

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: January 12, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Candice Garty, CPA, CGA, Director, Financial Services
SUBJECT: Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2026, No. 2570

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated January 12, 2026, from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2026, No. 2570" for consideration of first, second and third readings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council receive the Borrowing Anticipation Bylaw for 2026 and consider it for first, second, and third readings. This bylaw authorizes the City to borrow funds as needed to meet current lawful expenditures until tax revenues are received. While the City maintains sufficient reserves, access to a line of credit is a prudent cash management measure that ensures operational flexibility and supports investment strategies.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion # & Meeting Date	Motion Details
2025-043 January 27, 2025	THAT Council give final reading to "White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2025, No. 2533". <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
2024-036 January 29, 2024	THAT Council give final reading to "White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2024, No. 2492". <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
2022-026 January 24, 2022	THAT Council give final reading to "White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415". <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Section 177 of the [Community Charter](#) states:

- (1) A council may, by bylaw, provide for the borrowing of money that may be necessary to
- (a) meet current lawful expenditures, and

(b) pay amounts required to meet the municipality's taxing obligations in relation to another local government or other public body.

(2) The debt outstanding under this section must not exceed the total of

(a) the unpaid taxes for all purposes imposed during the current year, and

(b) the money remaining due from other governments.

(3) Before the adoption of the annual property tax bylaw in any year, the taxes in that year are deemed to be 75% of all property taxes imposed for all purposes in the preceding year.

(4) When collected, revenue from property taxes must be used as necessary to repay money borrowed under this section.

This section of the [Community Charter](#) allows Council, by bylaw adopted without the assent of the electors or the approval of the inspector, to borrow funds as may be required to meet current lawful expenditures. When collected, revenue from taxes levied must be used as necessary to repay this debt.

It has been standard practice for local government councils to adopt such a bylaw annually. The City's financial institution requires this bylaw to ensure that the City's line of credit remains available on demand, if needed. While there may be sufficient cash in reserves to cover day-to-day expenditures during this interim period – until the payment of taxes is received - maintaining access to a line of credit is considered a prudent cash management strategy. This approach supports operational flexibility and allows the City to maximize returns on its investment portfolio.

In accordance with the Community Charter, the City may borrow sums necessary to meet lawful expenditures for the year 2026, up to a maximum of 75% of all taxes levied for all purposes in the preceding year. Based on this calculation, the aggregate borrowing limit is \$52M for 2026. This bylaw provides for interim borrowing of up to \$5M, as needed, for City expenditure requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial impacts associated with granting this borrowing authority. The bylaw only ensures that a line of credit is available if required. In the unlikely event that the City draws on this credit facility, interest would be incurred only on the amount borrowed and for the duration of its use.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

If Council chooses not to adopt the Borrowing Anticipation Bylaw, the City will not have access to its line of credit through the financial institution. While reserves may be sufficient for day-to-day operations, the absence of a line of credit would limit the City's ability to respond to unforeseen cash flow needs prior to tax collection. This could reduce financial flexibility and hinder the City's ability to optimize investment returns during the interim period.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that Council receive this report and give first, second, and third readings to the White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2026, No. 2570.

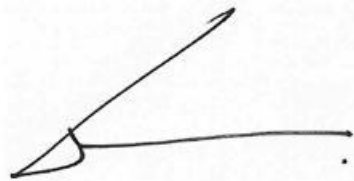
Respectfully submitted,



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Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

This corporate report is provided for Council's consideration of first, second and third readings.



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Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Bylaw 2570 – Revenue Anticipation Bylaw