

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



May 12, 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 Lawrence
Councillor Partridge
Councillor Trevelyan

ABSENT: Councillor Cheung

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Brad Davie, Fire Chief
Rob Dixon, White Rock RCMP Staff Sergeant
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Robyn Barra, Manager of Communications and Government Relations
Shannon Johnston, Manager of Budgets and Accounting
John Stech, Manager of Community Recreation
Janessa Auer, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: 20 (approx.)

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: 2025-147 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 12, 2025 as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-148 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the meeting minutes of April 28, 2025 as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

3.1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3.1.a NEW STAFF MEMBER: CITY OF WHITE ROCK FIRE CHIEF

Introduction of the City's White Rock Fire Chief, Brad Davie.

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

- P. Petrala, White Rock, stated the image of pier camera has been fuzzy the past few days and inquired who cleans the camera lens and adjusts the focus?

- Staff look after the pier camera and the Chief Administrative Officer noted that they have put in a facility works ticket asking this be addressed.
- P. Zheng, White Rock, commented / concern with sidewalk width on Russell Avenue, noting it is not conducive to the neighborhood high-rises / density.
- G. Gumley, White Rock, inquired if there was a reason the City did not ask the City Auditors, KPMG, to comment on the \$115M of differences in the amount of cash that has come into the City over the last three (3) years as part of the audited financial statements. Staff noted KPMG are independent auditors, staff at this time do not have any questions.
- S. Lindenberger, White Rock, inquired what the current surplus for White Rock City is. Staff stated the current accumulated surplus at the end of 2024 was \$290M (investment and tangible capital assets [roads, buildings, sidewalks, underground utilities] at \$152.3M, remainder consisting of restricted reserves and other surplus funds). How much is in the restrictive reserves? Staff noted a hard copy of the Financial Plan is available for review.
- E. Klassen, White Rock, recently elected Member of Parliament (MP), notified of his resignation from City Councillor on May 9, 2025. Thanked Council, staff and the residents for their support over the past 2.5 years. Notified that the remaining surplus funds from his 2022 municipal election campaign (\$7,500) have been forwarded to the City of White Rock, as he won't be running in the next election, and he requested Council consider utilizing the funds for the warming centre.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

None

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

6.1.a WHITE ROCK RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Staff Sergeant Dixon provided the City of White Rock RCMP Quarterly update for January through March, 2025.

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a 2024-2025 WARMING CENTRE OPERATIONS REVIEW

Corporate report dated May 12, 2025 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "2024-2025 Warming Centre Operations Review".

Motion Number: 2025-149 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the May 12, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "2024-2025 Warming Centre Operations Review" for information and consideration.

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

6.2.b AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Corporate report dated May 12, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2024".

Brandon Ma and Jordan Patterson, KPMG (the City's Auditors), were in attendance to provide a presentation on this topic.

Motion Number: 2025-150 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated May 12, 2025, from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2024" for Council's consideration and acceptance.

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

6.2.c DRAFT 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Corporate report dated May 12, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements".

Motion Number: 2025-151 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the May 12, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements;" and

- 1. Accept the Draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements, which have been included in Appendix A;**
- 2. Receive the CFO Letter of Transmittal and accompanying Management Discussion and Analysis report, attached as Appendix B and C respectively; and**
- 3. Direct the Mayor and Director, Financial Services, to sign the Statement of Financial Position contained within the Draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements and forward the complete audited financial statements to the province.**

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-152 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Accessibility Advisory Committee - April 22, 2025.**

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2.a ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE, CHAIRPERSON)

7.2.a.a INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

Motion Number: 2025-153

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse that a letter be sent from Mayor Knight to TransLink to request increased accessibility-focused service in White Rock, with an emphasis on routes to and from Marine Drive, and to request that informative signage be installed at bus stops to encourage consideration for passengers with mobility challenges.

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 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. Bylaw 2536 received three (3) readings on April 28th and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2025-154 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to " *Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2025, No. 2536*".

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2025-155 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive correspondence Items 10.1.a - b as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

10.1.a PROCLAMATION REQUEST - MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN MAY

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

Correspondence dated April 16, 2025 from Patricia Wilson, MS Canada Ambassador, requesting support for the annual MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Awareness Month of May in Canada, as well as for World MS Day on May 30th.

The MS Canada flag will be flown on the City Hall flagpole from May 23rd to May 30th in honour of MS Awareness Month, in accordance with City Policy 167, and the White Rock Pier lights will be lit up in red on May 30th in honour of World MS Day, in accordance with City Policy 168.

10.1.b PROCLAMATION REQUEST - NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH IN MAY

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

Correspondence dated April 7, 2025 from Amanda McNally, Executive Director, Peace Arch Hospice Society, requesting support for National Hospice Month in May.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Apr 29 - May 1, Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) conference and Annual General meeting
- Apr 30, TransLink's Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation
- May 2, recorded April 28 Council Highlights and current City business
- May 3, Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club's opening day
- May 6, New Johnston Road Crosswalk opening
- May 7, Peace Arch Elementary School visit at the White Rock Seniors Village residence
- May 8, South of the Fraser Summit meeting
- May 8, McDonalds' McHappy Day event

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- Apr 29 - May 1, Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) conference and Annual General meeting
- May 2, Peace Arch Hospital Gala "NOLA", where \$1.5M was raised toward the Foundation's Healing Starts Here Campaign
- May 3, 22nd Annual Hike for Hospice where \$40,000 was raised for Peace Arch Hospice Society

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- May 3, 22nd Annual Hike for Hospice where \$40,000 was raised for Peace Arch Hospice Society
- May 17, Green Teams Canada will be at the beach in clean-up efforts against invasive species (blackberry bushes)

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

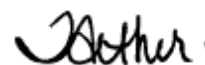
Councillor Trevelyan inquired with staff regarding the status of the Non-Transport Canada Compliance Crossing by the Pier

- Staff noted they are in correspondence with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) on this matter and noted there are two (2) types of upgrades for the crossings that can be made and there is a large difference between the two (2) types in terms of cost; staff are inquiring on the differences and then will bring forward a report to Council on this matter (this impacts eight [8] crossings for White Rock). Staff will bring the information first to the Accessibility Advisory Committee prior to Council.

15. CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 12, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration