

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



April 28, 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

ABSENT: Councillor Klassen

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
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Robyn Barra, Manager of Communications and Government Relations
Darcy Dupont, Senior Project Manager, Community Hub
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

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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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor and Council recognized and observed a moment of silence for the devastating tragedy that occurred during the Lapu Lapu Festival in Vancouver this past weekend, April 26, 2025.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2025-131 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 28, 2025 as amended to remove under Motions, Item 12.1.the motion from Councillor Chesney.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-132 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the meeting minutes of April 14, 2025 as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 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 for public safety along the White Rock waterfront (potential vehicle access to pedestrian areas), suggesting Council consider initiating a review of waterfront promenade access

points, and that bollards or temporary barriers be considered as an immediate precaution while a more permanent solution is developed.

Staff confirmed there have been some steps already taken to mitigate existing bollards to block some access points in public spaces, however to stop a vehicle the bollard would need to be dug down quite deep and at the waterfront this would involve environmental and archeological studies.

K. Casey, White Rock, request for Council to recognize concerns being voiced against new City Hall building on the existing site (a 4 - 6 storey would not be acceptable - don't prioritize change for height), would like to see the green space, library and daycare to stay in the current location and for the Official Community Plan to continue to reflect the resident needs and priorities.

It was confirmed that to date a decision on location or details about a new Community Hub has not been decided, and that later in the agenda the full communication plan will be introduced for the project.

W. Delaney, White Rock, inquired, on behalf of a neighbour if there was a Community Impact Report completed in regard to a new Community Hub to be constructed in the uptown area and the future use of the current City Hall location, stating this is something that should be considered as vital and that approval of stakeholders for the project should be required.

It was reconfirmed that to date a decision on location or details about a new Community Hub has not been decided, and that the Manager of the Community Hub project is always available to speak to, answer questions etc. as needed.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a NEW WESTMINSTER & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL - DAY OF MOURNING

Angela Jensen from the New Westminster & District Labour Council attended to inform about the Day of Mourning on April 28, 2025, which recognizes individuals who have suffered from workplace injuries, accidents, or diseases. She also provided information on workers' health and safety issues, as well as WorkSafeBC

regulatory reviews and changes that have impacted BC's workplace accident and fatality rates.

5.1.b WHITE ROCK HOMEOWNERS AND TAXPAYERS SOCIETY - KPMG FINANCIAL REPORT COMMENTS

Gary Gumley, White Rock Homeowners and Taxpayers Society, attended to provide comments regarding the KPMG financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 and requested Council ensure that KPMG's 2024 Management Letter addresses financial concerns noted in regard to cash management, capital asset carry forwards, operating surplus and staffing savings.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a WHAT WE HEARD REPORT ENGAGEMENT ROUND #1 - NORTH BLUFF ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Corporate report dated April 28, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "What We Heard Report Engagement Round #1 - North Bluff Corridor Study".

A representative from Urban Systems Limited was in attendance (via electronic means) to provide a PowerPoint presentation on this topic.

Motion Number: 2025-133 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated April 28, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "What We Heard Report Engagement Round #1 – North Bluff Road Corridor Study".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

**6.2.b CITY OF WHITE ROCK ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES
BYLAW, 2025, NO. 2536**

Corporate report dated April 28, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "City of White Rock Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536".

Note: Bylaw 2536 is on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.a

Motion Number: 2025-134 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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" for information.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.c BEACH WHEELCHAIRS ACCESS AND STORAGE

Corporate report dated April 28, 2025 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Beach Wheelchairs Access and Storage".

Motion Number: 2025-135 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council:

- 1. Approve six months storage of beach wheelchairs at the utility room at Memorial Park washroom subject to an organization stepping forward to manage all aspects of a beach wheelchair program.**
- 2. Directs staff to work with the Self Advocates of Semiahmoo (SAS) to reach out to find an organization willing to manage a beach wheelchair program.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.d CONTRACT AWARD - COLDICUTT AVENUE DRAINAGE AND WATER UPGRADES PHASE 1

Corporate report dated April 28, 2025 from the Manager, Engineering, titled "Contract Award - Coldicutt Avenue Drainage and Water Upgrades - Phase 1".

Motion Number: 2025-136 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated April 28, 2025, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Contract Award - Coldicutt Avenue Drainage and Water Upgrades Phase 1" and

- 1. Approve the award of the Coldicutt Avenue Drainage and Water Upgrades Phase 1 to Sandpiper Contracting LLP in the amount of \$982,526 (excluding GST);**
- 2. Authorize the pre-approved contingency in the amount of \$268,934 (approximately 25% of the design and contracting costs) to support the project; and**
- 3. Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute all contract documentation required for the project.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-137 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee - April 9, 2025.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion Number: 2025-138 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Internal Community Hub Steering Committee - April 16, 2025.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion Number: 2025-139 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Housing Advisory Committee - April 16, 2025.**

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

7.2.a.a MISSING PUBLIC ART SIGNAGE

Motion Number: 2025-140

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve up to \$3500 be allocated from the Public Art and Placemaking Fund to replace the missing public art signage for *The Passenger*, located in front of the museum, and for *Walking on Sunshine*, located in Terry Parr Plaza on East Beach.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

**7.2.b INTERNAL COMMUNITY HUB STEERING COMMITTEE
(COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE, CHAIRPERSON)**

7.2.b.a COMMUNITY HUB COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Motion Number: 2025-141

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Internal Community Hub Steering Committee recommendation that the Community Hub Communications Plan be presented to Council at their next scheduled meeting (April 28, 2025).

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

The Manager of Communications and Government Relations provided the PowerPoint Presentation noted within motion 2025-141, and the Senior Project Manager, Community Hub, was available to answer questions.

7.2.b.b CORRESPONDENCE FROM CUPE LOCAL 718

Note: The letter from CUPE Local 718, in correlation to the Committee recommendation, is attached for Council's information and receipt.

Motion Number: 2025-142

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the letter from CUPE Local 718, dated April 16, 2025, regarding concern of the condition of the current City Hall, as recommended to be placed on the April 28, 2025 Regular Council agenda for information.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

8. **POLICIES**

None

9. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

9.1 **BYLAWS**

9.1.a **BYLAW 2536 - WHITE ROCK ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES
BYLAW, 2025, NO. 2536**

Bylaw 2536 - A bylaw for the levying of rates on land and improvements and to provide for the payment of taxes and user fees for the year 2025.

Note: Bylaw 2536 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.b

Motion Number: 2025-143 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to "*Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536*".

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.b **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.

Bylaw 2517 received three (3) readings on April 14, 2025 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2025-144 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2024, No. 2506, Amendment No.3, 2024, No. 2517*".

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

10.1.a CITY OF BURNABY RESOLUTION - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AMENDMENTS

Correspondence dated April 16, 2025 from the City of Burnaby providing their motion to the Province regarding Proposed Development Financing Amendments, and requesting other Metro Vancouver member municipalities support their initiative.

Motion Number: 2025-145 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer to staff the April 16, 2025 correspondence from the City of Burnaby in regard to proposed financing amendments in relation to the Bill 44 legislation to review the information from the City of White Rock's perspective.

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

10.1.b METRO VANCOUVER - METRO 2050 TYPE 2 PROPOSED AMENDMENT - CITY OF DELTA(4800 AND 5133 SPRINGS BOULEVARD)

Correspondence dated April 17, 2025 from Metro Vancouver.

Note: Staff do not have concerns with this proposal, as it does not affect the City of White Rock. Council may still provide comments to Metro Vancouver on the correspondence if they so choose.

Motion Number: 2025-146 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize the Director of Corporate Administration to respond to the Metro Vancouver Board stating that the City does not object to the Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment regarding the City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard).

Absent (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

- April 28, National Day of Mourning
- April 16, Video recorded the Post Council Highlights from the April 14, 2025 regular council meeting
- April 17, TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation
- April 24, Generations Playground for Special Photo Opportunity to recognize Peace Arch Hospital Foundation for their donation of \$100,000 and the White Rock Firefighters Charity Association and Myra Merkl for their donation of \$119,500
- April 25, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors' meeting
- April 26, White Rock Lawn Bowling Club's Opening Day event and celebration of their 90th Anniversary

- Reminder Voting Day today, polls open until 7 p.m. this evening

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Cheung provided the following information:

- April 23, Opening Peace Arch Elementary Garden
- April 25, "In Her Shoes" fundraiser, hosted by Sources

Councillor Partridge provided the following information:

- May 2 - Sept 5, 2025, White Rock Night Market is set come back for its second year

Councillor Chesney provided the following information:

- April 27, Hospice Volunteer Brunch
- May 4, "Hike for Hospice" event / fundraiser
- April 30, New Exhibit at the White Rock Museum "Our Living Languages"
- May 3, RCMP hosting a "Shred-It" event

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

Note: In accordance with Motion 2025-131 this Item was removed from the agenda.

12.1.a TREES AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE CITY FOR PLANTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK

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

THAT Council direct that trees be made available for purchase by White Rock residents through the City to be planted on private property.

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

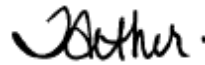
None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 28, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:21 p.m.



Mayor Knight

Tracey Arthur, Director of
Corporate Administration