

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



December 1, 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 Trevelyan
Councillor Bains
Councillor Manning

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
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Brad Davie, Fire Chief
Darcy Dupont, Senior Project Manager, Community Hub
Rebecca Forrest, Manager, Cultural Development
Kaelin Nelson, Acting Manager of Communications and
Government Relations
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public 13 (approx.)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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: 2025-384 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for December 1, 2025, as amended to include the On-Table update to the Pier Lighting Policy, included as Item 8.1.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-385 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the meeting minutes of November 17, 2025, as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 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, requested an update on the status of the Grant Writer position and the related RFP posted for the position / when it was posted / when it was awarded and inquired as to why the information would be addressed through a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.

Staff confirmed the information Mr. Gumley is requesting would need to go through the FOI process.

A further question was asked in regard to the status, and when it will be available for the public, of the 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan. Would

like to have a timeline for future budget discussions.

Staff noted it is anticipated to be ready for the public at the January 26, 2026, regular Council meeting.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a BARB WALKS, JUDY FORSTER, AND LIV BUTOW - CHRISTMAS ON THE PENINSULA SOCIETY

Members of the Christmas on the Peninsula Society attended to request that the fee for use of the White Rock Community Centre remain at its current level and not be increased.

5.1.b GARY GUMLEY - WHITE ROCK MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2025 REVIEW AND 2026 ELECTION PLANNING

Gary Gumley, resident, attended to request an analysis of key components of the 2025 Municipal Election, including a review of the 2026 election process.

A request was also made for Council to consider a motion directing staff to facilitate one or more community forums or gatherings in the spring, focused on increasing voter turnout for the 2026 municipal election and providing an opportunity to examine various aspects of the election process for all involved.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

6.1.a TRANSLINK - OVERVIEW OF TRANSLINK'S 2025 INVESTMENT PLAN AND PROJECT UPDATE ON KING GEORGE BOULEVARD BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Sarah Ross, TransLink VP, Transportation Planning & Policy, provided a presentation covering an overview of recent TransLink investments in the South of the Fraser region, including White Rock

and upcoming plans, including an update for Council on the King George Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which is planned to terminate at Semiahmoo Town Centre.

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a 2026 ANNUAL UTILITY RATES AND SECONDARY SUITE SERVICE FEE BYLAWS

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2026 Annual Utility Rates Bylaws and Secondary Suite Fee Bylaw".

Note: The Bylaws associated with this report are included under item 9.1.d - 9.1.g for staff recommended first, second and third reading.

Motion Number: 2025-386 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the December 1, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "2026 Annual Utility Rates and Secondary Suite Service Fee Bylaws" for consideration and subsequent approval and adoption.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b COMMUNITY POLICING SUPPORT VEHICLE

Corporate report from the Detachment Commander and the Director of Recreation and Culture dated December 1, 2025, titled "Community Policing Support Vehicle".

The following point was noted:

- the vehicle would be owned by the City of White Rock

Motion Number: 2025-387 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the report dated December 1, 2025, from the Detachment Commander and the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "Community Policing Support Vehicle"; and**
- 2. Support the City's partial \$14,000 funding toward the purchase of an electric mobile vehicle or provide further direction to staff.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c WHITE ROCK LIBRARY 2026 OPERATING HOURS

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "White Rock Library 2026 Operating Hours".

Motion Number: 2025-388 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "White Rock Library 2026 Operating Hours"; and**
- 2. Approve the new hours of operation for the White Rock Library for 2026.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.d CONTRACT AWARD - 2025 SANITARY AND DRAINAGE REHABILITATION

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Manager, Engineering, titled "Contract Award - 2025 Sanitary and Drainage Rehabilitation".

Motion Number: 2025-389 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Contract Award - 2025 Sanitary and Drainage Rehabilitation;" and

- 1. Approve the award of the 2025 Sanitary and Drainage Rehabilitation to Superior City Contracting Services Ltd. in the amount of \$488,742 (excluding GST);**
- 2. Approve the award of construction management services (engineering, contract administration and inspection) to R.F. Binnie & Associates in the amount of \$29,690 (excluding GST);**

3. **Authorize the pre-approved contingency in the amount of \$155,000 (approximately 30% of the construction costs) to support the project; and**
4. **Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute all contract documentation required for the project.**

Voted in the negative (2): Mayor Knight, and Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

6.2.e STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW - HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Manager, Engineering, titled "Street and Traffic Bylaw - Housekeeping Amendment".

Note: Bylaw 2558 is on the agenda for staff recommended first, second and third reading under item 9.1.h

The following discussion points were noted:

- concern with permeability in regard to a driveway / adding a second driveway (overall impact & cost considerations)
- concern with only one (1) option, a lane may not be ideal

Motion Number: 2025-390 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the December 1, 2025, corporate report from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Street and Traffic Bylaw – Housekeeping Amendment" for review and consideration of the bylaw under Agenda Item 9.1.h.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.f OPPOSITION TO BILL M 216 - PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE ACT

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Directors of Planning and Development Services, Engineering and Municipal Operations, Fire Chief and the Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Opposition to Bill M216 - Professional Reliance Act".

Motion Number: 2025-391 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Formally oppose Bill M 216 and communicate this position to the province, MLA for Surrey-White Rock, and UBCM, and direct staff to send this by letter, also indicating that Council:**
 - **Advocates for meaningful consultation with local governments before implementing systemic changes to development approval processes;**
 - **Requests inclusion of safeguards such as mandatory peer review for high-risk projects and clear accountability mechanisms; and**
 - **Requests for safeguard measures from the province, that would protect any liability on the City's behalf.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.g 2025 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

In accordance with Council Policy 117 (attached), an annual report has been provided for Council's information.

6.2.g.a ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Directors of Engineering and Municipal Operations, Planning and Development Services, and Human Resources titled "Accessibility Advisory Committee - Annual Report 2025".

Motion Number: 2025-392
It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Directors of Engineering & Municipal Operations, Planning & Development Services and Human Resources, titled “Accessibility Advisory Committee – Annual Report 2025”.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.g.b HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "2025 Annual Report - Housing Advisory Committee".

Motion Number: 2025-393
It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Director of Planning & Development Services, titled “2025 Annual Report – Housing Advisory Committee.”

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.g.c PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Corporate report dated December 1, 2025, from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "2025 Annual Report - Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee".

Motion Number: 2025-394
It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the Corporate Report dated December 1, 2025, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled

**“2025 Annual Report – Public Art and Culture
Advisory Committee.”**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2025-395 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Housing Advisory Committee - November 19, 2025.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8. POLICIES

8.1 COUNCIL POLICY 168 - LIGHTING THE WHITE ROCK PIER

Note: Staff have amended the policy to reflect Transport Canada's request, which stated that, under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act*, the Pier cannot display red and/ or green lights at any time. These colors are reserved for navigation markers and using them on the pier could create confusion for mariners, making it unlawful.

Motion Number: 2025-396 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse *Policy 168 - Lighting the White Rock Pier* as circulated in the agenda and the additional On-Table amendment further noted as tracked changes.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

9.1.a BYLAW 2549 - COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2393 AMENDMENT NO. 3, 2025, NO. 2549

Bylaw 2549 - A bylaw to amend the Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw in regard to the addition of agenda items by members of Council.

Bylaw 2549 received three (3) readings on November 3rd, 2025, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time. In accordance with legislation, the amendment to the Procedure Bylaw was advertised through the Peace Arch News for two (2) consecutive weeks (November 21st and 28th).

Motion Number: 2025-397 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, 2021, No. 2393, Amendment No. 3, 2025, No. 2549*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2564 - COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2393, AMENDMENT NO. 4, 2025, NO. 2564

Bylaw 2564 - A bylaw to amend the Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw in regard to the use of cell phones by members of Council at Council meetings.

Bylaw 2564 received three (3) readings on November 17, 2025, and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time. In accordance with legislation, the amendment to the Procedure Bylaw was advertised through the Peace Arch News for two (2) consecutive weeks (November 21st and 28th).

Motion Number: 2025-398 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, 2021, No. 2393, Amendment No. 4, 2025, No. 2564*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.c BYLAW 2554 - 2026 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2025, NO. 2554

Bylaw 2554 - A bylaw to impose fees and charges for various services offered by the City that are not included in any other City Bylaw.

Bylaw 2554 received three (3) readings on November 17, 2025, and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading.

Motion Number: 2025-399 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives final reading to "2026 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2025, No. 2554".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.d BYLAW 2560 - WHITE ROCK DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE BYLAW, 2004, NO. 1739, AMENDMENT NO. 19, 2025, NO. 2560

Bylaw 2560 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Drainage Utility Fee bylaw to replace Schedule A - Drainage Utility Fees

Note: Bylaw 2560 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.a

Motion Number: 2025-400 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to "White Rock Drainage Utility User Fee Bylaw, 2004, No. 1739, Amendment No.19, 2025, No. 2560".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.e BYLAW 2563 - SEWER CONNECTION AND RENTAL CHARGES BYLAW, 1970, NO. 369, AMENDMENT NO. 35, 2025, NO. 2563

Bylaw 2563 - A bylaw to amend the Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Bylaw to replace Schedule B

Note: Bylaw 2563 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.a

Motion Number: 2025-401 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to " Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Bylaw, 1970, No. 396, Amendment No. 35, 2025, No. 2563".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.f BYLAW 2565 - WATER SERVICES BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2117, AMENDMENT NO. 15, 2025, NO. 2565

Bylaw 2565 - A bylaw to amend the Water Services Bylaw to replace Schedule A - Water Service Fees, and to remove Item 2 of Schedule A (and the references to this throughout the Bylaw) as the associated fees and charges were relocated to the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

Note: Bylaw 2565 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.a

Motion Number: 2025-402 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to " Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 15, 2025 No. 2565".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.g BYLAW 2561 - WHITE ROCK SECONDARY SUITE SERVICE FEE BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2009, AMENDMENT NO. 9, 2025, NO. 2561

Bylaw 2561 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Secondary Suite Service Fee Bylaw in regard to the secondary suite service fee (now \$319)

Note: Bylaw 2561 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.a

Motion Number: 2025-403 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to " White Rock Secondary Suite Service Fee Bylaw, 2012, No. 2009, Amendment No. 9, 2025, No. 2561".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.h BYLAW 2558 - STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW, 1999, NO. 1529, AMENDMENT NO. 12, 2025, NO. 2558

Bylaw 2558 - A bylaw to amend the "Street and Traffic Bylaw" as amended, in regard to driveway access.

Note: Bylaw 2558 was the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.e

Motion Number: 2025-404 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to “Street and Traffic Bylaw 1999, No. 1529, Amendment No. 12, 2025, No. 2558”.

Voted in the negative (7): Mayor Knight, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Trevelyan, Councillor Bains, and Councillor Manning

Motion DEFEATED (0 to 7)

Motion Number: 2025-405 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a new amendment to the “Street and Traffic Bylaw 1999, No. 1529, with clear language in regard to utilizing permeable and non-permeable materials for driveway construction (initial and for a second driveway).

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

None

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted information on the following:

- Nov 19, recorded the post Council overview and highlights from the Nov 17, 2025, regular Council meeting
- Nov 19, Leadership Class at Earl Marriott Secondary School
- Nov 21, TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Joint Finance Committee meeting
- Nov 22, Annual Christmas on the Peninsula VIP reception and later the Tree Lighting
- Nov 27, 6th Annual Dogs of White Rock Calendar launch at the White Rock Seniors Village
- Nov 27, Open House for Ashberry & Logan and the Nomad Gallery
- Nov 28, Anti-Extortion meeting hosted by the Federal and Provincial Government and Police Leadership
- Nov 29, Kick-off the City's Annual Bright Walk in White Rock Winter Display
- Nov 30, UNITI, Craft Fair
- Further Note: this is the last regular Council meeting for 2025, the Mayor wished for a festive Holiday Season and gave Best Wishes for the upcoming New Year to the Volunteers, Sponsors, the Business Community and to City staff.

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Chesney noted information on the following:

- Nov 29, Bright Walk in White Rock, opening (running until January 18, 2026)
- Nov 22, Christmas on the Peninsula
- White Rock Community Orchestra concerts will be held December 12 & 13
- CBC Radio Food Donation Drive (you can select your community to ensure the funds go to your community)

Councillor Bains noted information on the following:

- Nov 23, World Religions Conference
- Nov 19, Winter Wonderland Holiday Market
- Evergreen Community "Sticker Party"
- Nov 29, White Rock RCMP Clothing Drive
- Self -Advocate Semiahmoo Holiday Craft Market
- Surrey Santa Parade 2025

- Dec 3, International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Councillor Manning noted information on the following:

- Dec 1 World AIDS Day
- White Rock Museum and Archives Christmas Fair (until Dec 22, 2025)

Councillor Trevelyan noted information on the following:

- Dec 6, Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the White Rock Firehall
- Dec 16, City is hosting an information Meeting on the 2025 Official Community Plan Update

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

12.1.a COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE - POLICY 106

Councillor Cheung provided the following motion as amended for consideration at this time:

Motion Number: 2025-406 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council amend the annual \$1,200 allowance provided to Councillors under Policy 106 for attending and representing the City at local community events, effective as of 2026 as follows:

- **Reduce the annual allowance from \$1,200 to \$600 per Councillor.**
- **The allowance shall not be used for fundraising events where the primary purpose is to raise money for a cause or organization.**
- **The allowance may only be used for non-fundraising community events that foster civic engagement and representation, such as Surrey White Rock Board of Trade events, cultural celebrations, and community networking functions; and**

THAT the savings be directed toward reducing overall expenditures in recognition of current economic challenges and the need to minimize non-essential spending to protect taxpayers' dollars.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Bains

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

12.1.b OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT - INSTITUTIONAL MEDICAL BUILDING

Councillor Trevelyan provided the following motion for consideration at this time:

Motion Number: 2025-407 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the following be added to the City's Official Community Plan:

- **'up to 20-storey institutional medical only building' on the Peace Arch Hospital site location as identified by the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation.**

Voted in the negative (4): Mayor Knight, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Cheung, and Councillor Lawrence

Motion DEFEATED (3 to 4)

12.1.c REMOVAL OF CITY DONATION BOX AT THE PIER

Councillor Trevelyan provided the following motion for consideration at this time:

Motion Number: 2025-408 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to remove the City donation box from the Pier as to-date it's been a net loss to the effort to fundraise for the Pier.

Voted in the negative (3): Mayor Knight, Councillor Cheung, and Councillor Lawrence

Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)

12.1.d SWIMMING POOL POTENTIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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

Motion Number: 2025-409 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to:

1. **Review the potential grant opportunities by SWIM DRINK FISH, being offered to local communities to construct an outdoor swimming facility at White Rock Beach; and**
2. **Submit materials/information to the City's contracted grant writer**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Staff noted: Have held preliminary discussions with both the grant funder and the consultant that is conducting the City's swimming pool feasibility study.

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

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

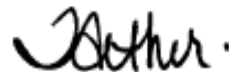
None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 6:03 p.m.



Mayor Knight

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration