



Housing Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 15, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Gail Bartels, Community Member
Tom Devlin, Community Member
Rick Mann, Community Member (arrived at 4:06 p.m.)
Pat Petrala, Community Member
Mandeep Sandhu, Community Member
Gary Quinn, Community Member

COUNCIL: Councillor Anthony Manning, Chairperson (non-voting)
Councillor David Chesney, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

STAFF: Wayne Berg, Director of Planning and Development Services
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number: 2026-HAC-011 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the April 15, 2026 meeting, as amended to include discussion regarding light pollution from homes and high-rises under Item 5, Other Business.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2026-HAC-012 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION ITEM - REDUCE COSTS BY STREAMLINING APPROVALS

The Director of Planning and Development Services introduced this item and provided an overview of relevant policies from the City of Burnaby and the City of Coquitlam, which were included in the agenda package for reference.

R. Mann arrived at 4:06 p.m.

The Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion on potential approaches to fast-tracking the approval process for affordable housing projects. It was noted that the most viable option for advancing affordable housing initiatives in White Rock would be to leverage land already owned by non-profit and faith-based organizations that have expressed interest in supporting such developments.

Motion Number: 2026-HAC-013 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to create a Priority Review Policy for affordable housing projects.

Motion CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 PENINSULAHOMELESS TO HOUSING UPDATE

The Chairperson asked Committee member Pat Petrala to provide an update regarding the recent suspension of outreach operations by local advocacy group, Peninsula Homeless to Housing.

5.2 LIGHT POLLUTION FROM HOMES AND HIGH-RISES

The Chairperson introduced this item, which had been referred to the Committee following a delegation at the April 13, 2026 Regular Council meeting, where the presenters requested consideration of amendments to

bylaws and building permitting processes to encourage more responsible exterior lighting.

The Committee reviewed on-table reference materials, and through a roundtable discussion, confirmed that the topic warrants further exploration. However, given the scope and time required, it was considered more appropriate for review by a future Committee in the next Council term.

Motion Number: 2026-HAC-014 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Housing Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve the topic of *Light Pollution from Homes and High-Rises* be deferred for consideration by the future Committee in the upcoming term.

Motion CARRIED

6. INFORMATION

6.1 COMMITTEE ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING

Corporate Administration provided the action and motion tracking document to the Committee for information purposes.

7. 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- May 20, 2026;
- June 17, 2026;
- July 15, 2026; and,
- September 16, 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.

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 15, 2026 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:10 p.m.



Councillor Manning, Chairperson

Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Unapproved