

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



April 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Mayor Walker  
Councillor Chesney  
Councillor Fathers  
Councillor Johanson  
Councillor Kristjanson  
Councillor Manning  
Councillor Trevelyan

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Carl Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Jacquie Johnstone, Director of Human Resources  
Colleen Ponzini, Director of Financial Services  
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Chris Zota, Manager of Information Technology  
Kale Pauls, Staff Sergeant  
Shannon Johnston, Manager of Budgets and Accounting  
Donna Kell, Manager of Communications and Government Relations  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

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#### 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

##### 1.1 **FIRST NATIONS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We would like to recognize that we are standing/working/meeting on the traditional unceded territory of the Semiahmoo First Nation, and also wish to acknowledge the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.*

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2021-180 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for April 12, 2021 as amended to include:**

- **Amended March 29, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes (in regard to the Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations on the Official Community Plan); and**
- **"On-Table" petition in regard to Item 13.2 Maccaud Park Courts.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2021-181 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT the Corporation on the City of White Rock adopt the March 29, 2021 Regular Council minutes as amended (Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations on the Official Community Plan) and review of the motion numbers.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**3.1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

In honor of April being "National Poetry Month" Mayor Walker introduced local student, Sanjana Karthik.

Sanjana is a Grade 11 student from Semiahmoo Secondary. She read two (2) of her poems:

- The End is the Beginning
- Remembering

**4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, in-person Question and Answer Period has been temporarily suspended until further notice. You may forward questions and comments to Mayor and Council by emailing [ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:ClerksOffice@whiterockcity.ca)

with Question and Answer Period noted in the subject line. Your questions and comments will be noted along with answers and placed on the City's website. You will be notified directly once this has been completed.

The following correspondence was received by 8:30 a.m., April 7, 2021 with respect to Question and Answer period:

**a) P. Kealy, expressing concerns regarding the allocation of \$50,000 towards batwing cages in relation to resident taxes.**

Response from Director of Financial Services attached for information.

**b) N. Newton, enquiring on COVID-19 vaccination protocol for patients at Peace Arch Hospital.**

Response from Cathy Wiebe, Executive Director White Rock/ South Surrey and Delta Health Services & Peace Arch and Delta Hospitals attached for information.

**c) J. Leszczynski, asking Council and city staff to review holiday greetings noted in the City Connects e-newsletter to ensure that it encompasses the diversity of the community.**

Response from Manager of Communications attached for information.

**Note:** There are to be no questions or comments on a matter that will be the subject of a public hearing (time between the public hearing and final consideration of the bylaw).

**Motion Number: 2021-182 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by 8:30 a.m., April 12, 2021, information provided with staff responses that are available at the time.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## **5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

### **5.1 DELEGATIONS**

#### **5.1.a AMY DA COSTA AND FRED KLINE - ADDRESSING SPEEDS ON ROPER AVENUE BETWEEN STAYTE ROAD AND JOHNSTON ROAD**

Amy Da Costa attended as a delegation in regard to concerns with speeds on Roper Avenue between Stayte Road and Johnson

Road; and to request that Council evaluate the feasibility of improving the 30 km/hr speed limit signage at the Alan Hogg Park entrance.

**Motion Number: 2021-183 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse staff review, via the Master Transportation Plan, the following requests:**

- 1. Review of speeds on Roper Avenue between Stayte Road and Johnson Road; and**
- 2. Feasibility for improving the 30 km speed limit signage at the Alan Hogg Park entrance.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## **5.2 PETITIONS**

None

## **6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

### **6.1 PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

#### **6.2.a COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC VERBAL UPDATE**

The Fire Chief provided a verbal update regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Concern with the current Health Order / Pandemic and the impact on restaurants at the waterfront:

The following discussion points were noted:

- Additional tables and benches could be added keeping in mind social distancing where the City would work with the BIA
- Enforcement considerations, limited hours
- Work with the BIA for plastic take out cups to help identify where food / alcohol came from

**Motion Number: 2021-184 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse the bylaw and information regarding regulations in relation to businesses for take out food with alcohol within Memorial Park, be brought back for Council consideration.**

Voted in the negative (3): Councillor Chesney, Councillor Fathers, and Councillor Johanson

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)**

**Motion Number: 2021-185 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse a Special meeting be called for Monday, April 19, 2021 (earlier start time - 4:30 p.m.).**

Voted in the negative (3): Councillor Fathers, Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Manning

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)**

**6.2.b CONTRACT AWARD - 2020 WATER UTILITY CAPITAL WORKS CONSTRUCTION**

Corporate report dated April 12, 2021 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Contract Award - 2020 Water Utility Capital Works Construction Contract".

**Motion Number: 2021-186 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Approve the 2020 Water Main Upgrade – Chestnut, Blackburn to North Bluff budget of \$289,000, as well as the 2020 Water Main Upgrade - 1500 Blk Stevens budget of \$399,000 which are in the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan; and**
- 2. Approve the award of the 2020 Water Utility Capital Works Construction Contract to Brighthouse Civil Contracting DTM Ltd. in the amount of \$454,576 (excluding GST).**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2021-187 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

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

- **Land Use and Planning Committee - March 29, 2021; and**
- **COVID-19 Recovery Task Force - March 16, 2021.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.2.a Land Use and Planning Committee (Chairperson - Councillor Kristjanson)**

**7.2.a.a Recommendation #1 - 1588 Johnston Road, Soleil – Development Variance Permit No. 439 (21-004)**

**Motion Number: 2021-188 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Direct planning staff to obtain public input through a public meeting conducted as an electronic meeting with notice of the meeting given in accordance with Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*, including notice in newspapers and distribution by mail to property owners / occupants within 100 metres of the subject property; and**
- 2. Following the electronic public meeting, consider approval of Development Variance Permit No. 439.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.a.b Recommendation #2 - Early Review of Rezoning  
Application – 877 Kent Street (21-011)**

**Motion Number: 2021-189 It was MOVED AND  
SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to advance the zoning  
amendment Application at 877 Kent Street to the  
next stage in the application review process.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.a.c Recommendation #3 - 14989 Roper Avenue  
Development Variance Permit No. 438 (19-023)**

**Motion Number: 2020-190 It was MOVED AND  
SECONDED**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Direct planning staff to obtain public input through a  
public meeting conducted as an electronic meeting  
with notice of the meeting given in accordance with  
Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*, including  
notice in newspapers and distribution by mail to  
property owners / occupants within 100 metres of the  
subject property;**
- 2. Following the electronic public meeting, approve  
issuance of Development Variance Permit No. 438.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.b Water Community Advisory Panel (Council Representative -  
Councillor Trevelyan)**

**Note: The recommendation provided by the Water Community  
Advisory Panel in regard to requesting "alternatives" be brought  
forward appears to be outside previous Council direction. Staff at  
this time are acting on Council direction given at the December 2,  
2019 Regular Council meeting (currently working on bringing  
forward information in relation to a phased approach to  
consumption based water utility rates).**

This item was deferred from the March 29, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Meeting minutes from the March 9, 2021 Panel meeting are attached for information purposes.

**7.2.b.a Recommendation #1 - Proposed Water Rate Model**

**Motion Number: 2021-191 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to continue to work on finalizing a water rate structure with alternatives with the Panel and report back to Council.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.c COVID-19 Recovery Task Force (Council Chairperson - Councillor Kristjanson)**

**7.2.c.a Recommendation #1 - Presentation from the Community Health and Social Innovation (CHASI) Hub**

**Note:** Information on the Community Health Social Innovation (CHASI) Hub attached for reference purposes.

Staff note there may be budget considerations to discuss in relation to the recommendation.

It was noted that staff can bring forward more detail in regard to the proposal to the next meeting.

**Motion Number: 2021-192 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council defer the following recommendation to the next meeting:**

***THAT Council consider endorsing the Community Health and Social Innovation proposal for a study as a way of examining the needs of the senior population in respect to how they have been impacted by COVID-19.***

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**



## 8. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

### 8.1 **BYLAWS**

#### 8.1.a **BYLAW 2377 - WHITE ROCK FINANCIAL PLAN (2021-2025) BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2377**

A Bylaw to adopt a Financial Plan for 2021 to 2025. The Bylaw was originally presented at the March 29, 2021 Regular Council meeting, a decision regarding the bylaw was not made at that time. The bylaw is on the agenda for consideration of first, second and third reading at this time.

**Note:** The following reports regarding the bylaw are attached for reference purposes:

- December 2, 2020 Finance and Audit Committee report;
- January 25, 2021 Finance and Audit Committee report;
- March 8, 2021 Finance and Audit Committee report; and,
- March 29, 2021 Regular Council report.

It was noted a 4.28% tax increase would equal an average of \$90 per taxpayer and approximately \$200 for commercial properties.

It was further noted that for next budget process there would like to be the opportunity for review the budget further in regard to the department budgets.

Following the endorsed amendment to the Financial Plan the result is a proposed tax increase is: 3.83%.

**Motion Number: 2021-193 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs the following be removed from the proposed budget:**

- **The noted Parks Staff at an amount of \$249,000 with an impact of a 1.06% tax increase.**

Voted in the negative (4): Mayor Walker, Councillor Fathers, Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

**Motion DEFEATED (3 to 4)**

**Motion Number: 2021-194 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs the following be removed from the proposed budget:**

- **The noted HR Advisor at an amount of \$104,400 with an impact of a 0.45% tax increase.**

Voted in the negative (2): Councillor Fathers, and Councillor Johanson

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)**

**Motion Number: 2021-195 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council request staff bring forward information before consideration of three (3) reading of the Financial Plan Bylaw, that outlines the capital projects be spread over six (6) years instead of five (5) years.**

Voted in the negative (5): Mayor Walker, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Fathers, Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Manning

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**Motion Number: 2021-196 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs staff to bring forward Financial Planning policies, similar to what the Cities of Victoria and Coquitlam have in place; and include information that outlines best practice policies throughout the Lower Mainland.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2021-197 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs staff to draft a new Financial Plan Bylaw with a 3.83% tax increase for 2021 which is achieved by removing the HR Advisor.**

Voted in the negative (3): Councillor Kristjanson, Councillor Manning, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)**

## 8.2 PERMITS

None

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

**Motion Number: 2021-198 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive correspondence circulated in the agenda as Item 9.1.a. and 9.1.b.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

#### 9.1.a Proposed RCAF Snowbird Story Board on White Rock Pier

Correspondence dated March 17, 2021 regarding a proposed story board on the White Rock Pier as a commemorative tribute to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Team).

**Note:** *Council may wish to consider a motion for staff to review and bring forward information in regard to a commemorative tribute to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Team) / a storyboard from the City of White Rock, including budget implications.*

**Motion Number: 2021-0199 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs staff to review and bring forward information regarding on a commemorative plaque / story board for the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstrations Team); included would be other possible locations from the pier.**

Voted in the negative (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)**

#### 9.1.b 2020 RESOLUTION REFERRED TO UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OF MUNICIPALITIES - VACANCY TAX

Letter dated February 26, 2021 from Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to notify the following City's resolution has been endorsed with an Amendment: NR69 Vacancy Tax:

*Whereas the City of Vancouver has authority through the Vancouver Charter to implement and Annual Vacancy Tax;*

*And whereas other municipalities are governed through the Community Charter where there is no current authority to implement a Vacancy Tax;*

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to amend the authority given to municipalities through the Community Charter permitting municipalities the authority to impose, by bylaw, an annual vacancy tax on taxable residential properties.*

**Resolutions Committee Comments Amendment:**

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to amend the authority given to municipalities through the Community Charter permitting municipalities the authority to impose, by bylaw, an annual vacancy tax on taxable residential ~~and commercial~~ properties.*

**Note:** *This is included on the agenda for information purposes.*

**10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Walker noted the following community events / information:

- March 30, South Surrey and White Rock Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Chat"
- March 30, Facebook Live with Councillor Kristjanson
- April 1, TransLink Mayor's Council
- April 7, Regional call with Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing and the BC Mayors and Regional District Chairs for the South West Region
- April 8, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors Budget Workshop
- April 9, Call with Local MLA, Kerry-Lynne Findlay and MP Trevor Halford

**Note:** April 11 - 17 "Prevention of Violence Against Women's Week"

## 10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Chesney noted the following community events / information:

- Food Program still being conducted at Russell Avenue and Johnston Road, also now being supported by local business A Little Bud

Councillor Johanson noted the following community events / information:

- March 22 TransLink Handi Dart Modernization
- March 24, 26 & 27 Participated in "High Ground 2021"
- Mar 31, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation Healthy Community Grants Community

## 11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

### 11.1 MOTIONS

#### 11.1.a OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT - ELM STREET

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

**Note:** *Staff note that it is likely that amendments pertaining to building heights within the Waterfront Village designation could be presented in tandem with changes to the boundaries of this designation (along Elm Street). It would be advantageous to receive direction from Council as it relates to this potential designation change as staff would need time to evaluate the appropriateness of such in the context of the property(ies) to which the amendment would apply. Although please note this could add time to the on-going review of building heights outside the Town Centre.*

**Motion Number: 20121-200 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council: Whereas the Official Community Plan (OCP) includes Elm Street as part of the Waterfront Village; and**

**Whereas Elm Street is the only street off Marine Drive that is part of the Waterfront Village; and**

**Whereas Elm Street has no commercial activity; and**

**Whereas Elm Street is in fact part of a mature neighbourhood,**

**Amends the OCP be amended to remove Elm Street from the Waterfront Village designation.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**11.1.b MARINE DRIVE GARBAGE - EAST AND WEST BEACH**

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

**Note:** *There are five (5) photos in relation to the motion provided for information.*

Whereas take-out trash and other garbage has been increasing on Marine Drive and the Promenade due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

It was noted that the additional funds to address the requested would be approximately \$60,000 per season, this can be funded from the COVID grant funds,

Staff noted the hire of an afternoon shift for this year will address additional garbage pick up requirements.

**Motion Number: 2021-201 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs staff to explore further options that are available to the City in order to keep the waterfront clean and free of overflowing garbage cans, including but not limited to increased pickups, more garbage cans, an advertising campaign; and further information, given that the increase in garbage is due directly to the impact of COVID restrictions, that the Federal / Provincial Grant be used to support garbage pickup.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**11.1.c MEETING EXTENSION**

THAT Council endorse the Regular Council meeting of April 12, 2021 be extended past 9:30 p.m.

**Motion Number: 2021-202 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council endorse the Regular Council meeting of April 12, 2021 be extended past 9:30 p.m.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Manning

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**11.1.d EXTENSION FOR WATER COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

At the March 15, 2021 Special Council meeting, Council endorsed a motion to extend the Water Community Advisory Panel for at least three (3) meetings in order to finish their work on the water rate structure. The Panel appointments expired on March 31, 2021.

**Motion Number: 2021-203**

**THAT Council extend the term of appointments for the existing Water Community Advisory Panel in order for additional three (3) meetings to be held to complete discussion in regard to water utility user rates.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**11.1.e COVID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WATERFRONT**

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

Given the rapidly increasing COVID cases in the Fraser Health Region;

This past long Easter week-end our waterfront parking was full;

All the patios were packed and the massive lineups for take-out service have caused great concern for many of our taxpaying residents;

One of the Provincial health guidelines is to stay home; and  
I understand people want to get out and get some fresh air and exercise.

Therefore I Recommend:

**Motion Number: 2021-204 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to report what measures the City should put in place, if any, to help address keeping with Health Orders during the pandemic at the waterfront.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## **11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **13.1 2021 GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Walker informed of the appointments of the following members to serve on the Grants-in-Aid Sub Committee (Standing Committee ) for 2021:

- Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson
- Councillor Fathers
- Councillor Manning; and
- Councillor Johanson (Alternate)

#### **13.2 MACCAUD PARK COURTS**

Councillors Johanson and Trevelyan requested that this item be added to the agenda for reconsideration / discussion.

The following motion was considered and defeated at the March 29, 2021 Regular Council meeting. At this time it is being requested that this item be reconsidered:

*"THAT Council no longer consider tennis and pickleball courts at Maccaud Park".*



Councillor Trevelyan provided an "On-table petition with 100 signatures, with the statement *"I believe that Maccaud Park in White Rock BC should remain a public green space, and therefore I am opposed to the City of White Rock installing pickleball or tennis court in Maccaud Park"*.

**Motion Number: 2021-205 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council no longer consider tennis and pickleball courts at Maccaud Park.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2021-206 It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

**THAT Council receive the petition supplied "On-Table" petition with 100 signatures, with the following statement**

***"I believe that Maccaud Park in White Rock BC should remain a public green space, and therefore I am opposed to the City of White Rock installing pickleball or tennis court in Maccaud Park"*.**


**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**14. CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 12, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Chairperson concluded the meeting at 9.43 p.m.

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Mayor Walker



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration