

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** September 20, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Shannon Johnston, Acting Director, Financial Services

**SUBJECT:** White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377, Amendment No. 1, 2021 No. 2394

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated July 26, 2021 from the Acting Director of Financial Services, titled “White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377, Amendment No. 1, 2021, No. 2394.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this corporate report is to introduce White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377, Amendment No. 1, 2021, No. 2394. The three amendments that are included in this Bylaw are to:

- add \$238K to the 2021 Financial Plan for the Marine Drive lane closure funded from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Reserve;
- add \$1M for the parks playground upgrades, including playground equipment approved by Council at the March 8, 2021 Council meeting funded from CAC’s; and
- remove \$1M in funding for the All Abilities Playground, to have been funded from anticipated community contributions.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

<b>Motion # and Date</b>	<b>Motion Details</b>
2021-257 May 10, 2021	That Council direct staff to close the north lane of Marine Drive, as presented by the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations this evening, until September 2021; this is to be done in consultation with the Business Improvement Association (BIA) and in order to help mitigate risk the emergency services (Fire and RCMP), in order to help businesses along Marine Drive.

<b>Motion # and Date</b>	<b>Motion Details</b>
2021-118 March 8, 2021	That Council consider \$1M in funding from Community Amenity Contributions at an upcoming priorities session for playground upgrades, including equipment.

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2021-119 March 8, 2021	THAT Council direct staff to make the necessary amendments to the Financial Plan to reflect any approved items from this report.

### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

Section 165 of the *Community Charter* (Charter) requires that a municipality adopt annually, by bylaw, a five-year financial plan. This section also allows a municipality to amend the financial plan, by bylaw, at any time to provide for greater certainty.

Section 173 of the *Charter* states that:

“A municipality must not make an expenditure other than an expenditure that is included for that year in its financial plan.”

The Marine Drive lane closure was temporarily funded from contingency to enable Staff to proceed expeditiously with the project. To restore that funding for other unforeseen expenditures that may arise, including supporting Council directions, Staff is adding \$238K to the operating budget funded from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Reserve.

The discussion that took place prior to Motion 2021-119 being approved on March 8, 2021 was to include funding for the playground upgrades in the 2021 to 2025 Financial Plan. The Financial Plan that Council subsequently approved on April 26, 2021, did not include funding of \$1M from CAC's for playground upgrades but did include funding of \$1M from anticipated community contributions for an all abilities playground. Numerous locations for adding an all-abilities playground to the waterfront were investigated, however none appeared viable. The White Rock Firefighters Local 2407 Charity Association, who were expected to be one of the major contributors to the all-abilities playground project, are aware that the associated funding is no longer included in the City's Financial Plan. The \$1M for the playground upgrades and playground equipment will be used at Emerson Park, Generations Playground, Barge Park and Goggs Park.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Financial Plan Amendment adds funding for expenses related to the Marine Drive lane closure from Reserves, removes funding for an all abilities playground funded from anticipated community contributions and adds funding for parks playground upgrades, including playground equipment funded from reserves.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

### **COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Public Consultation for White Rock Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377, Amendment No. 1, 2021, No. 2394 will be conducted through opportunity for written submission. Communications staff will assist with advertisements being placed in the Peace Arch News for two (2) consecutive weeks prior Council consideration of adoption of the bylaw amending the Financial Plan (2021-2025).

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS**

Engineering and Municipal Operations will proceed with issuing an RFP for playground upgrades and equipment following the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Amendment No. 1 approval by Council.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

Not applicable.

### **OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES**

Section 173 of the *Charter* states that:

“A municipality must not make an expenditure other than an expenditure that is included for that year in its financial plan.

To comply with the *Charter*, it is advisable to adopt a bylaw amending the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan that includes the Marine Drive lane closure expenses and adds funding for playground upgrades, prior to the awarding of a contract to complete the upgrades.

**CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377, Amendment No. 1, 2021, No. 2394 be given first, second and third readings.

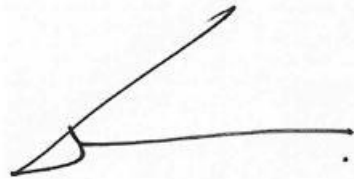
Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Johnston  
Acting Director, Financial Services

**Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

The corporate report is provided for council's information.

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Guillermo Ferrero  
Chief Administrative Officer