

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



January 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Gallery Room, White Rock Community Centre Council Chambers
15154 Russell Ave, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6

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

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Candice Garty, Director of Financial Services
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public: 5

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.1 **FIRST NATIONS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2025-004 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for January 13, 2025 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-005 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the meeting minutes of December 9, 2024, as circulated.

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

- G. Gumley, White Rock, noted concern with stated lack of transparency regarding Council's decision to renovate the Council Chamber at City Hall for office space and move the Council Chamber to the Community Centre.

Staff advised no comments on this matter be received at this time due to ligation notation from Mr. Gumley. Mr. Gumley was asked if there were any other matters he wanted to bring forward, but he noted that this was him personally speaking to the topic and not he on behalf of the White Rock Taxpayers Homeowners Society.

- A. English, White Rock, spoke in regard to street safety (driving speeds) and inquired if the City had explored painting the street

centre lines where the perception will be a narrower road and encourage slower driving.

Staff noted this has been looked at as well as utilizing curb bulges, traffic lights etc., there is a corporate report on this topic later in the agenda this evening

- S. Kristjanson, White Rock, spoke in regard to the City's Community Hub project, inquired if the project has been spoken of publicly (no public hearing for a large expenditure). Understands it is expected that the staff office spaces will be tripled and that there may not be an affordable housing component included. Inquired as to how much the City Hub is forecasted to cost (12 and 24 story options) and impact of the current City Hall and surrounding areas.

It was noted that the proposed options for the Community Hub were discussed with a corporate report and presentation by the consultant at the previous Council meeting (December 9, 2024). There were options that both include and exclude affordable housing options.

- G. Gumley, White Rock, stated the City has \$1.20M more in cash than it did 10 years ago, the operating surpluses and capital asset carryovers are high as well meanwhile property taxes have increased. Would like to know if Council will re-instate a Finance and Audit Committee to oversee the City's fiscal responsibilities?

It was noted that this responsibility is now being addressed through Council, now directly done at the Council level at Council meetings.

- M. Stevens, White Rock inquired if the Phoenix Ravine Repair project is still within the current fiscal City budget for this year?

Staff confirmed the project is within the budget and there has been an engineer now assigned to the project. It is anticipated that the timeframe for the design of the North Side of Marine Drive should be completed late in 2025 and following that the work should take between one (1) and 1.5 years.

- S. Kristjanson, White Rock, stated the Council Chamber at City Hall was renovated approximately seven (7) years ago and inquired on the cost of those renovations plus what was the cost of the move of Council Chamber to the Community Centre?

Staff noted this is something they would be able to provide.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

None

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a 2024 AUDIT PLANNING REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Corporate report dated January 13, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 Audit Planning Report and Presentation".

Brandon Ma, Engagement Partner, KPMG LLP (City Auditors) provided a presentation titled "Audit Planning Report for the year ending December 31, 2024".

Motion Number: 2025-006 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated January 13, 2025, from the Director of Financial Services, titled '2024 Audit Planning Report and Presentation;' and**
- 2. Receive the verbal presentation by the KPMG Engagement Partner summarizing its audit planning process for the City of White Rock for the year ended December 31, 2024.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b 2025 ANNUAL UTILITY RATES BYLAWS

Corporate report dated January 13, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2025 Annual Utility Rates Bylaws".

Note: Bylaws 2526, 2528, and 2529 are on the agenda for staff recommended first, second and third reading under Items 9.1.a - 9.1.c

Motion Number: 2025-007 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the January 13, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "2025 Annual Utility Rates Bylaws".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c DRAFT 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL PLAN

Corporate report dated January 13, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Financial Plan".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would find it helpful to have information as to City employee position vacancy rates
- Nature of the BIA levy / details
- Would like to see the City reserve fund(s) details as part of this information
- Status of City Document Management system

Motion Number: 2025-008 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the January 13, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Draft 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Financial Plan".

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

6.2.d REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW, 2025, NO. 2533

Corporate report dated January 13, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2025, No. 2533".

Note: Bylaw 2533 is on the agenda for staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.d.

Motion Number: 2025-009 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated January 13, 2025, from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2025, No. 2533".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.e UPDATED 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate report dated January 13, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Updated 2025 Operating Budget and Tax Considerations".

The following discussion point was noted:

- FOI person to address new CCTV camera installation, it would be helpful to understand the average vacancies over the past three (3) years prior to making a determination on this

Motion Number: 2025-010 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct only \$50,000 be provided for the purpose on an FOI person to support work resulting from the new CCTV cameras (this work is to be done utilizing a consultant basis).

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

Motion DEFEATED (3 to 4)

Motion Number: 2025-011 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated January 13, 2025, from the Director of Financial Services, titled “Updated 2025 Operating Budget and Tax Considerations” for consideration.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

6.2.f TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATES AND CONTRACT AWARD - PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED CROSSWALK AT OXFORD STREET AND RUSSELL AVENUE

Corporate report dated January 13, 2025 from the Manager, Engineering titled "Traffic Calming Updates and Contract Award - Pedestrian Activated Crosswalk at Oxford Street and Russell Avenue".

Motion Number: 2025-012 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated January 13, 2025, from the Manager of Engineering, titled “Traffic Calming Updates and Contract Award - Pedestrian Activated Crosswalk at Oxford Street and Russell Avenue” and

- 1. Approve a \$100,000 transfer from general fund capital contingency to support the pedestrian activated crosswalk for the Oxford Street and Russell Avenue Project;**
- 2. Approve the award of the construction of the pedestrian activated crosswalk at Oxford Street and Russell Avenue to S. McKay Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$241,845 (excluding GST);**
- 3. Approve additional construction support to TWD Technologies Ltd. in the amount of \$10,000 (excluding GST);**
- 4. Authorize the pre-approved contingency in the amount of \$55,045 (approximately 20%) to support the Project; and**

5. **Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute all contract documentation required for the Project.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

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 2526 - WHITE ROCK DRAINAGE UTILITY USER FEE BYLAW, 2004, NO. 1739, AMENDMENT NO. 12, 2025, NO. 2526**

Bylaw 2526 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Drainage Utility User Fee Bylaw to replace Schedule "A" Drainage Utility Fees.

Note: Bylaw 2526 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.1.b.

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and did not vote on Items 9.1.a - 9.1.f

Motion Number: 2025-013 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*White Rock Drainage Utility User Fee Bylaw, 2004, No. 1739, Amendment No. 12, 2025, No. 2526*".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2528 - COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE BYLAW 2015, NO. 2084, AMENDMENT NO. 12, 2025, NO. 2528

Bylaw 2528 - A bylaw to amend the Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw in relation to Schedule "A" Solid Waste Collection Service Fee.

Note: Bylaw 2528 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.1.b

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and did not vote on Items 9.1.a - 9.1.f

Motion Number: 2025-014 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw 2015, No. 2084, Amendment No. 12, 2025 No. 2528*".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.c BYLAW 2529 - SEWER CONNECTION AND RENTAL CHARGES BYLAW, 1970, NO. 396, AMENDMENT NO. 34, 2025, NO. 2529

Bylaw 2529 - A bylaw to amend the Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Bylaw in relation to Schedule "B" Annual Rental Rates.

Note: Bylaw 2529 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.1.b

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and did not vote on Items 9.1.a - 9.1.f

Motion Number: 2025-015 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Bylaw, 1970, No. 396, Amendment No. 34, 2025, No. 2529*".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.d BYLAW 2533 - REVENUE ANTICIPATION BYLAW 2025

Bylaw 2533 - A revenue anticipation bylaw providing for the borrowing of sums of money as may be required to meet the current lawful expenditures of the City.

Note: Bylaw 2533 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.d

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and did not vote on Items 9.1.a - 9.1.f

Motion Number: 2025-016 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to " *White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2025, No. 2533*".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.e BYLAW 2532 - TICKETING AND BYLAW OFFENCES BYLAW, 2011, NO. 1929, AMENDMENT NO. 17, 2024, NO. 2532

Bylaw 2532 - A bylaw to amend the "Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw" in regard to Schedule B7 (dog(s) on track at Centennial Park Oval). Bylaw 2532 received three (3) readings on December 9, 2024 and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and did not vote on Items 9.1.a - 9.1.f

Motion Number: 2025-017 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to " *Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw, 2011, No. 1929 Amendment No. 17, 2024 No. 2532*".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.f BYLAW 2531- WHITE ROCK PARKS REGULATION BYLAW 1977, NO. 675, AMENDMENT NO. 10, 2024, NO. 2531

Bylaw 2531 - A bylaw to amend the "White Rock Parks Regulations Bylaw" in regard to restricting dogs on the track at Centennial Park Oval. Bylaw 2531 received three (3) readings on December 9, 2024, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and did not vote on Items 9.1.a - 9.1.f

Motion Number: 2025-018 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to *“White Rock Parks Regulations Bylaw 1977, No. 675, Amendment No. 10, 2024, No. 2531”*.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Councillor Klassen returned to the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

9.1.g BYLAW 2530 - COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2084, AMENDMENT NO. 13, 2024, NO. 2530

Bylaw 2530 - A bylaw to amend the Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw in relation to garbage collection times. Bylaw 2530 received three (3) readings on December 9, 2024 and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2025-019 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to the *“Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw 2015, No. 2084, Amendment No. 13, 2024 No. 2530”*.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2025-020 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive correspondence Item(s) 10.1.a - c as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a PROCLAMATION REQUEST - INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Correspondence received November 18, 2024, from Sarah Mackenzie, Manager of Community Development, Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, requesting that Council acknowledge International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Monday, January 27, 2025.

10.1.b METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF - NOVEMBER 29, 2024

The November 29, 2024 Metro Vancouver Board in Brief, an informal summary of the November Metro Vancouver Board meetings.

10.1.c INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATION ON THE SPECULATION AND VACANCY TAX

Note: Further action on the following correspondence items may be considered. Council may request that any item be brought forward for discussion, and may propose a motion of action on the matter.

Correspondence dated December 16, 2024, from the Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance, extending an invitation to participate in the sixth annual consultation on the speculation and vacancy tax (SVT).

Note: SVT technical briefing and additional detailed data, provided as supporting documents with the received letter, also attached for information purposes.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

- Dec 11, Metro Vancouver's Mayors' Committee meeting
- Dec 11, Friends of Ocean Promenade Hotel's Annual Holiday reception
- Dec 12, CARP's Holiday Christmas party and at this time recognized Ramona Kaptyn on her retirement
- Dec 13, Metro Vancouver Special Board meeting
- Dec 13, MP Kerry-Lynne Findlay's Christmas party
- Jan 9, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee meeting
- Thank you to all City staff for completing the new Council Chamber set up at the White Rock Community Centre
- Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and City staff for bringing the successful Bright Walk in White Rock Festival of Lights back once again to the waterfront

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge provided the following information:

- Jan 18, 7 p.m. at The White Rock Players Club see the website for further information about "Playful Palette Foundation's Fun and child-Friendly Variety Show"

Councillor Chesney thanked the Mayor for his opportunity as Deputy Mayor for November and December

Councillor Klassen noted helping at the Annual Christmas Dinner held by the White Rock Baptist Church

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

None

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 13, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:23 p.m.

Arthur.

Mayor Knight

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
Administration

Unapproved