From: jocelyne leszczynski
To: Clerk"s Office

Subject: Question and Answer Period - the e-Newsletter

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Hello Clerks Office and Council,

Wanted to express my appreciation for the fulsome and informative City Connects enewsletter. Clearly it represents considerable time and effort by city staff to compile. Thank you!

In the last number of editions Council has acknowledged religious holidays with a picture of Council members and a holiday greeting (Easter, Christmas etc). How does Council decide which of these holidays to acknowledge? This time of year is of special significance to many religious communities in White Rock - Nowruz on March 20, Passover March 27 - April 4, Ramadan April 13 - May 12 - to name a few.

I encourage Council and city staff to consider holiday greetings that encompass the diversity of our community and recognize that not all people celebrate Christian holidays.

Thank you, Jocelyne

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Jocelyne Leszczynski

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Date: April 6, 2021 10:25:43 AM

Email Question from Jocelyne Leszczynski: April 2, 2021 Question and Answer Period - the e-Newsletter

Thank you for your very kind words regarding the City's e-newsletter, City Connects. We appreciate you taking the time to send a message.

You asked about the holiday messages in City Connects that feature a photo of Council members. The decision regarding which holidays the City recognizes with advertisements in City Connects, the Peace Arch News and on the City's social media channels is made by City Council.

The related Council Policy 135 is posted at this <u>link</u>, with other City policies on www.whiterockcity.ca.

Thank you for making the suggestions. Your feedback will be shared with Council.