

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: April 28, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Candice Gartry, Director, Financial Services

SUBJECT: City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the April 28, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2025, No. 2536” and give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to the City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This corporate report presents the *City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536* for Council’s consideration and adoption (Appendix A). The bylaw reflects an average property tax increase of 4.94% over the 2024 rates, as previously approved by Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion # & Meeting Date	Motion Details
2025-105 March 31, 2025	THAT Council gives final reading to the White Rock Financial Plan (2025-2029) Bylaw, 2025, No. 2534. CARRIED

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The property tax rates set out in *Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536* are based on the taxation revenue requirements outlined in the *2025–2029 Consolidated Financial Plan*, as adopted through *Financial Plan Bylaw, 2025, No. 2534*. The rates reflect an average property tax increase of 4.94% over 2024 levels, as previously approved by Council.

In accordance with Section 197 of the *Community Charter*, Council must adopt the annual property tax rate bylaw after the financial plan is adopted and before May 15 each year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval and adoption of the City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536, will establish the property tax rates for 2025.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No specific legal implications to note. Council approval is required to authorize the budget, utility charges and property taxation rates. The Financial Plan Bylaw, and Property Tax Rates Bylaw, must be adopted prior to May 15 in accordance with section 197 of the *Community Charter*.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

A public survey on the City's 2025 budget was made available for responses and comments from June 21, 2024, through to August 25, 2024. The results of the survey were reported to Council at its September 9, 2024, regular meeting.

The Draft Financial Plan for 2025–2029, as presented to Council during its regular meeting on January 13, 2025, was made available for public input on the City's "Talk White Rock" platform between January 9, 2025, and January 30, 2025. The results were presented to Council at its February 10, 2025, regular council meeting. The public was also offered an opportunity to comment in-person about the proposed Financial Plan at the February 10, 2025, regular council meeting.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities inform the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan to ensure that budget is allocated to fulfil the priorities. The property tax rates were derived from the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following alternate option is available for Council's consideration:

1. Not approve nor provide 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading to the City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536, which would delay the city in meeting the legislated terms of the Community Charter, that requires property taxes to be approved and adopted by bylaw prior to May 15th annually.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536 be approved and provided with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings.

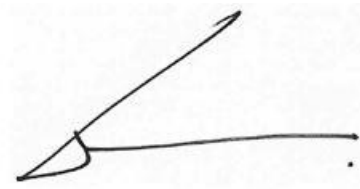
Respectfully submitted,



Candice Gartry, CPA, CGA
Director, Financial Services

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'G' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot at the end.

Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536