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I understand that there is to be a 6% increase in our taxes this year. I object strongly to this as we are one of the most highly taxed cities in the Lower Mainland.

I understand that the role of a city is to look after the infrastructure and the safety of their citizens first. e.g. sewer and water pipes, roads, garbage pickups, sidewalks where necessary, police and fire departments and upkeep of parks and grounds.

Everything else can be cut back e.g. grants, salaries, events etc.

Please stick to the basics and bring that tax increase as near to zero as PROMISED.

Patricia Kealy  
932 Maple St  
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Of course my preference would be for no tax increase this year, which I believe was one of the platforms that this council ran on.

Secondly, I would wish not to have a repeat of "free winter parking" . Because of the free parking, the promenade was so crowded that it was unsafe to walk there - no way to keep the 6 ft of physical distancing and many people did not even wear masks. So because of that freeby, local tax paying residents could not enjoy the spaces we have been paying for.

PS if there was a specific form for this topic, I was not able to find it.

Sincerely,  
Susan Potzold

**From:** [Brian Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
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**Date:** March 5, 2021 7:43:55 AM

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Regards  
Brian Wilson,  
708-1501 Vidal Street,  
White Rock, BC  
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**From:** [Colleen Ponzini](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#); [btjwine@shaw.ca](mailto:btjwine@shaw.ca)  
**Cc:** [Mayor and Council](#); [Guillermo Ferrero](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:22:15 AM

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Hello Mr. Wilson:

Thank you on behalf of City Council for your input to the Financial Planning process.

I have had some help from various staff members to provide you with some feedback to your comments below. The comments from staff are shown in red.

Regards,

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**(b) \$ 83,000 increase in the Property and Liability insurance costs.** Does this represent the actual increase in premium dollars or is it an additional cost/expense set aside for larger amounts of risk assumed by the City? There is an increase of \$60K for property insurance due to rate increases as well as increased appraisal values that rates are applied on. There is also an increase of \$23K for liability insurance due to rate increases. The City annually reviews its insurance coverage to ensure it has the most comprehensive insurance possible which takes into account things like appraisal values, risk, and deductibles.

**I noted some where in the City's financials that premiums had actually been reduced by assuming higher deductibles. Question: What are the expected increases in self-insured amounts (deductibles) for 2021?** There are varying deductible rates that are dependant on the event that the City may be trying to insure. We worked with our insurance broker to get the best possible mix of coverage and we did agree to some changes that involved increased deductibles for some types of events in order to keep the overall costs down.

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explanation of their data. I have copied the link to the data source again here but I can not speak to the information they compiled. It is used in the presentation only as a way to show relative information across municipalities.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/facts-framework/statistics/tax-rates-tax-burden>

***What the heck is a 'representative house' and how is it different than a 'residential house' in WR? How can the difference between the amounts of tax be so significant?*** We used the City's BC Assessment data for the information on page 5 to determine the "average assessed value" for the calculations. For 2020 the assessed value of our home in WR was \$ 1,091,000 and the actual taxes before grants were \$ 4,800. We've received our 2021 assessment and it indicates our taxable value will be \$ 1,172,000, an increase of 7 %. The 2021 assessment also mentioned that the average increase in taxable value in WR is only 3 %. ***I find that the manner in which this tax increase information has been dealt with by the City in this draft is confusing and misleading.*** The way property taxes are calculated certainly makes it challenging to communicate future impacts. A very good video that has been put out by the BC Assessment Authority that attempts to describe how it work has been provided in the report and I have copied it here as well for your reference. [\(851\) Understanding Property Assessments & Property Taxes - YouTube](#)

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***(b) \$ 1 million for new tree lights from the pier to P'Quals and annual tree light replacement program (items 204 and 205). Wow!! The annual light replacements are about \$ 150,000. Really? Is there a business case for this? A significant part of the Pier to P'Quals cost is installing electrical underground, this involves environmental and archaeological investigations that add to the cost. We tender the light replacements – recent bids have come in lower, but this cannot be guaranteed so the budgets stay the same. The City only pays the actual costs, so hopefully the projects show significant savings. The light replacements include, takedown, tree pruning, purchase and installation.***

***(c) \$ 180,000 for surface protection of the iconic White Rock. \$ 30,000 in 2021 and \$ 150,000 in 2022. We went to the construction market in 2021 and found that the project was significantly under budgeted so we increased the budget based on feedback from the industry. There is concern about lead based paints and***

environmental impacts which escalate the costs. The City may be able to do initial work in house to absorb some of the contract risk and then tender, expecting lower bid prices. *I understand that the City intends to remove the white paint from P'Quals and restore it to a natural state. Item 208. This would seem sensible and may not detract from its appeal as a tourist attraction. However, the budgeted amount for remediation seem excessive. Perhaps the rock should be fenced off to prevent future defacing and reduce the risk as an attractive nuisance? Might be a good idea to discuss with Council and Semiahmoo First Nation.*

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*This funding comes from the "Community Amenity Contributions" which has restrictions as to how the funding can be used. It can not be used or the stabilization of the ravine slope.*

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Mayor and Council ,  
Please find attached my comments concerning the Financial Plan.  
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.  
Sincerely,  
Wayne Baldwin  
Roper Ave, White Rock

Mayor and Council

City of White Rock

Re: FINANCIAL PLAN 2021

I have some deep concerns about the proposed Financial Plan for 2021-2025 and White Rock's Taxation Levels in general.

The projected tax increase of 4.28% is simply too high. In the 3 years since Democracy Direct has controlled the purse strings, the cumulative tax increase has been over 11.2% - more than double the CPI.

This comes despite the fact that the City received a huge windfalls of Building permit fees of \$2.3 M (2019), \$3.0 M (2020), and \$1.4M ( projected 2021) . Since 1% of taxation is about \$200,000 this is quite a chunk of change.

Additionally, there was a corresponding large increase in property taxes from new construction (\$322,000 in 2021) . Moreover, Council received a gift of \$3.8 M from the Province in November, 2020 to offset the costs of COVID for 2020 and 2021- so excessive taxation cannot be blamed on COVID.

Despite all this revenue, the Council still requires these excessive tax increases. How is this even possible?

There are some clues , which illustrate this fiscal mismanagement.

First is the Pay Parking. Besides property taxes , and some revenues from leisure programs (which actually operate at a loss) and fees for services (such as Building Permits), the only real revenue the City has is from Pay Parking. Annually, it brings in about \$3.5 M. If that is reduced, the shortfall is made up by property taxes. Parking, one might say, is White Rock's only industry. Council elected to give it away for free in 2020 and 2021. In 2020 its revenues were down \$742,000 , and for 2021 a further reduction of \$964,000 is projected.

Second, Council has elected to have more Committees than any White Rock Council has ever had. There are so many that the existing staff could not keep up with the workload and so the budget has been increased by over \$100,000 to deal with them.

Third, in 2021, Council is planning to increase the Parks Budget by \$250,000 , because as Councillor Kristjanson said, everybody loves our parks. If they love them now, why spend more? How much love do we need?



Fourth ., Council elected to “embark on a new direction” in November 2019 and fired the City Manager. The “new direction” evidently was not quite ready to start , as he was kept in the position for 6 more months, until May, 2020. Nonetheless, the “new start” cost the taxpayers in excess of \$300,000 in dismissal and benefit costs in 2020.

So, instead of streamlining the immense administrative overhead by cutting back on the number of Committees (what other City in the Province has a Water Committee?) - thereby saving \$100,000 ; and instead of putting a cap on hiring additional Parks staff to save \$250,000, and instead of cutting out the free parking, Council has elected not to save the resultant moneys and instead continue on with its profligate ways.

Any notion of funding the operating budget out of Capital Reserves as was done in 2020 to the tune of \$220,000, and was proposed in the amount of \$375,000 for 2021, should be an absolute non-starter. This is a recipe for fiscal disaster and a prime example of ‘short term gain for long term pain’.

Finally, I am concerned about the timeliness of the Budget Process. Best practice would be to have the budget work all done before the end of December, with the bylaws passed early in the new year.

In order to facilitate that, the Province actually moved the last election up a month into October, to give new Councils time to do their budgeting before the end of the year. Instead, our Council concentrated on other more political matters , neglected their fiduciary duty, and the budget was not passed until the end of April. In the 3 years they have been in office they have never been able to get a Budget out earlier than late April , and are very likely the only City in Metro to be so far behind the budget cycle.

Being consistently 3 to 4 months late with the budget means Council is effectively budgeting for only 8 months not 12 , since 4 months of the year have already been expended. Moreover , City Capital work is always late into the market , because staff cannot start the contract process until the budget is approved. Other municipalities hit the market early and get the best prices, and workforce availability. White Rock is left behind and does not get the full benefit of more competitive bidding and best construction weather.

This is NOT good governance and needs to be changed. White Rock deserves better.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Wayne Baldwin

White Rock

**From:** [Hannah Newman](#)  
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Hannah Newman  
15457 Buena Vista Ave  
White Rock



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**Cc:** [Mayor and Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:31:00 AM

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Hello Ms. Newman:

Thank you on behalf of City Council for your input to the Financial Planning process. With respect to your comment about the \$200K art project for the Johnson/Thrift block. This funding came in from a developer as a "Community Amenity Contribution" which has restrictions as to how the funding can be used. In this case, the \$200K can only be used for the purpose of an art project in the town centre area. I do not know what the "art" might be but your comments to address seating if possible in this case has been noted.

Regards,

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I do not support the 4.28% Property Tax increase currently proposed. I understand many of the proposals have merit, but this is not the time to be loading on the financial burden.

The hyper development we are experiencing does not appear to provide tax relief. Please work to reduce this rate, as I understand is the position of some on Council, who I do support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roberta Colombin  
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Hello Ms. Colombi:

Thank you on behalf of City Council for your input to the Financial Planning process.

With respect to your comment "hyper development we are experiencing does not appear to provide tax relief."

While the extent of tax relief from development is a point that is certainly subjective and with new development comes new costs, the Draft Financial Plan does include \$545K in new taxation revenues in 2021 that are helping to offset increased costs. There is also a projected total of \$1.7M in new taxation revenues from development for the years 2022 to 2025.

Regards,

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**From:** Roberta Colombin <[roberta.colombin@telus.net](mailto:roberta.colombin@telus.net)>  
**Sent:** March 7, 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Office <[ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca)>  
**Cc:** Christopher Trevelyan <[CTrevelyan@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:CTrevelyan@whiterockcity.ca)>; Scott Kristjanson <[SKristjanson@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:SKristjanson@whiterockcity.ca)>; Erika Johanson <[EJohanson@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:EJohanson@whiterockcity.ca)>; Anthony Manning <[AManning@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:AManning@whiterockcity.ca)>; Darryl Walker <[DWalker@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:DWalker@whiterockcity.ca)>; David Chesney <[DChesney@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:DChesney@whiterockcity.ca)>; Helen Fathers <[HFathers@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:HFathers@whiterockcity.ca)>  
**Subject:** City of White Rock Darft Budge Plan 2021-22 March 8 2021

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I do not support the 4.28% Property Tax increase currently proposed. I understand many of the

proposals have merit, but this is not the time to be loading on the financial burden.

The hyper development we are experiencing does not appear to provide tax relief. Please work to reduce this rate, as I understand is the position of some on Council, who I do support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roberta Colombin  
14852 Beachview Avenue  
White Rock, BC V4B 1N7

**From:** [Karilin Hahn](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 12:01:44 AM

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I am absolutely disgusted with the property tax increase of 4.28 percent. Contrary to popular belief, the city of White Rock is not full of rich people who can afford to bank roll anything. Plenty of the home owners invested in this city 40, 50 even 60 years ago as newlyweds. They are property rich, but income poor. Their pensions can't possibly keep up with a tax increase like this. If this goes ahead, you should be including the contact information for Sources Food Bank with our tax bill, as there are many seniors who will need it...and will remember that need in October of next year. Perhaps the council need to spend less time worrying about tree canopies and 6 story condos (that include affordable housing!), and more time thinking about the impact this increase has on long time home owners.

I am not sure what Scott's idea is for zero tax increase, as he has blocked me on both facebook and email...so much for Democracy Direct listening to the people. For that matter, so has both Helen and Dave. So, there is that. You might not always like what I have to say, but you should at least listen and hear me out, right?.

As far as needing another police officer...are you sure? I have seen the entire watch attend to remove a mentally ill homeless person from the steps of an ice cream shop on Marine Drive. I have also seen half the watch babysit that same person at PAH Emergency. Perhaps a better strategy is to bill Fraser Valley Health for the time spent dealing with these issues, until they (FVH) step up and do so themselves. As I am sure you are aware, that was suggested by the new Chief of Police. The city should get behind that, instead of raising my taxes to hire yet another officer to help deal with one person, apparently.

On to the parkade, perhaps if it wasn't such a secret it would be better utilized. Better signage would help, as would getting Explore White Rock staff out there to spread the word to people sitting in their cars in the BNSF owned parking lots that there is a place to park, get out of their cars and support local business. Pre covid, I saw how the Explore White Rock student hires rolled. They sat under a canopy on the beachside of the museum, staring at their phones. No engagement, no looking up. Not helping the local businesses at all, IMO. I don't know for sure if they were summer staff or volunteers. Either way, they could have done better. I single handedly did more to get traffic into the parkade and increase tourism business on a single Saturday than Explore White Rock did the entire summer with their kiosk.

Sincerely caring for my city

Karilin Hahn

Investor in the City of White Rock

**From:** [David Hunt](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 8:20:19 AM

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Finally, we need to think about the many, many seniors in our community who are "house-rich, income-poor". I know some who already defer their property taxes. Raising rates even higher will only defer more.

Sincerely,

David Hunt  
939 Lee Street  
White Rock, BC  
V4B 4N9



**From:** [Colleen Ponzini](#)  
**To:** [David Hunt; Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor and Council; Guillermo Ferrero](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:47:09 AM

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[\(851\) Understanding Property Assessments & Property Taxes - YouTube](#)

With respect to your comment "has city hall not realized cost savings with employees working from home much of 2020 and 2021?" While the City does have many people working from home when possible to help reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus, there has been little savings as City Hall has actually remained open, just not open to the public without an appointment.

Regards,

**Colleen Ponzini, CPA, CGA**  
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**From:** David Hunt <david@davidnelsonhunt.com>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 8:20 AM  
**To:** Clerk's Office <ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca>  
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David Hunt  
939 Lee Street  
White Rock, BC  
V4B 4N9

**From:** [Markus Sommer](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Increase of taxes  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 8:24:39 AM

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As a resident of White Rock for over twenty years I am firmly opposed to the increase of taxes!

Regards

Markus Sommer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Krista Hunt](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial plan and property tax  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 8:39:27 AM

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Sincerely,

Krista Hunt  
939 Lee Street  
White Rock, BC  
V4B 4N9

**From:** [Colleen Ponzini](#)  
**To:** [Krista Hunt](#); [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor and Council](#); [Guillermo Ferrero](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Financial plan and property tax  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:54:18 AM

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Hello Ms. Hunt

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**From:** Krista Hunt <kristaphunt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 8:39 AM  
**To:** Clerk's Office <ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca>  
**Subject:** Financial plan and property tax

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Krista Hunt  
939 Lee Street  
White Rock, BC  
V4B 4N9

**From:** [jordana collision](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Pty tax increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 8:44:36 AM

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Hello,

We are a family living in east beach. These are crazy times during a pandemic with people losing income and property value increasing. CoWR will already get more income from taxes because property values are higher. Do not increase our property tax. Thanks.

Peace, Jordana from Lee street  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Colleen Ponzini](#)  
**To:** [jordana collision](#); [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor and Council](#); [Guillermo Ferrero](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pty tax increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:57:52 AM

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Hello Ms. Collision:

Thank you on behalf of City Council for your input to the Financial Planning process.

With respect to your comment "CoWR will already get more income from taxes because property values are higher"

Total tax revenues are not impacted by property assessment values. The changes in property assessments do however play a part in how the total taxes are distributed to property owners. I have attached a link to a video from the BC Assessment Authority that describes the relationship between property assessment values and taxes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJlmzeCm5jw>

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: jordana collision <[jordanacollision@hotmail.com](mailto:jordanacollision@hotmail.com)>  
Sent: March 8, 2021 8:45 AM  
To: Clerk's Office <[ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca)>  
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**From:** [Miriam](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT INCREASE TAXES  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 8:59:00 AM

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Please do not increase city taxes at this time. The pandemic is sucking the life out of us. We do not need further stress and burdens at this time.

Miriam R. Tolhurst  
#310, 15875 Marine Dr.  
White Rock, BC  
V4B 5J2

**From:** [Rick Barley](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:02:07 AM

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Rick Barley 14616 W. Beach Ave. I vote no to the tax increase.

Rick Barley

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Greg Kightley](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:04:44 AM

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My address is 932 Lee

I'm opposed to your plans to increase prooerty taxes. I see no increased services and your engineering department needs to be cleaned up before we continue to put good money into bad.

Thank you

Greg Kightley

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MSB\\_55](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:05:54 AM

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I strongly oppose any increase in property taxes. We are already paying significantly more than Surrey with less service. I encourage anyone to consider taxes before moving here

**From:** [MSB\\_55](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:07:36 AM

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My address is 926 Lee St in reference to my strong no vote in previous email. Thanks

**From:** [Nap Veltri](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:08:04 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Napoleon Veltri and I own two properties in Whiterock. One on Lee st and one on Buena Vista ave.

I'm writing you today to express my concern over council's plan of increasing property taxes in whiterock . I oppose any tax increases in whiterock at this time.

Thank you

Napoleon Veltri

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tasia Varro](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:09:30 AM

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Hi there,

I oppose ANY TAX increases. During this pandemic people are already struggling and to do this will put even more financial strain on them.

Thank you  
Tasia Varro  
922 Maple Street  
White Rock BC V4B 4M5

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Christine](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FINANCIAL PLAN - WE OPPOSE ANY TAX INCREASES  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:15:48 AM

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We, Steve Svensson and Christine Bigelow oppose any tax increases. During the pandemic, with people losing jobs, barely holding on, it seems bizarre that you would consider this.

And, I believe you promised NO TAX INCREASES!

PLEASE - NO TAX INCREASES THIS YEAR.

Thank you.

Christine Bigelow  
Steve Svensson  
107-1280 Merklin Street  
White Rock, BC V4B 4B9

Christine Bigelow



**From:** [Darci Steffins](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Property Tax Increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:18:53 AM

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Are your kidding? In this pandemic, with tax paying high rises towering all around us?? This will go over badly.

Not impressed. Please vote NO. There are other creative ways to increase revenues in this beautiful city. Resist taking the easy route at everyone's expense. This is why you are on counsel.

There are other ways. Involve us in the creative process more.

Darci Steffins  
1473 Bishop Road  
White Rock BC  
10 year resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Phillip Warner](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:21:57 AM

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Need to see a zero or close to increase. We have a downturn in jobs with price increases everywhere and then hit with year over year of massive property and water taxes increases.

Rein in city spending. Cut staffing levels and management. Focus on core projects only no vanity items.

**From:** [Shawna Patillo](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:22:51 AM

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I oppose any tax increases!

Thank you,  
Shawna Patillo

**From:** [Angelo Morrissey](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:31:21 AM

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Dear Mayor and council,

I oppose any tax increases for the city of White Rock BC.

Sincerely  
Angelo Morrissey  
whiterockbc@me.com

1523 Stayte Rd  
White Rock BC

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Wendy Gaudet](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan oppose increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 9:53:10 AM

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Dear Council,

The hardship families are experiencing right now are both financial and emotional . Our community in White Rock has been hit hard and the services I have experienced in our community are at an all time low. For example the ability to walk through our raved e has been closed down for over a year ( off Goggs Ave and 147 st).

Increasing taxes when we are experiencing less services is not acceptable.

Drs Ron and Wendy Gaudet

White Rock BC

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brittany Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 10:02:09 AM

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Do not increase taxes. This will go over badly.

Not impressed. Please vote NO.

You promised not to do this!

Brittany Thomas  
928 Maple Street  
White Rock, BC  
V4B4M5

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Debbie Barley](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [debbiebarley@shaw.ca](mailto:debbiebarley@shaw.ca)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 10:03:17 AM

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I oppose any tax increase!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Margaret Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 10:15:22 AM

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I am a homeowner in White Rock and I strongly oppose any property tax increases. Vote is a no.

Margaret Henderson  
926 Lee Street  
White Rock BC, V4B 4N8



**From:** [Todd Conkey](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Tax Vote  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 10:23:58 AM

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I am strongly opposed to a tax increase under the current economic conditions and believe the current council was elected on a no vote basis.

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Todd Conkey

Strata council president  
Cell (778) 886-4063

Brendann Place NW1870  
#101 1449 Merklin Place  
White Rock  
BC

**From:** [Matt Patillo](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase white rock.  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 10:25:24 AM

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Hi Hi-ho hardly oppose any tax increases to the city of White Rock. We are a young family and we want to see more young families move to the area.

Thank you.

Matthew Nicholas Patillo

**From:** [Todd Conkey](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Taxes in White Rock  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 10:32:29 AM

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Hello

I am strongly opposed to a tax increase under the current economic conditions and believe the current council was elected on a no vote basis.

Rita Conkey

#101 1449 Merklin Street.

**From:** [Una Erdodi](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Raising Property Taxes. ... Do NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. ... I lost job because of COVID 19, am living on a fixed low retirement income and will soon loose become homeless and you will have to support me. .. Thanks for all this 2 hr. notice about raisin...  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:06:01 AM

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**From:** [Lavonne K](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan - Attn Mayor and Council re City Taxes  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:09:08 AM

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As a White Rock resident I am opposed to raise in City taxes.

Please try hard to find economies and avoid this measure.

Is it not correct that the City Council had promised no tax raise during COVID?

Please consider that many residents have taken job cuts and lay-offs to part time.

*Lavonne Khayyat  
203 – 1449 Merklin Street  
White Rock, BC V4B 4C4*

**From:** [pamella Cunningham](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Financial Plan  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:10:13 AM

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Increase revenues in other ways-  
Dog licence fines on promenade (dogs without licences)  
Illegal parking on streets  
Weed smoking on the promenade- especially at night

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ruth Dean](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increases  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:17:12 AM

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Many of us live on fixed income - or small pensions. Please do not increase taxes at this time if possible.

Thank you.

R Dean

**From:** [Alasdair Cunningham](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Tax increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:22:08 AM

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White Rock tax money needs to be better spent vs raising.  
The pandemic is creating w tax shortfall no doubt -  
We need smarter spending vs draining diminished resources of our citizens ...

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Graves Graves](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:27:03 AM

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Mayor and Council,

I oppose the increase of property taxes.

We are in the middle of a Pandemic. People have either job loss or decline of hours which reduces income and are not able to afford increases. We are already being hit hard with increased food and gas prices.

Property values appreciate and tax will increase as a result not to mention the High-rise developments being built, with many units, automatically bringing in more taxes.

After promising NO TAX INCREASES, would we be able to trust this council again? I don't think so....

Jerine Graves  
205 - 1355 Fir Street  
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V4B-4B3  
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**From:** [Loralyn Lorch](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose White Rock City Tax Increase  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:46:14 AM

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I am writing to you today to oppose the proposed White Rock City tax increase. During a time of a pandemic when so many are suffering with loss of jobs and income, we do not want to see you increase taxes. You had proposed not to raise taxes when you were elected. I hope that you will listen to the public in this matter. I voted for you in the last election because you have demonstrated that you consult and listen to the public. Please do so again now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Glen and Loralyn Lorch  
411 - 1442 Foster Street  
White Rock BC V4B 3X7

**From:** [Kenneth Jones](#)  
**To:** [Mayor and Council; Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FINANCIAL PLAN  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:54:09 AM

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Please reduce the current Budget to create no increase in homeowner's taxes.

In this Pandemic year, none of us can face any additional costs.

Now is the time for you, as our representatives, to listen to our needs and take out of the proposed budget many items that are not needed this year.

Please eliminate the \$250,000 from Maccaud Park and the Capital funds rebuilding Johnston, as starters.  
Kenneth "Ken" Jones

**From:** [Colleen Ponzini](#)  
**To:** [Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Financial questions  
**Date:** March 8, 2021 11:54:21 AM

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**From:** Colleen Ponzini  
**Sent:** March 5, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** Gary Gumley <ggumley@telus.net>  
**Cc:** Tracey Arthur <TArthur@whiterockcity.ca>; Ken Overton <KOverton@whiterockcity.ca>; Jim Gordon <JGordon@whiterockcity.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Financial questions

One more response Mr Gumley forward from Jim Gordon

### **Hump Paving**

The project for the stabilization of Marine Drive with micro piles is completed, except one week of paving work scheduled for late March. The project was initially projected to be finished well ahead of the planned completion date of January 29<sup>th</sup> but the scope was extended to include anchoring and shotcrete sealing of the middle bin wall. Excavation around this bin wall as part of the micropile process showed that reinforcing was advisable. The other two bin walls do not need work at this time.

The contractor will leave a small fenced in First Aid trailer in the Cypress parking lot until the paving works are completed in March.

Two way traffic is returned and will remain after hours during the March paving, although there will be closures of east bound traffic during the construction. Signage will be in place to reflect these daytime closures.

### **Lighting Contracts/Costs and Hump Contracts/Costs**

Please submit a Freedom of Information request for the contract information due to potential privacy concerns.

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**Sent:** March 5, 2021 12:22 PM

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**Cc:** Tracey Arthur <[TArthur@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:TArthur@whiterockcity.ca)>; Ken Overton <[KOverton@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:KOverton@whiterockcity.ca)>; Jim Gordon <[JGordon@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:JGordon@whiterockcity.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Financial questions

Hello again Mr Gumley:

Staff have been able to find the answers to some of your questions which are provided below in red. I do not have a response for any of the other questions.

Jim could you please see Mr Gumley's question re work on Marine Drive for 2021? And if you are able to help him with his other questions that I did not provide a response for that would be helpful, otherwise they will need to go through the FOI process

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**Subject:** RE: Financial questions

Hello Mr. Gumley:

I find that I will need to have some of your questions below be sent through the FOI process, not that I'm not willing to provide you with information but that it may take some effort in some cases to track down the information you are requesting if it even exists. I will do my best to have some responses that will have to go in open for all of Council to have access to your questions and comments where I can for Monday.

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**From:** Gary Gumley <[ggumley@telus.net](mailto:ggumley@telus.net)>

**Sent:** March 5, 2021 9:15 AM

**To:** Colleen Ponzini <[CPonzini@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:CPonzini@whiterockcity.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Financial questions

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Good Morning Colleen,

I am sure you will be happy to see the end of the financial planning cycle in the coming weeks. What a process for you and your team.

I have a couple of questions that I would prefer to have answered privately rather than through the public forum of Monday evening.

Would you be able to provide me with the following information:

1. What was the parking revenue for 2018, 2019 and 2020. I would appreciate knowing the revenue from the entire city and then a separate line item for revenue from the BNSF lease land. If it is relatively simple to provide the parking revenue from the parkade since it opened that would be appreciated.

The total parking revenue which includes pay parking, fines and decals for 2018 = \$3M for 2019 = \$2.6M and for 2020 = \$2.2M (preliminary figure for 2020 as we are still working on year end)

2. Why does BNSF receive tax exempt status for their land rights from the City of White Rock. The BNSF property that the City leases from BNSF is exempt because it is being used by the City for City business (we don't tax ourselves) the only other exemption they have for

is statutory exemption related to water and sewer. How much did this cost the city in 2020 and how much will the exemption cost in lost revenue each year of the current financial plan?  
NA

3. Where is the line item for the BNSF lease cost in the financial plan for 2021 through 2025?  
This is an operating expense in the Transportation, Engineering and Operations section of the operating budget

4. Could I please have a copy of the signed agreement between the City of White Rock and FestiLights for the West Beach Tree Lights update completed in November of 2020. I would also like confirmation of the final cost for the project.

5. Who commissioned the D. Wournell "swimming tank" brief and why was it part of the agenda package on January 25?

6. Please provide a copy of the contract for "hump stabilization" and the final cost of that project. Could you also confirm that all the work has been completed and that there will be no further disruption to Marine Drive traffic this year? The final costs have not been determined as yet. I believe Engineering still has some road surfacing to complete. I will forward your question re planned work to Engineering staff via copy of this email.

Thanks for your continued assistance with answering my queries.

Best,

Gary Gumley

On 2021-02-24 9:36 a.m., Colleen Ponzini wrote:

Hello Mr. Gumley:

The brief done by D. Wournell was done at no cost to the City.

The BNSF Railway lease was \$450K + GST in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The terms of the BNSF lease go from Aug 1 to July 31 and the payments are due to BNSF by August 1.

Regards,

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**From:** Gary Gumley <[ggumley@telus.net](mailto:ggumley@telus.net)>  
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**Subject:** Financial questions

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Good Morning Ms. Ponzini,

Would it be possible for you to provide me with the following information at your earliest convenience:

1. Cost of the White Rock Pier On-The-Ocean Pool Brief prepared by D. Wournell - Sport Architect (2021)
1. The amount paid to BNSF railway for the land lease rights for the following years:
  1. 2018
  2. 2019
  3. 2020
  4. it is my understanding that the annual BNSF lease payment is due in July of each year - correct?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Regards,

Gary Gumley