

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



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

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Candice Gartry, Director of Financial Services
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Neethu Syam, Planning Division Lead
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Public: Approx. 24

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 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: 2024-198 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 10, 2024 as amended adding an On-Table submission with staff responses for Question and Answer Period from G. Gumley.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: 2024-199 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the May 27, 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 at the meeting, as well as electronically through email.

As of 8:30 a.m., June 5, 2024, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

Note: The Province has expressly prohibited public hearings on the Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Bylaws and new residential uses, and we have Bylaw 2506 on the agenda for consideration of first and second reading. Please note that because we are prohibited by the Province to hold a public hearing on this Bylaw, Council members cannot be influenced by any comments or submissions respecting matters contained in a proposed bylaw that is the subject of the Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing requirements or these new residential procedures.

On-Table there was one (1) submission for Question and Answer period from G. Gumley, with questions in regard to the City's the Financial Plan Amendment on the agenda.

It was asked:

- Why is City Council approving a 5-year financial plan that includes a 10 million dollar increase in Property taxes over the next 5 years.
- Why does the City have \$47M of Capital Asset Carry-Over projects from 2023?
- Why does the City have over \$180M in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the bank today (up from \$60M 10 years ago)?

Staff noted that all questions and answers will be posted on the City Website.

Motion Number: 2024-200 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by noon (12:00 p.m.) June 10, 2024, **including “On-Table”** information provided with staff responses that are available at the time.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

- S. Bains, White Rock, informed that on May 16, 2024 there was a petition started for equal access for the pier, and at this time the petition has gained 1,500 signatures. It was requested that Council consider funding the accessible pier mat now so that work on this project can begin immediately.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a CHERYL LIGHTOWLERS - WARMING CENTRE FOR WINTER 2023/2024

Cheryl Lightowlers, resident, attended to present signed letters thanking Council for providing a warming centre for winter 2023/2024 and requested collaboration between White Rock and Surrey to establish permanent, supportive housing on the Peninsula.

Council thanked Ms. Lightowlers for her continued advocacy for those experiencing homelessness. In response to a question from

Council, staff noted that at this time discussions on a warming center for 2024/2025 with the City of Surrey have not taken place.

5.1.b DR. ALEX GALO - REQUEST TO CREATE BYLAW TO SUPPORT EXISTING SIGNAGE AT CENTENNIAL TRACK

Dr. Alex Galo, resident, attended to request that a bylaw be created to prohibit dogs on the track and field at Centennial Park, similar to what is done in other municipalities.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a 2024 MAJOR DEVELOPMENT COST-CHARGES PROGRAM UPDATE

Corporate report dated June 10, 2024, from the Manager, Engineering titled "2024 Major Development Cost Charges Program Update".

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations introduced the City's consultants Colwyn Sunderland and Rose Sinnott with Kerr Wood Leidal Associated Ltd., who provided a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the Development Cost-Charges program.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Why are the proposed rates still significantly less than neighbouring municipalities? The Consultant noted that it depends on both the amount of infrastructure needed to service existing users as well as the age of existing infrastructure.
- DCCs include fire and policing servicing, which many other municipalities currently do not. Noted if other municipalities renew their DCCs they would then likely include these.

- It was asked if the rate for the DCCs could be changed by Council (charge more)? It was clarified that the DCC Bylaw requires approval from the Province and we would need to justify costs if this was to be changed. Staff are using Metro 2050 targets to assess future growth.

Motion Number: 2024-201 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated June 10, 2024, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "2024 Major Development Cost Charges Program Update."

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2024 -202 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the draft Development Cost Charges (DCC) program and draft DCC rates for the basis of further public consultation in establishing the updated DCC Rates Bylaw.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2024-203 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve award of consulting efforts to support the public consultation phase of the 2024 Major Development Cost Charges Program Update to Kerr Wood Leidal in the amount of \$59,859 (excluding GST).

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2024-204 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council preauthorize an additional \$18,000 (approximately 30% of the project cost) in contingency if required.

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

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

6.2.b 2023-2024 DAYTIME WARMING CENTER SUMMARY REPORT

Corporate report dated June 10, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "2023-2024 Daytime Warming Centre Summary".

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided an overview of the corporate report.

Upkar Singh Tatlay, Founder and Executive Director for the Engaged Communities Canada Society, presented a PowerPoint on metrics and trends observed at the warming centre during the 2023/2024 season.

Motion Number: 2024-205 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the report dated June 10, 2024, from the Director of Planning & Development Services, titled "2023-2024 Daytime Warming Centre Summary Report".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c WHITE ROCK FINANCIAL PLAN (2024 - 2028) BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2496 AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2024, NO. 2504

Corporate report dated June 10, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "White Rock Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw, 2024, No. 2496 Amendment No. 1, 2024, No. 2504".

Note: Bylaw 2504 was on the agenda for consideration under Item 9.1.a

Motion Number: 2024-206 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the June 10, 2024, corporate report from the Director, Financial Services, titled "White Rock Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw, 2024, No. 2496, Amendment No. 1, 2024, No. 2504".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.d ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHANGE OF COMMITTEE TYPE

Corporate report dated June 10, 2024, from the Director of Human Resources titled "Accessibility Committee Change of Committee Type".

Motion Number: 2024-207 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Establish a select committee, titled "Accessibility Committee in line with the *Accessible British Columbia Act (2021)*;" and**
- 2. Endorse Council Policy 177: Terms of Reference Accessibility Advisory Committee.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2024-208 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council appoint Councillor Trevelyan as the Chairperson and Councillor Partridge as the Vice-Chairperson to the Accessibility Advisory Committee in accordance with Policy 177.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8. POLICIES

None

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

**9.1.a BYLAW 2504: WHITE ROCK FINANCIAL PLAN (2024-2028)
BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2496, AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2024, NO. 2504**

Bylaw 2504 - A bylaw to amend the 2024 to 2028 Financial Plan (replacing schedule A and B).

Note: Bylaw 2504 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.c

Motion Number: 2024-209 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*White Rock Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw, 2024, No. 2496, Amendment No. 1, 2024, No. 2504*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2506 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2024 NO. 2506

Bylaw 2506 - A bylaw to adopt the "City of White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506". Bylaw 2506 was the subject of a [Corporate Report at the May 27, 2024](#) Regular Council meeting and is coming forward to address Bill 44 - Small Scale, Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) regulations from the Province. In accordance with Bill 44 a public hearing for this matter is prohibited.

Motion Number: 2024-210 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first and second reading to " *White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2024-211 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive correspondence Items 10.1 a - 10.1.b as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF - MAY 31, 2024

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief information from the May 31, 2024 meeting.

10.1.b UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM) AWARD OPPORTUNITY

A copy of an award application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) that the City of White Rock submitted May 16, 2024 (deadline was May 17, 2024) under the category: *Excellence in Service Delivery, Projects/programs that provide effective services in a proactive manner and demonstrate benefit to the community.*

Project: *Third Party Contracted Services for the Building Permit Application Review.*

Note: A Council resolution in support of the award application must be provided at this time in order to complete the application process.

Motion Number: 2024-212 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse and supports City staff submitting an award application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for a 2024 Community Excellence Award for the following project that helped to enable the City provide excellence in service delivery:

- *Third Party Contracted Services for the Building Permit Application Review.*

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Self Advocates of Semiahmoo (SAS) are fundraising towards the cost of the installation of adaptive pier mats through its annual "New to You" clothing sale. SAS has committed at least \$5,750. This would be a great event to support and is taking place on Saturday, June 22
- May 28, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce's Mix and Mingle Event
- May 29, Peace Arch Hospital's traditional honouring ceremony for Semiahmoo First Nations artist Leslie Wells.
- May 30, TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation meeting
- May 31, Metro Vancouver meeting
- June 1, BC Elk's Association's 95th Annual Conference
- June 1 -South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce's "Business Trade Show on the Peninsula" event

- June 5 - White Rock Soroptimist's 4th Annual Wine, Women & Chocolate Fundraiser.

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Cheung noted the following information:

- May 28, Chamber mixer event and visited the Marine Room on Marine Drive which showcased Sheila's catering.
- May 31, Friday Night Market
- June 1, Chamber of Commerce Trade Show
- June 1, "2 Wild Artists" show at the Landmark Pop-Up-Town Gallery featuring works from artists Nicci Battilana and Andrey Bakewell
- June 5, Sorpotomist Summer Nights Beach Party fundraising event
- Jun 8, Seniors Expo with MLA Trevor Halford, MLA Shirley Bond and BC senior advocate Dan Levitt

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- June 5, Soroptimist Summer Nights Beach Party fundraising event
- Upcoming event June 22 - SAS's Annual "New to You" Clothing Sale (Raising Funds for the White Rock Accessible Mats at the Pier)
- Upcoming event June 22 - Peninsula Productions Costume and Clothing Sale, where funds raised will go to their upcoming show "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- June 15, White Rock RCMP and Fire Department 2024 Open House
- June 14-16, Comedy and Busker festival

Councillor Trevelyan noted the following information:

- June 8, Aire Cadet League of Canada's 907 Black Knights Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review

Councillor Klassen noted the following information:

- May 29, Access the Pier Event during National Accessibility Week
- Upcoming event June 21, White Rock City Orchestra

Councillor Lawrence noted the following information:

- June 6 – 9, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual General Meeting in Calgary.

12. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

12.1 MOTIONS

12.1.a MOTION TO RECONSIDER - PIER ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Trevelyan (who voted in the affirmative at the May 13, 2024 regular Council meeting on this topic) requested the following motion to be placed on the agenda for reconsideration:

May 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting 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)

Councillor Trevelyan noted that he would like motion 2024-174 reconsidered by Council so that the accessible pier mat could be addressed this year, rather than waiting for the 2025 budget process.

***MOTION PERMITTING RECONSIDERATION**

Motion Number: 2024-213 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council permit reconsideration of motion 2024-174 at this time.

Motion For Reference Purposes:

- ***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.***

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

***MOTION BEING RECONSIDERED**

Motion Number: 2024-214 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 (7): Mayor Knight, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Klassen, Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Partridge, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion DEFEATED (0 to 7)

Note: now that previous Council direction has been reconsidered and removed, in regard to an accessibility mat on the pier, the following motion was brought forward for consideration at this time.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Council is actively advocating for this project and has secured grants and community group donations to support it. It was emphasized that while Council want the project to be

completed, they are working to ensure that the funding does not solely rely on taxpayers.

- Concerns were expressed with misinformation in the media surrounding this topic.
- In terms of community fundraising, it was noted that Soroptimist is donating \$2,000 for the mat and additional fundraising opportunities are in progress

Motion Number: 2024-215 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council direct staff to immediately proceed with the implementation of an accessible semi-permanent mat on the pier using funds from grants, community group fundraising efforts and the Growing Community Fund.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

The CAO informed that next steps for this project would be for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) which would take approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks. Once proposals are received, the information will come back to Council to endorse. Following this it would be up to the vendor to determine a timeline, however staff will work to address this as quickly as possible.

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

14. OTHER BUSINESS

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE 10, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:41 p.m.



Mayor Knight

Debbie Johnstone, Deputy
Corporate Officer

Unapproved