

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



March 10, 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  
Robyn Barra, Manager of Communications and Government Relations  
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development  
Ken Molland, Deputy Fire Chief  
Ralph Volkens, Manager of Parking  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

#### PUBLIC:

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#### 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: 2025-068 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for March 10, 2025 as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Motion Number: 2025-069 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the meeting minutes of February 24, 2025 as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

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

Question and Answer Period will be taking place in person at the meeting. Answers to questions not available during the meeting are posted on the City's website.

**Note:** There are to be no questions or comments on a matter that will be the subject of a public hearing (the time between the public hearing and final consideration of the bylaw).

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

- G. Gumley, White Rock, had a number of comments and questions in regard to the City's budget including:

Why has the City refused to reinstate a Finance and Audit Committee in the Community? Will the City consider establishing a Finance and Audit Committee for next year? And will Council direct staff to report on the pros and cons of a Finance and Audit Committee for the next budget cycle?

Mayor Knight confirmed that a Finance and Audit committee will not be re-established and noted that Council, as a whole, have been meeting regarding the Financial Plan

Why is there a 27.6% increase in departmental operating costs for this year?

What are the capital projects carry forward from 2024 to 2025?

The operating surplus was \$23M for 2023, \$18M of which was allocated to reserves. What is the operating surplus from 2024 and where will it be allocated?

When will the over \$1 Billion infrastructure deficit be recorded through Schedule 503 as required by the *Community Charter*? And how will this be covered?

- Bill, White Rock, inquired when the railway memorial plaques will be installed again at the waterfront, as there have been delays since last year.

Staff confirmed that all plaques that are complete/ready will be installed this spring.

## **5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

### **5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)**

#### **5.1.a ASHTON KERR - GREEN TEAMS OF CANADA**

Ashton Kerr, Green Teams of Canada attended to highlight the community and environmental impacts in 2024 resulting from the City of White Rock's partnership with Green Teams of Canada.

### **5.2 PETITIONS**

None

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

None

**6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.2.a CONTRACT AWARD - PROSPECT AVENUE DRAINAGE UPGRADE**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025 from the Manager of Engineering titled "Contract Award - Prospect Avenue Drainage Upgrade".

**Motion Number: 2025-070 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Contract Award - Prospect Avenue Drainage Upgrade" and**

- 1. Approve the award of the construction of the Prospect Avenue Drainage Upgrade to Graywood Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$481,136 (excluding GST);**
- 2. Approve additional construction support (engineering and inspection) to R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$45,180 (excluding GST);**
- 3. Authorize the pre-approved contingency in the amount of \$120,540 (approximately 25% of the construction cost) to support the Project; and**
- 4. Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute all contract documentation required for the Project.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.b PRIORITIZED URBAN SYSTEMS LTD. CITY WIDE PARKING STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Prioritized Urban Systems Ltd. City Wide Parking Strategy Recommendations".

**Motion Number: 2025-071 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Prioritized Urban Systems Ltd. City-Wide Parking Strategy Recommendations" for consideration, and**
- 2. Direct staff to embark on a phased approach to the implementation of the strategy recommendations and proceed with Phase One, as outlined in this report.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.c 2025 FOOD CART PROGRAM REVIEW**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "2025 Food Cart Program Review".

**Motion Number: 2025-072 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council approve the revised guidelines for the Food Cart Program and the new Food Cart Policy as circulated within the corporate report.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.d POETRY IN MOTION REFRESH**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Poetry in Motion Refresh".

**Motion Number: 2025-073 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee to authorize staff to allocate up to \$5000 from the Public Art and Placemaking Fund to complete a refresh of the Poetry in Motion program.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.e CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT NO SECONDARY SUITE  
RESTRICTIVE COVENANT DISCHARGE BYLAW NO. 2537 -  
15496 THRIFT AVENUE**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Consideration of Draft No Secondary Suite Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 2537 - 15496 Thrift Avenue".

**Note:** Bylaw 2537 was on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second, and third reading under item 9.1.b

**Motion Number: 2025-074 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the March 10, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Consideration of Draft No Secondary Suite Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 2537- 15496 Thrift Avenue."**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.f INITIAL REVIEW - ACTIVE REZONING APPLICATIONS  
(OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024)**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Initial Review - Active Rezoning Applications (October to December 2024)".

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the corporate report's subject matter.

**Motion Number: 2025-075 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Initial Review - Active Rezoning Applications (October to December 2024)"; and**

2. Direct staff to advance the zoning amendment application at 15855 and 15869 Pacific Avenue (ZON/MJP 24-033) and proceed to the next stage in the application review process.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2025-076 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to advance the zoning amendment application at 1464 Vidal Street (ZON/MJP 24-031) and proceed to the next stage in the application review process.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.g DOGS ON THE PROMENADE AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2024 PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE**

Corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Dogs on the Promenade August September 2024 Pilot Program Update".

**Motion Number: 2025-077 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council**

1. Receive the corporate report dated March 10, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Dogs on the Promenade August September 2024 Pilot Program Update"; and
2. Direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Animal Control and Licensing bylaw permitting additional time for Dogs to be permitted on the Promenade as follows: April – October from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

## 7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Motion Number: 2025-078 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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

- **Housing Advisory Committee - February 19, 2025.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2025-079 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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

- **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee - February 20, 2025.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.2.a HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR CHESNEY, CHAIRPERSON)

#### 7.2.a.a AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY - SHORT-TERM ACTION ITEMS

**Note:** Staff have noted that given the ongoing land-use study and provincially mandated OCP update this would be a significant undertaking at this time as it requires a certain amount of analysis to be conducted before it can be implemented, as well as a funding assessment and a public consultation process.

**Motion Number: 2025-080**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council approve the prioritization of developing an Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw as time permits.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**



**7.2.b PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(COUNCILLOR PARTRIDGE, CHAIRPERSON)**

**7.2.b.a WALKWAYS SIGNAGE - LOCATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINAL DESIGN**

**Motion Number: 2025-081**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to install informative signs, as presented during the Committee's February 20, 2025 meeting, at the north and south entrances of the following walkways:**

- **Vidal Street;**
- **Foster Street;**
- **Helen Fathers Centre Street; and**
- **Cypress Street.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.b.b DONATION OFFER OF LIT BENCH**

**Motion Number: 2025-082**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council, on behalf of the City of White Rock, respectfully decline the donation offer of a lit bench from the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board, for the following reasons:**

- **may set a precedent for other organizations/companies for advertising opportunities;**
- **vandalism concerns;**
- **difficult electricity logistics; and,**
- **various locations have been considered, but none are suitable.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**8. POLICIES**

None

**9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

## 9.1 BYLAWS

### 9.1.a BYLAW 2534 - 2025-2029 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW

Bylaw 2534 - A bylaw to adopt a Financial Plan for 2025 to 2029.

**Note:** Council at their February 24, 2025 meeting directed staff to bring forward this bylaw for consideration of initial readings.

**Motion Number: 2025-083 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council gives first, second, and third reading to *"White Rock Financial Plan (2025-2029) Bylaw, 2025, No. 2534"*.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

### 9.1.b BYLAW 2537 - NO SECONDARY SUITES RESTRICTIVE COVENANT DISCHARGE BYLAW (15496 THRIFT AVENUE), 2025, NO. 2537

Bylaw 2537 - A bylaw to authorize the City of White Rock to discharge a restrictive covenant and priority agreement registered as Land Title Office Document No. CA9288840.

**Note:** Bylaw 2537 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.e

**Motion Number: 2025-084 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to *"No Secondary Suites Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw (15496 Thrift Avenue), 2025, No. 2537"*.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

### 9.1.c BYLAW 2535 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2506, AMENDMENT NO. 6, (15733 THRIFT AVENUE [RS-2 SSMUH]) 2025, NO. 2535

Bylaw 2535 - A bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 15733 Thrift Avenue from the RS-1 SSMUH Residential Zone to the RS-2 SSMUH Residential Zone. The rezoning, if approved, will enable the creation of two (2) residential lots by way of subdivision.

A Public Hearing is prohibited on this zoning amendment bylaw in accordance with Section 464 (3) of the *Local Government Act*. Bylaw 2535 is coming forward due to the City's new zoning bylaw (Bylaw 2506) being adopted on June 27, 2024, to facilitate small-scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH) which meets new provincial legislation requirements.

**Note:** In accordance with legislation, Notice of Consideration of Bylaw 2535 was published in the February 13 and 20 editions of the Peace Arch News and 96 notices were mailed to inform owners and occupants within 100 meters of the subject property.

Council gave three (3) readings to this bylaw on February 24, 2025 and the bylaw was on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

**Motion Number: 2025-085**  
**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council gives final reading to “*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506, Amendment (15733 Thrift Avenue [RS-2 SSMUH]), 2025, No. 2535*”.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**9.2 PERMITS**

None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

**Motion Number: 2025-086 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive correspondence item(s) 10.1.a as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**10.1.a PROCLAMATION REQUEST - INTERNATIONAL PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS**

Correspondence dated December 17, 2024, regarding International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness, which takes place on March 26, 2025.

### **10.1.b BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS NUTRITION COUPON PROGRAM**

**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 February 13, 2025 from the BC Association of Farmers' Markets requesting the City write a letter to the Minister of Health in gratitude and support for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in White Rock.

**Motion Number: 2025-087 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council authorize Mayor Knight to provide a letter on their behalf to the Minister of Health in gratitude and support for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in White Rock.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

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

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

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

- Feb 26, City's Annual Pink Shirt Day Gathering
- Feb 26, Post Council Overview and Highlights videotaping
- Feb 27, Rotary Club of Semiahmoo's "A Celebration of Caring"
- Feb 28, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors meeting
- Mar 6, Metro Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation meeting
- Mar 6, Keynote Speakers at the "Women Who Lead" event
- Mar 7, Honourable Kerry-Lynne Findlay's "Unforgettable International Women's Day Celebration"
- Reminder to take the time to complete the two (2) City Surveys currently underway "2025 Official Community Plan Update" and the "North Bluff Road Corridor Study" (online or paper formats are available)

## 11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- Mar 6, International Women's Day event "Women Who Lead"
- Mar 7, "Where We Live" showcase exhibit of traditional Chinese-style paintings at the Uptown Pop-Up Gallery (until March 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Mar 7, Earl Marriott Semiahmoo First Nation Community Pow Wow
- The week will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Fieldhouse at South Surrey Park and the Rotary Club Book Sale will be held April 4 to 8 at the Peace Arch Curling Club

Councillor Lawrence noted the following information:

- Black History Month (February): Served as a Judge in Junior Black Achievement Award - Speech Competition
- Mar 6, International Women's Day event "Women Who Lead"
- Mar 7, Honorable Kerry-Lynn Finlay's "Unforgettable International Women's Day Celebration"
- Mar 7, Earl Marriott Semiahmoo First Nation Community Pow Wow

Councillor Klassen noted the following information:

- Mar 7, Thank you to Earl Marriott for hosting the Semiahmoo First Nation Community Pow Wow
- Mar 8, International Women's Day Events hosted by the Soroptimist International of White Rock and the White Rock Orchestra

## 12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

### 12.1 MOTIONS

#### 12.1.a ALL OUTSTANDING PAVING PROJECTS UP TO DATE BY END OF 2026

The following motion from Councillor Klassen is presented for consideration at this time:

**Motion Number: 2025-088 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct all outstanding paving projects that have been carried forward be caught up by the end of 2026.**

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

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

None

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

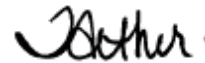
None

**15. CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 10, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:38 p.m.

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Mayor Knight



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration