Council consideration. It is up to Council to determine whether or not to go forward with each application.

15. CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 13, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Unapproved