

- PRESENT:** B. Hagerman, Community Member
D. Northam, Community Member
S. Crozier, Community Member (entered the meeting at 4:06 p.m.)
K. Bjerke-Lisle, Representative from White Rock Museum and Archives
A. Chew, Representative from White Rock Tourism/ Explore White Rock
A. Nixon, Representative from White Rock Business Improvement Association
A. Spyker, Representative from Fraser Health Authority (entered the meeting at 4:32 p.m.)
D. Young, Representative from Sources Community Resource Society
- COUNCIL:** Councillor A. Manning (Chairperson)
Councillor D. Chesney (Vice-Chairperson)
- ABSENT:** E. Klassen, Community Member
T.J. Dhillon, Community Member
R. Khanna, Representative from South Surrey/White Rock Chamber of Commerce
- GUEST:** Mayor D. Walker
- STAFF:** G. Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services
C. Latzen, Economic Development Officer
J. Johnstone, Director of Human Resources
C. Ponzini, Director of Financial Services
E. Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
D. Kell, Manager of Communications and Government Relations
K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk
D. Johnstone, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2020-CRTF-40 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force amend the December 1, 2020 agenda by:

- Adding under Item 9 Information – City of White Rock Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti- Racism Policy;
- AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) November 3, 2020

2020-CRTF-41

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force amends the November 3, 2020 meeting minutes as follows:

- Under Item 7 Brainstorm Session- Festival of Lights:
~~Discussion around the operational challenges with the Festival of Lights. Particularly around light panels, there are still many that need to be purchased for the festival to move forward. It was questioned if the City could assist. It was noted the sales of the light panels are going well and the event would be proceeding.~~

C. Latzen, Economic Development Officer confirmed she had spoken with the President of the White Rock Festival of Lights Society and would continue to do so moving towards the festival. ~~There was also discussion around the differences between the Festival of Lights in White Rock and La Farge Lights which is a drive-thru experience and would not attract crowds~~ There was also discussion around the differences between the Festival of Lights in White Rock and La Farge Lights and it was noted the Festival of Lights is more of a display and a drive-thru experience and would not attract crowds.

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Note: S. Crozier entered the meeting at 4:06 pm

4. **SHOP WHITE ROCK SIGNAGE AND COMMUNICATION PRESENTATION**

The Manager of Communications and Government Relations and the Economic Development Officer provided an update on Shop White Rock Signage and communication.

There was discussion on the importance of having an online presence and directing shoppers to shop online as this will help alleviate revenue losses due to the COVID-19 health orders. It was noted there will be a resource list provided on the website page with online shopping links. Task Force members expressed their approval of the “Shop the Rock” slogan.

2020-CRTF-42

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force recommend that Council endorse the Shop White Rock Campaign.

Note: A. Spyker entered the meeting at 4:32 pm

5. **EXPLORING FURTHER WAYS TO ASSIST SENIORS THAT ARE NOT ONLINE**

Council referred the following motion from the November 23, 2020 Council Meeting to the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force for discussion:

THAT Council refers to the next meeting of the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force the topic of exploring further ways to reach seniors in addition to online/social media for those that are not online

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an update on how Recreation and Culture has been assisting seniors during the pandemic. Some initiatives and resources the City has provided include:

- Resource sheet on City Website and shared with Kent Street Community Centre
- Comfort calls with over 500 seniors;
- Outdoor fitness classes with varying intensities;
- 150 volunteer appreciation cards;
- Connect Newsletter;
- Reopened frozen meal sales at Kent Street Community Centre to meet and socialize; and,
- A partnership with White Rock Elementary School for Christmas cards to go out to the Kent Street Community Centre.

There was discussion on how to provide therapeutic counselling services through comfort calls to help with depression among seniors during the winter pandemic months.

Action item: D. Northam, B. Hagerman and S. Crozier to work together as a working group to research what other municipalities are doing through the pandemic and report back to the committee.

It was noted that many holiday events are going virtual for the public to purchase tickets and watch. The Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance (PACA) Newsletter is a good resource for information and there is a link to it on the City Website. The committee discussed having this newsletter added to the Peach Arch Newspaper and where to source the funding.

Action item: The Chairperson to forward Peninsula Arts & Culture Alliance (PACA) Newsletter to the Task Force for information.

2020-CRTF-43 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force recommends that Council direct staff to publicize the Christmas Events for the Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance (PACA) Newsletter and consider placing it in the Peach Arch News utilizing the funds available from the Federal Grant.

CARRIED

6. ASSISTING SENIORS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

This item was discussed during Item 5.

7. BRAINSTORM SESSION

Task Force Members brainstormed ideas surrounding community resiliency as well as supporting local businesses. The following were discussed:

- **COVID-19 Testing Station**

There is a new COVID-19 Testing Station in South Surrey, 3800 King George Highway.

- **West Beach Lights**

There were concerns raised with the lights not working at West Beach. It was noted that they are currently being replaced starting by the White Rock Museum heading west, there will be over 1200 meters of lights replaced with an estimated completion time of next week.

- **Severe Weather Shelter**

Concerns were raised over a Peace Arch News article regarding the severe weather shelter, as there are only 14 beds available and people are being turned away when they space is full. It was noted there has been a struggle to find shelter locations.

Action item: D. Young to report back to the Committee to provide an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the homeless population in White Rock.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

9. **INFORMATION**

The following items were provided to the Task Force for information:

- **Action Tracking**

- **City of White Rock Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy**

The Director of Human Resources provided an overview on the Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy that was endorsed by Council. It was noted this policy speaks to anti-discrimination and anti-racism in the City and it commits the City of White Rock to a respectful environment free from racial discrimination and racism.

There was a concern raised with the policy language referring to “People of Colour and Indigenous Peoples” rather than “Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC)” and in doing so it does not specifically reference the experience of Black peoples. It was noted the guidelines referenced were from a legal firm who specializes in Human Rights Law. It was also suggested it would be helpful to have a definition list at the end of the policy.

10. **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

2020-CRTF-44

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force requests an additional meeting to be scheduled for January 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED

2020-CRTF-45

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force adopt the following 2021 meeting schedule:

- January 19;
- February 16;
- March 16;
- April 20; and
- May 18.

CARRIED

11.

CONCLUSION OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:38 p.m.

Councillor Manning, Chairperson

K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk