



Community Hub Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 24, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Jeff Day, Community Member
Arden English, Community Member
Deshpal Grewal, Community Member
Veronica Reiss, Community Member
Muhammad Syed, Community Member
Steve Zuliani, Community Member
Temma Chow, Community Member

COUNCIL: Councillor Bill Lawrence, Chairperson (non-voting)
Councillor Christopher Trevelyan (non-voting)
(arrived at 4:10 p.m.; left meeting at 5:11 p.m.)

STAFF: Darcy Dupont, Community Hub Senior Project Manager
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2026-CHAC-008 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Hub Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the February 24, 2026 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: 2026-CHAC-009 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Hub Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **COUNCIL DECISION UPDATE - COMMUNITY HUB**

The Senior Project Manager provided an update on Council's unanimous decision authorizing *Decision Gate 1* for the Community Hub project and its implications for the Committee's work program.

5. **SEMAHMOO FIRST NATION - ENGAGEMENT PATHWAY**

Following Committee feedback discussed during the January 15, 2026 meeting, the Senior Project Manager presented a draft letter addressed to the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN) Chief and Council, outlining a proposed engagement approach and inviting SFN participation and input as the Community Hub project progresses.

Councillor Trevelyan arrived at 4:10 p.m.

The Committee provided additional feedback during a roundtable discussion, which staff will incorporate into a final version of the letter.

Motion Number: 2026-CHAC-010 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Hub Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve Mayor and Council sending the letter reviewed and amended by the Committee during their February 24, 2026 meeting to Semiahmoo First Nation Chief and Council.

Motion CARRIED

6. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING PATHWAYS**

The Senior Project Manager reported confirmed interest from the Surrey White Rock Board of Trade in establishing a presence within the Community Hub, with the White Rock BIA identified as a potential co-location partner. The White Rock Museum and Archives also continue to express interest in participating.

Because these partnerships may open up new economic-development funding opportunities for the City, the Committee was asked to provide guidance on how best to solidify commitments.

Through discussion, the Committee agreed that, in the absence of formal partnership agreements, staff should proceed with requesting letters of intent. The Committee also recommended clarifying space allocations and outlining the anticipated benefits each partner would bring, as this may strengthen the City's position for securing external funding.

7. FUNDING PROGRAMS & PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The Senior Project Manager introduced how external funding programs may influence performance expectations for civic facilities, particularly in areas such as sustainability, accessibility, disaster resilience, and lifecycle outcomes. As funding opportunities are explored, certain design elements may need to be confirmed to align with specific program requirements.

The Chairperson led a roundtable discussion in which members identified potential funding areas to guide design decisions. Members expressed strong support for prioritizing accessibility-focused funding opportunities and affirmed the strategic value of positioning the Community Hub as a leading example of inclusive civic design, while recognizing that funding considerations may influence design sequencing and trade-offs.

The Senior Project Manager will plan to bring forward information about accessibility-focused funding opportunities for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Councillor Trevelyan left the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Additional funding sources suggested by members included transit companies and BC Hydro, which may offer opportunities related to parking and transportation elements. Staff will consider these for further exploration.

8. COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT CHARTER - UPDATED DRAFT REVIEW

The Senior Project Manager confirmed that the draft Project Charter has been updated to incorporate feedback shared by members following the January 15, 2026 meeting. He noted that this is a living document that will be updated as needed as the project progresses.

9. **INFORMATION**

9.1 **COMMITTEE ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING**

The action and motion tracking document was provided for information purposes.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

11. **2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was previously approved by the Committee and was provided for information purposes:


- March 19, 2026;
- April 16, 2026;
- May 21, 2026;
- June 18, 2026;
- July 16, 2026; and,
- September 17, 2026.

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chambers at White Rock Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

12. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026 COMMUNITY HUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Councillor Lawrence, Chairperson



Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk