

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



April 14, 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 Lawrence  
Councillor Partridge  
Councillor Trevelyan (arrived at 4:03 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** Councillor Klassen

**STAFF:** Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Candice Garty, Director of Financial Services  
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Robyn Barra, Manager of Communications and Government Relations  
Wayne Berg, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services / Acting Director  
Wendy Cooper, Planner  
Darcy Dupont, Senior Project Manager, Community Hub  
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development  
John Stech, Manager of Community Recreation  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

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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: 2025-108 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for April 14, 2025 as amended to exclude Item 5.1.b as the Delegation notified they would not be able to attend at this time.**

Absent (2): Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)**

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2025-109 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the meeting minutes of March 31, 2025 as circulated.**

Absent (2): Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)**

## **3.1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF ED WOLFE**

Mayor Knight honoured and thanked Chief Ed Wolfe, who will be retiring from the City of White Rock Fire Department, following 34 years of dedicated service.

Councillor Trevelyan arrived at the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

## **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**

No one came forward to participate in Question and Answer Period.

### **5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

##### **5.1.a STEPHANIE BECK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

Stephanie Beck, Chief Executive Officer of the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation and Neil Yarmoshuk, Board Chair, attended to provide an update on strategic projects at Peace Arch Hospital.

##### **5.1.b WHITE ROCK HOMEOWNERS AND TAXPAYERS SOCIETY - KPMG FINANCIAL REPORT COMMENTS (DID NOT PROCEED)**

Gary Gumley, White Rock Homeowners and Taxpayers Society, was to attend to provide comments on the KPMG financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

**Note:** Item removed from the agenda in accordance with motion 2025-108 as Mr. Gumley was unable to attend the meeting at this time.

### **6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

#### **6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

##### **6.1.a MLA TREVOR HALFORD, SURREY-WHITE ROCK**

MLA Trevor Halford, Surrey-White Rock, attended to discuss housing (Bill 44).

Stating that Bill 44 presents challenges for the City of White Rock due to topography, environmental issues and has a lack of democratic process. The Bill makes sense for parts of British Columbia but not for the City of White Rock where it is problematic. The added density requires funding for additional infrastructure, schools, hospitals etc. Further is not in agreement with waiving the public hearing process for development. Requested the City of White Rock work with him on this as he continues to advocate for the Bill's repeal.

## **6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

### **6.2.a 2025 GRANTS-IN-AID**

Corporate report dated April 14, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2025 Grants-in-Aid".

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillors Cheung and Partridge declared a conflict of interest in regard to their affiliation with Semiahmoo Arts Society and departed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Motion Number: 2025-110 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$1,000. be provided to Semiahmoo Arts Society for the Event Program as described in the April 14, 2025 corporate report titled "2025 Grant-in-Aid" (Table 1).**

Absent (3): Councillor Cheung, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Partridge

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)**

Councillors Cheung and Partridge returned back to the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Motion Number: 2025-111 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$1,000. be provided to each of the following organizations for the Event Program as described in the April 14, 2025 corporate report titled "2025 Grant-in-Aid" (Table 1):**

- **Avalon Recovery Society, White Rock Women's Centre**
- **Brella Community Services Society**
- **Christmas on the Peninsula Society**
- **READ Surrey/White Rock Society**
- **Semiahmoo Family Place Association**
- **Semiahmoo Peninsula Marine Rescue Society**
- **South Rock Social Justice Film Society**

- South Surrey White Rock Repair Cafe
- Volunteer Cancer Divers Society (VCDS); and
- White Rock Elks Lodge No. 431.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Cheung declared a conflict of interest in regard to her affiliation with White Rock Farmers' Market and departed the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

**Motion Number: 2025-112 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$750.00 be provided to the White Rock Farmers' Market for the Event Program as described in the April 14, 2025 corporate report titled "2025 Grant-in-Aid" (Table 2).**

Absent (2): Councillor Cheung, and Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)**

Councillor Cheung returned back to the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

**Motion Number: 2025-113 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse Grant-in-Aid be provided to each of the following organizations for the Event Program as described in the April 14, 2025 corporate report titled "2025 Grant-in-Aid" (Table 2) as follows:**

- Arts Rock Society BC, in the amount of \$750.
- BC Pets and Friends, in the amount of \$750.
- Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) White Rock Surrey, in the amount of \$750.
- Chinese Traditional Dance Group, in the amount of \$750.
- Naked Stage Productions Society, in the amount of \$500.

- Peninsula Arts Foundation, in the amount of \$750.
- Piece Arch Quilters, in the amount of \$750.
- Semiahmoo (Secondary) Dry Grad 2025, in the amount of \$750.
- South Rock Art Tour, in the amount of \$750.
- Threads of Power Foundation, in the amount of \$750.
- Together South Surrey White Rock, in the amount of \$750; and
- White Rock City Orchestra, in the amount of \$750.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2025-114 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse Grant-in-Aid be provided in the amount of \$500. to each of the following organizations for the Event Program as described in the April 14, 2025 corporate report titled "2025 Grant-in-Aid" (Table 3);**

- Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club
- Peace Arch Curling Club
- Peace Arch Hospital and Community Foundation
- Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary
- Sources Foundation
- White Rock Lawn Bowling Club
- White Rock South Surrey Stroke Recovery Branch.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2025-115 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the April 14, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “2025 Grants-in-Aid” for consideration, and direct staff on the allocation of the 2025 Grants-in-Aid funding available.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**6.2.b 2024 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGETS CARRIED OVER INTO 2025**

Corporate report dated April 14, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 Capital Project Budgets Carried Over into 2025".

**Motion Number: 2025-116 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated April 14, 2025, from the Director of Financial Services, titled “2024 Capital Project Budgets Carried Over Into 2025.”.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**6.2.c ESTIMATED 2024 GENERAL FUND SURPLUS ALLOCATION**

Corporate report dated April 14, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Estimated 2024 General Fund Surplus Allocation".

The following discussion point was noted:

- In the Fall of 2025 Council will look to include Community Members for a Community Hub Steering Committee as a further means to provide the opportunity for community input on the project.

**Motion Number: 2025-117 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive the April 14, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “Estimated 2024 General Fund Operating Surplus Allocation;” and**
- 2. Direct staff to distribute \$310K of the estimated 2024 Unallocated General Fund Surplus to the General Operating Fund Accumulated Surplus reserve to maintain a General Operating Fund accumulated surplus of 15%; and**
- 3. Direct staff to distribute the balance of the estimated Unallocated General Fund Surplus to the Community Hub Reserve fund.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**Motion Number: 2025-118 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to do a review of the financial modelling for the Community Hub Project in relation to Council direction to place the balance of the estimated Unallocated General Fund Surplus (\$5.5M) to the Community Hub Reserve fund.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

#### **6.2.d GENERATIONS SPLASH PAD UPDATE**

Corporate report dated April 14, 2025 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Generations Splash Pad Update".

The following discussion point was noted:



- Mayor spoke with the White Rock Firefighters Charity who confirmed they would be willing to provide \$119,500 toward this parks project

**Motion Number: 2025-119 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

1. **Approve the award of construction of the Generations Playground Splash Pad, excluding the dry river component, to GPM Civil Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,150,000 (excluding GST);**
2. **Authorize the pre-approved contingency of \$330,300 (approximately 24% of design and construction cost) to support the project;**
3. **Approve the purchase and relocation of outdoor exercise equipment as per option two in this report for the estimated cost of \$140K**
4. **Approve additional funding of \$428K from the Growing Community Fund Reserve, \$68K from Water capital reserves, \$26K from Drainage capital reserves, and \$115K from Sanitary capital reserves for the project budget**
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

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**6.2.e WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2506, AMENDMENT NO. 3, 2024, NO. 2517 [HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS]**

Corporate report dated April 14, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506, amendment No. 3, 2024, No. 2517 [Housekeeping Amendments]".

**Note:** Bylaw 2517 is on the agenda for staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.a

The Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint that gave an outline of the corporate report / summary of proposed amendments to the Bylaw.

**Motion Number: 2025-120 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the Corporate Report dated April 14, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled “White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506, Amendment No. 3, 2024, No. 2517 [Housekeeping Amendments]”.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

## **7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

### **7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2025-121 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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

- Internal Community Hub Steering Committee, April 3, 2025.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

### **7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

## **8. POLICIES**

None

## **9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

### **9.1 BYLAWS**

**9.1.a BYLAW 2517 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2506, AMENDMENT NO. 3, 2024, NO. 2517 [HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS]**

Bylaw 2517 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Zoning Bylaw to refine general regulations that apply to zones that contain Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) and to further clarify provisions for the development of SSMUH.

In accordance with sections 464(2) and 467 of the Local Government Act, Notice of Waiver of a Public Hearing was advertised in the April 3 and 10 editions of the Peace Arch News.

**Note:** This Bylaw was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.e

**Motion Number: 2025-122 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council waive the Public Hearing requirement in accordance with Section 464(2) and 467 of the *Local Government Act* for "*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506, Amendment No.3, 2024, No. 2517*".**

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

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

**Motion Number: 2025-123 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506, Amendment No.3, 2024, No. 2517*".**

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

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

**9.1.b BYLAW 2538 - ANIMAL CONTROL AND LICENSING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 1959, AMENDMENT NO.4, 2025, NO. 2538**

Bylaw 2538 - A bylaw to amend the Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw to allow dogs on the Promenade between April 1st to September 30th from the hours of 5:30am to 9:00am.

Bylaw 2538 received three (3) readings on March 31, 2025 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

**Motion Number: 2025-124 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give final reading to "*Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw, 2012, No. 1959, Amendment No. 4, 2025, No. 2538*".**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**9.2 PERMITS**

None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

**Motion Number: 2025-125 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive correspondence Items 10.1 a - c as circulated.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**10.1.a PROCLAMATION REQUEST - LIONS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION 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 dated March 31, 2025 from Teresa Addison, President, Oak Harbor Lions Club, regarding the Lions Worldwide Induction Day on April 26, 2025.

### **10.1.b MINISTER OF HOUSING - WHITE ROCK'S SIX-MONTH HOUSING TARGETS PROGRESS REPORT**

Correspondence dated April 2, 2025 from Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, in response to the City's six-month housing targets progress report.

### **10.1.c METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF**

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief for March meetings for information purposes.

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

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

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- April 1, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Moby Dick Restaurant
- April 2, Video recorded Post Council Overview from the March 31, 2025 Regular Council meeting
- April 3, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee meeting
- April 8, Along with Councillor Trevelyan, met with David MacIntyre, President and CEO for Sources Community Resources Society
- April 8 Monthly meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer and the White Rock RCMP Staff Sergeant Rob Dixon
- April 9, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors'
- April 9, 2025 Federal Election Town Hall

### **11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- April 1, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Moby Dick Restaurant
- April 4 - 8, Rotary Charity Book Sale, this year \$78,676 was raised
- April 5, Semiahmoo Arts Society Open House
- April 12, Rotary's Annual Pancake Breakfast

Councillor Cheung provided the following information:

- Reminder of the exhibit titled “Art from the Peninsula” featuring works of Rodd Kerr, Marlene Fuhrmann and Lynda Batista is now on display at the City's Landmark Uptown Gallery

Councillor Lawrence provided the following information:

- April 11, Surrey Board of Trade and South Surrey White Rock Chamber
- April 12, South Surrey Softball League

Councillor Chesney provided the following information:

- April 9, 2025 Federal Election Town Hall
- Reminder to vote in the upcoming Federal election

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

### **12.1 MOTIONS**

#### **12.1.a NO PARKING SIGNAGE BE ADDED TO CORRELATE WITH NEW HILLSIDE WALKWAYS SIGNAGE (HELEN FATHERS CENTRE STREET WALKWAY)**

Councillor Chesney provided the following Motion for consideration at this time:

**Motion Number: 2025-126 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct “No Parking” signage be erected at the entrances and exits in correlation of the new Hillside Walkway signage being installed at the Helen Fathers Centre Street Walkway.**

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

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion DEFEATED (1 to 5)**

### **12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

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

None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO OUTSTANDING CANADIANS ON THE PENINSULA COMMITTEE**

**Note:** Policy 125 White Rock Outstanding Canadians on the Peninsula Legacy Program

Mayor Knight provided the following for consideration:

**Motion Number: 2025-127 It was MOVED and SECONDED**


**THAT Council appoint Mayor Knight to serve on the Outstanding Canadians on the Peninsula Selection Committee for 2025.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 14, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:26 p.m.



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Mayor Knight

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Tracey Arthur, Director of  
Corporate Administration