

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



February 23, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Gallery Room, White Rock Community Centre Council Chambers  
15154 Russell Ave, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6

COUNCIL:

- Mayor Knight
- Councillor Bains
- Councillor Chesney
- Councillor Cheung
- Councillor Lawrence
- Councillor Manning
- Councillor Trevelyan

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
- Wayne Berg, Deputy Director, Chief Building Official
- Mike Passas, Deputy Fire Chief
- Darcy Dupont, Senior Project Manager, Community Hub
- Kaelin Nelson, Acting Manager of Communications and Government Relations
- Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public: 25 approx.

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#### 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: 2026-116 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 23, 2026, as amended to add:**

1. **an Updated Letter for Item 10.1.a from the BC Association of Farmers' Market that amends the value of redeemed coupons in 2025 in White Rock to \$57,567; and**
2. **as Item 12.1.b New Appointment as Vice Chairperson of the Community Hub Advisory Committee.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Motion Number: 2026-117 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the February 9, 2026, meeting minutes 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, inquired on the following: When will Council receive a status update in regard to the new Financial (ERP) software implementation? What date will quarterly Financial Statements be available to the public?  
Staff noted that the ERP implementation is underway, and at this point the project is approximately halfway complete, with Accounts

Payable and Receivable now in use, and the Human Resources Payroll modules are set to be rolled out this spring. It is not likely that the Financial / Budget modules will be ready until the end of 2026 or into 2027.

- S. Herringer, White Rock, inquired about replacing lost parking decals. He was surprised to find that he would be charged the same amount for a replacement decal and stated that there should be a replacement fee rather than full payment, to be made once again. Staff noted that there is a grace period for those who have forgotten to replace a decal on their windshield. For a lost decal, if the previous one is provided from the windshield, there is a provision to track those, but without that, the full charge is required to ensure decals are not being transferred.
- G. Quinn, White Rock, inquired as to when Development Cost Charges (DCCs) are payable to the City? Staff noted that DCCs are collected at two (2) phases: subdivision approval (prior to every new lot created) and at building permit issuance. An applicant can also pay the full amount or enter into a deferral plan, whereby the full amount must be paid by the occupancy stage. It was also confirmed that for a lot consolidation, DCCs would be collected at the building permit stage.
- G. Greveling, White Rock, inquired regarding a new “No Parking” sign that has been erected on the south side of Victoria Avenue at the Foster Street walkway. The placement of the sign has removed parking in front of her home, and inquired if this can be reviewed. Engineering staff will review the signage and will be in contact.

## **5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

### **5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)**

#### **5.1.a KARIN BJERKE-LISLE AND ZOË TOKARCHUK - WHITE ROCK MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES**

Karin Bjerke-Lisle and Zoë Tokarchuk, White Rock Museum and Archives, were in attendance to present an annual review.

### **5.2 PETITIONS**

None

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

**6.1.a WHITE ROCK RCMP Q4 REPORT AND POLICING UPDATE**

Staff Sargent Dixon, White Rock RCMP, provided an update regarding the Fourth Quarter (Q4) report for policing.

**6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.2.a CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. 465 - 15138 VICTORIA AVENUE (DVP00040)**

Corporate report dated February 23, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Consideration of Development Variance Permit No. 465 - 15138 Victoria Avenue (DVP00040)".

**Note:** Notice of Consideration of Development Variance Permit No. 464 was advertised in the February 12 and 19 editions of the Peace Arch News, and 97 notices were mailed to inform owners and occupants within 100 meters of the subject property.

**Motion Number: 2026-118 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated February 23, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Consideration of Development Variance Permit No. 465 – 15138 Victoria Avenue (DVP00040);" and**
- 2. Approve the Development Variance Permit No. 465 as circulated.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Manning

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**6.2.b TRANSITION OF UTILITY FEES FROM ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICE TO QUARTERLY UTILITY BILLING**

Corporate report dated February 23, 2026, from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Transition of Utility Fees from Annual Property Tax Notice to Quarterly Utility Billing".

**Motion Number: 2026-119 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the February 23, 2026, corporate report from the Manager of Revenue Services, titled “Transition of Utility Fees from Annual Property Tax Notice to Quarterly Utility Billing” and**

1. **Direct staff to invoice the drainage, sewer, and solid waste utility fees, as well as the secondary suite service fee, on a quarterly utility invoice.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.c CITY OF WHITE ROCK DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES BYLAW, 2025, NO. 2112 - BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Corporate report dated February 23, 2026, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "City of White Rock Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2025, No. 2112 - Bylaw Amendments".

**Note:** Bylaw 2540, amending Bylaw No 2112, is on the agenda for consideration of staff-recommended readings under Item 9.1.a

**Motion Number: 2026-120 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated February 23, 2026, from the Manager of Engineering, titled “City of White Rock Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2025, No. 2112 – Bylaw Amendments.”**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2026-121 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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

- **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee - February 11, 2026.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**7.2.a.a WAYFINDING CROSSWALK AND BEACH  
SIGNAGE UPDATES**

**Motion Number: 2026-122**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of implementing the Committee's suggested wayfinding beach signage and crosswalk updates.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

There was a request for this to be brought forward to the AAC for discussion at a future meeting.

**7.2.a.b INFORMATION PLAQUES AT CITY PARKS**

**Motion Number: 2026-123**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff in the Corporate Administration and Recreation and Culture departments to review existing City policies relating to commemorative and interpretive signage and plaques to establish consistency and bring suggested amendments back to the Committee for review, prior to going to Council for approval.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.a.c OXFORD COMFORT STATION MURAL PROJECT**

**Motion Number: 2026-124**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council approve the allocation of \$25,000 from the Public Art Fund for the Oxford Comfort Station 2026 mural installation project.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

8. **POLICIES**

None

9. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

9.1 **BYLAWS**

9.1.a **BYLAW 2540 - WHITE ROCK DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2112, AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2025, NO. 2540**

Bylaw 2540 - A bylaw to amend the "Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2015, No. 2112" as amended, to reflect new authorities contained in Bill 46, Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 4<sup>th</sup> Session, 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament (2023). Bylaw 2540 received three (3) readings on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.c. Proposed amendments to the Bylaw are noted in red.

**Motion Number: 2026-125 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council rescinds second and third reading of " *White Rock Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2015, No. 2112, Amendment No. 1, 2025, No. 2540*".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2026-126 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council gives second and third reading of "White Rock Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2015, No. 2112, Amendment No. 1, 2025, No. 2540" as amended.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

9.1.b **BYLAW 2571 - GROWING COMMUNITY FUND RESERVE BYLAW, 2026, NO. 2571**

Bylaw 2571 - A bylaw to establish a Growing Communities Fund Reserve.

Bylaw 2571 received three (3) readings on February 9, 2026, and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

**Motion Number: 2026-127 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give final reading to "*Growing Community Fund Reserve, 2026, No. 2571*".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**9.1.c BYLAW 2572 - STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW, 1999, NO. 1529, AMENDMENT NO. 13, 2026, NO. 2572**

Bylaw 2572 - A bylaw to amend the "Street and Traffic Bylaw", as amended, in regard to driveway access, and clarifies when one or two driveways are permitted. In the scenario that a property fronts a non-arterial street and backs onto a lane, the amendment proposes that two (2) driveway accesses are permitted, one from the lane and the other from the lowest classification street.

Bylaw 2572 received three (3) readings on February 9, 2026 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

**Motion Number: 2026-128 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council give final reading to "*Street and Traffic Bylaw, 1999, No. 1529, Amendment No. 13, 2026, No. 2572*".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**9.2 PERMITS**

None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

**Note:** Further action on the following correspondence items may be considered. Council may request that any item be brought forward for discussion, and may propose a motion of action on the matter.

**10.1.a BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS NUTRITION COUPON PROGRAM**

Correspondence dated February 2, 2026, from the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, requesting the City write a letter to the Minister of Health in support of continued funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in White Rock.

**Note:** An updated letter was provided On-Table to correct the total amount of redeemed coupons at the White Rock Farmers' Market in 2025 to now read as \$57,567

**Motion Number: 2026-129 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council support the City forwarding a letter of support to the Honourable Josie Osborne, BC Minister of Health, regarding continued funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**10.1.b FRASER HEALTH - INTERRUPTIONS OF MATERNITY SERVICES AT PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL**

Correspondence dated February 4, 2026, from D. Kelly, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fraser Health, responding to Council's correspondence regarding concerns about maternity ward diversions at Peace Arch Hospital.

**Motion Number: 2026-130 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive correspondence Item 10.1.b as a response from Fraser Health to the City's letter noting their concerns with interruptions of maternity services at Peace Arch Hospital.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**10.1.c METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF - JANUARY 30, 2026**

Metro Vancouver Board meeting summary information for the January 30, 2026, meetings.

**Motion Number: 2026-131 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive correspondence item 10.1.c Metro Vancouver Board in Brief providing meeting summaries from the January 30, 2026, meetings.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## **11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Feb 11, Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- Feb 11, Post Council and Highlight Overview for the February 9, 2026 Regular Council meeting
- Feb 12, Oceana Parc for an Ice Cream Social
- Feb 14, Dragon Leagues' Chinese New Year Event
- Feb 16, White Rock Taiwanese Canadian Association's Lunar New Year Celebration
- Feb 1 & 19, Connection meetings with the new Fraser Health Representatives for our Community
- Feb 18, Spoke with Grade 5 & 6 Classes at White Rock Elementary regarding Local Government
- Feb 18, South of the Fraser East Area Transport Plan Hosted by TransLink

Coming Up:

- Feb 25, National Pink Shirt Day, raising awareness for anti-bullying
- Feb 28, Coldest Night of the Year fundraising Walk, starting at 4:00 p.m.

### **11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- Feb 18, Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- Chinese New Year celebration at Camp Alexander
- Congratulations to resident Evelyn McKlin on turning 104 in October 2025

Coming Up:

- Weekend of February 27<sup>th</sup>, Pow Wow Earl Marriot Secondary School
- March 2, City's Public Hearing on the Official Community Plan Bylaw 2511

Councillor Bains noted the following information:

- Jan 1, Polar Bear Swim
- Jan 30, Represented the City of White Rock at a meeting with the Surrey School Board with Councillors Chesney and Lawrence

- Feb 3, Adaptive curling hosted by the Peace Arch Curling Club, White Rock Stroke Recovery and Curl BC

Coming up:

- March 6, Paralympics begin
- Mar 1, Climb the Wall 2026

Councillor Trevelyan noted the following information:

- Feb 28, Coldest Night of the Year - Earl Marriot Interact / Rotary Club
- Weekend of February 27<sup>th</sup>, Pow Wow Earl Marriot Secondary School

Councillor Lawrence noted the following information:

- Semiahmoo Community Safety Society Board meeting
- Chinese Cultural Association New Year celebration
- International Mobility Trade Corridor Assembly meeting
- Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club function
- Sherwood Ministry Royal Organizers & Treasury Bill Initiatives Black History Month potluck lunch
- Judged at the Junior Black Achievement Awards

Councillor Manning noted the following information:

- Feb 28, Coldest Night of the Year - Rotary Club Team

## 12. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

### 12.1 MOTIONS

#### 12.1.a ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARINE DRIVE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE - CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR POSITIONS

**Motion Number: 2026-132 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council appoint the following members to serve on the Economic Development and Marine Drive Revitalization Advisory Committee until October 2026:**

- **Councillor Trevelyan - Chairperson**
- **Councillor Manning - Vice- Chairperson.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**12.1.b REAPPOINT THE VICE CHAIRPERSON TO THE COMMUNITY HUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The following motions are to accommodate the newly formed Economic Development and Marine Drive Revitalization Advisory Committee:

**Motion Number: 2026-133 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council rescind the appointment of Councillor Trevelyan as Vice-Chairperson until October 2026 to the Community Hub Advisory Committee.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2026-134 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council appoint Councillor Chesney as Vice-Chairperson, until October 2026, to the Community Hub Advisory Committee.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**12.1.c WHITE ROCK SEA FESTIVAL CUSTOM CAR SHOW**

Councillor Chesney put forward the following motion for consideration at this time:

**Motion Number: 2026-136 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to meet with Mike Herrick, Westcoasters Car Club, in order to bring a report back to Council on the feasibility of a custom car hot rod show to be part of this year's Sea Festival (to be held either on East Beach or West Beach, which would necessitate the closing of two (2) parking lots).**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

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

None

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

Earlier in the evening, for Question and Answer Period, five (5) people signed up to speak, but time permitted only four (4) speakers to be heard. Noting that the fifth speaker was still in attendance, Council considered the following motion:

**Motion Number: 2026-137 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse permitting the last person signed up for Question and Answer Period earlier in the meeting that did not get to speak to be giving the opportunity to do so at this time.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

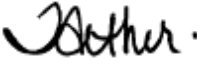
- K Casey, White Rock, noted a petition that includes 674 resident signatures and 105 supporters who live in area or visitors to local businesses that was submitted to the Corporate Administration office, Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The petition includes the following summary preamble: "We recognize the need for a renewed city hall building, and ask that it remain in its present location, and that current zoning and structure height restrictions be maintained."

**15. CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:14 p.m.

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Mayor Knight



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration