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The Honourable Adrian Dix, MLA
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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Dix:

Re: Consideration of Community Vaccination Program for the City of White Rock

At the Special Council Meeting held on April 21, 2021, White Rock Council discussed the current COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the community. The following resolution was passed:

"THAT Council endorse there be a request made of the Province that they consider the City of White Rock for a community vaccination program."

White Rock's waterfront, with its iconic Pier, Promenade, and access to a stretch of beach along Semiahmoo Bay, is an extremely popular destination for visitors, especially on sunny days with volumes of people arriving to access these spaces. While this is something we cherish during normal times, with the current COVID-19 pandemic and Provincial Health Orders requiring social distancing and wearing masks, it has become challenging for the City to manage this given the numbers of people walking along the designated spaces such as the Pier, Promenade and Marine Drive sidewalks. Crowding on the waterfront is a concern to Council and residents alike.

With the role out of the COVID-19 vaccine, we are reaching out to the province to ask that it considers a community vaccination program for the residents of White Rock, due to the increased risk of exposure from the volume of visitors arriving from the Lower Mainland that arrive at the City's waterfront seeking outdoor activity during the pandemic. The City of White Rock is also a retirement community with a high number of seniors residing here.

On behalf of White Rock City Council, we thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 604-541-2124 or at dwalker@whiterockcity.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Walker". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Darryl Walker, Mayor

cc: White Rock Council
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Trevor Halford, MLA, South Surrey-White Rock