

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



October 7, 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  
Staff Sergeant, Rob Dixon, RCMP  
Candice Garty, Director of Financial Services  
Wayne Berg, Acting Director of Planning and Development 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  
Robyn Barra, Manager of Communications and Government Relations  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

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#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

## 1.1 FIRST NATIONS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion Number: 2024-345 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for October 7, 2024 as amended to add:**

- **An Updated Schedule A (Waterfront Parking Map) for Item 6.2.d and 9.1.c**
- **Schedule A for White Rock BIA Bylaw 2495 for Item 9.1.b;**
- **For Item 6.2.b – Centre Street Improvement Update, to be amended to be referred to as Helen Fathers Centre Street Walkway Improvement Update; and**
- **For Item 6.2.f - Survey Results for a Warming Centre.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Motion Number: 2024-346 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the following meeting minutes as circulated.**

- **Regular Council, September 23, 2024.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2024-347 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the following meeting minutes as circulated.**

- **Public Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2024 [Development Variance Permit No. 459 (14591 Gordon Avenue)].**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

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

Question and Answer Period was held in person at the meeting.

**4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

- C. Lightowers, White Rock, noted support for the City to continue offering a daytime warming centre service, grateful for how the City has supported those that are vulnerable during the past three (3) years. Stated that Centennial Park has appeared to work well for this purpose and encourages the province to aid for this need.
- P. Petrala, White Rock, inquired if the staff have participated in training on how to work safely and kindly for those living in their cars or on the street? The CAO noted some staff have had some training, but not all and the Mayor thanked Ms. Petrala for the suggestion
- J. Van Koll, Surrey, noted support for the City to continue offering a daytime warming centre service, he has worked with this service and noted the importance of it, and encouraged White Rock and Surrey to continue the programs with White Rock offering support in the daytime and Surrey providing help in the evening. It was clarified that it is understood that the City of Surrey evening help would only be provided during extreme temperatures.
- L. Todd, White Rock, noted he lives close to the previous daytime warming centre and has not experienced any kind of serious encounter with those that are homeless, is proud with the City for providing this service for those in need.
- L. Duplessis, White Rock, noted the need for the City to provide a daytime warming centre and recommends it be located at Centennial Park where it has been previously. Utilizes the park herself and has not seen an issue with the exception that more garbage has been noticed. Pleaded the City helps those who are in need.
- C. Bennet-Clark, White Rock, in support of the City providing a daytime warming centre, encouraged building a relationship with

the province on this matter. Has worked in this area and encourages that a long-term solution be found. Stated that this is not something the City can just rely on the volunteer community to help with, a permanent financial arrangement is needed.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)**

**5.1.a WHITE ROCK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Alex Nixon, Executive Director, and Leah Chandler, Board Chair, White Rock Business Improvement Association (BIA), provided an update regarding the BIA mandate for consideration of a new BIA Bylaw and further noted that funding has not been keeping up with inflation.

**5.2 PETITIONS**

None

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

**6.1.a METRO VANCOUVER: WHERE MATTERS - WALKABILITY RELATIONSHIP WITH HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, and Mark Seinen, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, provided a presentation on this topic.

**6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.2.a BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) NEW BYLAW NO. 2495**

Corporate report dated October 7, 2024 from the Director of Corporate Administration titled "Business Improvement Area (BIA) New Bylaw No. 2495".

**Motion Number: 2024-348 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the October 7, 2024, corporate report from the Director of Corporate Administration, titled "Business Improvement Area (BIA) New Bylaw No. 2495".**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**Motion Number: 2024-349 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse when considering first, second and third reading to the “*White Rock Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2024, 2495*” it will be done with the following elements:**

- a. **Term (5 years);**
- b. **Annual amounts to be collected in accordance with the bylaw with suggested BIA levies for each year of the five-year term at 4% increase from the previous bylaw; and**
- c. **The new mandate as presented by the BIA in their September 30, 2024 letter and as noted within the October 7, 2024 corporate report.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**6.2.b HELEN FATHERS CENTRE STREET WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

Corporate report dated October 7, 2024 from the Manager, Engineering and the Manager, Parks, titled "Centre Street Improvements Update".

In accordance with motion 2024- 345 this corporate report was renamed: Helen Fathers Center Street Walkway Improvements Update.

**Motion Number: 2024-350 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated October 7, 2024, from the Manager of Engineering and Manager of Parks, titled “Helen Fathers Centre Street Walkway Improvements Update;” and**

1. **Direct staff to move forward with planting Centre Street in Spring 2025 in the amount of \$100,000 (excluding GST);**

2. **Direct staff to perform renovation pruning on the Laurel hedge lining the Centre Street Walkway between Victoria Avenue and Marine Drive to approximately 3' above ground in Spring 2025, funded separately out of the Parks Department operating budget;**
3. **Approve the award of the construction services to repair the failed retaining wall north of Marine Drive on Centre Street to Graywood Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$60,122 (excluding GST); and**
4. **Authorize the pre-approved contingency in the amount of \$17,578 (approximately 25%) to support the retaining wall project.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.c 2024 WHITE ROCK PAVING PROGRAM - CONTRACT AWARD**

Corporate report dated October 7, 2024 from the Manager, Public Works titled "2024 White Rock Paving Program - Contract Award".

**Motion Number: 2024-351 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

1. **Receive for information the Corporate Report dated October 7, 2024, from the Manager of Public Works, titled "2024 White Rock Paving Program – Contract Award;"**
2. **Approve the award of a contract for the 2024 White Rock Paving Program to All Roads Construction for \$965,676.60 (excluding GST); and**
3. **Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute all contract documentation required for the project.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.d WATERFRONT PARKING LOT CLOSURE BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Corporate report dated October 7, 2024 from the Manager, Engineering titled "Waterfront Parking Lot Closure Bylaw Amendments".

**Motion Number: 2024-352 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the October 7, 2024, corporate report from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Waterfront Parking Lot Closure Bylaw Amendments" for review and consideration of the bylaw under the bylaw section of the Agenda, and direct staff to prepare necessary updates to Council Policy 504 – Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

#### **6.2.e GENERATIONS PLAYGROUND SPLASH PAD UPDATE**

Corporate report dated October 7, 2024 from the Manager, Parks titled "Generations Playground Splash Pad Update".

**Motion Number: 2024-353 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated October 7, 2024, from the Manager of Parks, titled "Generations Playground Splash Pad Update" and approve the final concept drawing and direct staff to proceed with the detailed design phase.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

#### **6.2.f DAYTIME WARMING CENTRE UPDATE**

Corporate report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 7, 2024 titled "Daytime Warming Centre Update".

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the corporate report and noted he was asked to have a survey conducted, a summary of results were provided On-Table and he outlined the results whereby the questions are noted in bold:

**Are you in favour of establishing a warming centre for the unhoused during the winter months in White Rock?**

- Yes: Many respondents support the establishment of a warming center, citing it as a basic humanitarian need, especially during winter (48.4% /601 responders)
- No: Some respondents oppose the idea, arguing it brings problems like crime, drug use, and negatively impacts the local community (41.5% / 515 responders)
- Unsure: A few respondents were uncertain, often voicing concerns about the possible side effects but not outright rejecting the idea (10.0% / 126 responders)

**Do you support allocating your tax dollars to fund the warming center? The current budget allocation for this project is \$360,000?**

- Yes: Those in favor argued that helping the unhoused is a necessary investment, emphasizing the need for community support, food, and shelter as basic needs (45.7% / 571 responders)
- No: Others objected, stating that the funding could be better spent elsewhere, with some questioning the efficacy and sustainability of the project (54.3% / 678 responders)

**If you support the warming center, where do you believe would be the best location for the trailer in the city?**

- Popular locations:
- Centennial Park
- Annex by the RCMP Station
- Merklin/North Bluff & Pacific Avenue

**What concerns or suggestions do you have regarding the operation and potential impact of a warming center at this location?**

- Crime and Safety
- Security and Monitoring
- Impact on Community
- Health and Sanitation

G. Passmore, Sources, was invited to speak as he had further information / consideration in terms of a location to provide: Sources Foodbank (in South Surrey on 156 Street) and the



Sources Women's Shelter (20 Avenue & 154 Street) were noted; however, limited opening times would only be permitted. Example the Foodbank is open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Other than that, it was noted that it would be possible for the City to run a warming centre from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. in these Sources locations. As well there was an offer to rely on use of their vehicle to transport person if it were needed it.

The following discussion points were noted:

- There were \$70,000 in return funds from the province in 2023, for running the daytime warming centre during extreme weather conditions
- Potentially review the Annex for the service (second choice on the survey)
- a new RFP would have to be addressed, for the actual service provider, if the City were utilize the noted Sources locations, as well discussion will need to occur with the City of Surrey would be needed

**Motion Number: 2024-354 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

1. **Receive the October 7, 2024, corporate report from the Chief Administrative Officer, titled "Daytime Warming Centre Update" for consideration; and**
2. **Direct staff to explore and report back regarding the options provided by Sources at the meeting (utilizing the hours provided by Sources) and work with the City of Surrey and that this be utilized during times of extreme cold weather (called by the province).**

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

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)**

## **6.2.g SUMMER RECREATION ACTIVITY UPDATE 2024**

Corporate report dated October 7, 2024 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Summer Recreation Activity Update 2024".

**Motion Number: 2024-355 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated October 7, 2024, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "Summer Recreation Activity Update 2024."**

**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 2513 - 2024 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2480, AMENDMENT NO. 2, 2024, NO. 2513**

Bylaw 2513 - A bylaw to amend Schedule "N" of the 2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw in regard to parking services (fees for parking decals and residential parking permits). Bylaw 2513 received three (3) readings on September 23, 2024 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

**Motion Number: 2024-356 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give final reading to "2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023, No. 2480, Amendment No. 2, 2024, No. 2513".**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**9.1.b BYLAW 2495 - WHITE ROCK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA  
BYLAW 2024, NO 2495**

Bylaw 2495 - A bylaw to establish and designate a Business Improvement Area in the City of White Rock for a five (5) year term.

**Note:** This bylaw was brought forward from corporate report discussed under Item 6.2.a

**Note:** Two (2) versions of Bylaw 2495 are attached for Council consideration. Version 1 includes the levy amounts at 2% increase and Version 2 includes the levy amounts at 4%. Council will determine which Bylaw to utilize for this purpose..

**Motion Number: 2024-357 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give first, second and third reading to " *White Rock Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2024, No. 2495*" as provided in the agenda under version two (2) with the following amended mandate as provided in the BIA letter dated September 30, 2024:**

- ***Support existing and new businesses;***
- ***Carrying out studies and preparing reports to encourage business and commerce in the BIA area;***
- ***Encourage and promoting commercial business and encouraging entertainment, sports and cultural activities with the BIA area;***
- ***Removing graffiti from buildings and other structures in the BIA Area; and***
- ***Creating a pleasant physical environment and improving beautifying or maintaining streets, sidewalks or municipally owned land, buildings or other structures in the BIA area.***

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**9.1.c BYLAW 2522 - WHITE ROCK PARKS REGULATIONS BYLAW, 1977, NO. 675, AMENDMENT NO. 9, 2024, NO. 2522**

Bylaw 2522 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Parks Regulation Bylaw in regard to parking in the waterfront parking lots.

**Note:** Bylaw 2522 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.d

**Motion Number: 2024-358 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give first, second and third reading to " *White Rock Parks Regulations Bylaw, 1977, No. 675, Amendment No. 9, 2024, No. 2522*".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**9.1.d BYLAW 2521 - TICKETING FOR BYLAW OFFENCES BYLAW, 2011, NO. 1929, AMENDMENT NO. 16, 2024, NO. 2521**

Bylaw 2521 - A bylaw to amend the Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw in relation to Schedule B7 - White Rock Parks Regulation Bylaw.

**Note:** Bylaw 2521 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.d

**Motion Number: 2024-359 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to "*Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw, 2011, No. 1929, Amendment No. 16, 2024, No. 2521*".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**9.2 PERMITS**

None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

None

## **11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

- Sept 25, recorded post-Council overview and City Update
- Sept 27, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors'
- Sept 27, Darpan's 14th Annual Extraordinary Achievement Awards
- Sept 28, TransLink Mayors' Council
- Sept 28, 40th Anniversary of the Iconic Gray Whale Wall Family Mural painted by Robert Wyland in 1984
- Sept 30, 4th Annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 4, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee
- Oct 4, Surrey's Mayor's Evening of Giving Event
- Oct 5, Tree and shrub Planting at Ruth Johnson Park
- Oct 6, Joined City of Surrey Mayor at the White Rock South Surrey Cultural Crawl Artist Festival

### **11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Partridge noted the following:

- Oct 5 & 6 Thank you to staff for all the work that went into the very successful White Rock South Surrey Cultural Crawl Artist Festival

Councillor Klassen noted the following:

- Oct 5 & 6 White Rock South Surrey Cultural Crawl Artist Festival
- International Artist Day

Councillor Chesney provided the following Information:

- Oct 15, Museum Book Sale

- Oct 22, New Display at the Museum, Lest We Forget in honour of Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 29, Museum, Annual General meeting
- Nov 16, Christmas Market at the museum

**Note:** Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) will be conducting pest control soon, information can be found on the City website as it becomes available

## 12. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

### 12.1 MOTIONS

#### 12.1.a WORLD WAR II GUN OUTSIDE CITY HALL

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

**Motion Number: 2024-360 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT Council:***

1. ***Direct staff to pressure wash and re-paint (in a correct colour) the 25-pounder field gun located on fixed display outside City Hall; and***
2. ***Request cost estimates to build a simple four (4) post gazebo structure to help protect the gun from the elements for future generations to enjoy.***

Voted in the negative (4): Mayor Knight, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Lawrence, and Councillor Partridge

**Motion DEFEATED (3 to 4)**

**Motion Number: 2024-361 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to make contact with the organization(s) who has reached out to the City on this matter previously to discuss and bring forward information in regard to what would be permitted and review options in order to help preserve the 25 Pound Artillery Gun displayed at City hall.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 12.1.b DUAL SIGNAGE FOR MARINE LANE AND COSMIC ALLEY

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

**Motion Number: 2024-362 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to review installing new signage for Marine Lane and Cosmic Alley by either placing:**

- A separate sign for Marine Lane and Cosmic Alley to be installed on the same pole; or
- A single sign noting both Marine Lane and Cosmic Alley.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

## 13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

## 14. OTHER BUSINESS

None

## 15. CONCLUSION OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 6:02 p.m.



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Mayor Knight

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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration