

# Special Meeting of White Rock City Council

## Minutes



July 5, 2021, 4:00 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 (arrived at 4:07 p.m.)  
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  
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. MOTION TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

**Motion Number: 2021-248 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

WHEREAS COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic;

WHEREAS the City of White Rock has been able to continue to provide the public access to the meetings through live streaming;

WHEREAS holding public meetings in the City Hall Council Chambers, where all the audio/video equipment has been set up for the live streaming program, would not be possible without breaching physical distancing restrictions due to its size, and holding public meetings at the White Rock Community Centre would cause further financial impact to City Operations due to staffing resources and not enable live streaming;

WHEREAS Ministerial Orders require an adopted motion in order to hold public meetings electronically, without members of the public present in person at the meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the City of White Rock to hold the July 5, 2021 Special Council meeting to be video streamed and available on the City's website, and without the public present in the Council Chambers.

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2021-249 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its special meeting scheduled for July 5, 2021 as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**4. COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC UPDATE**

**4.1 VERBAL UPDATE**

At this time the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) provided a brief update in regard to provincial announcement for Step 3 moving forward from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**4.2 PROVINCIAL RESTART PLAN STEP 3 (RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND PUBS)**

Corporate report dated July 5, 2021 from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Provincial Restart Plan Step 3 (Restaurants, Cafes and Pubs)".

**Note:** For reference purposes - Council adopted the following resolution at the May 31, 2021 Regular Council meeting:

*THAT Council direct the closure of one lane of traffic on Marine Drive not be open ended until September any longer; and  
That the one lane closure only remain in effect until the Provincial Health Order again allows for full indoor seating capacity for restaurant dining.*

For this Item the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) noted that the corporate report was written prior to the Step 3 announcement / summary information being provided to the municipalities. The summary for Step 3 moving forward from the COVID-19 pandemic was noted under Item 4.1.

**5. TEMPORARY ONE LANE CLOSURE ON MARINE DRIVE AND IMPACT ON THE EAST BEACH BUSINESSES**

Council present this as an opportunity for Council to hear from the businesses of East Beach along Marine Drive. With the temporary one lane closure on Marine Drive to expand patio space, Council encourage the business owners / operators to call into the meeting and share your experiences with the temporary one lane closure.

1) The Director of Corporate Administration noted of any "On-Table" the following correspondence that was received:

- There were 19 pieces of correspondence forwarded to Council and placed on the City website that responded to a request for submissions.

2) The Mayor asked the phone in participation to now begin.

Councillor Kristjanson arrived at the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

- J. Spenser, Zapoteca, Marine Drive, noted the temporary one lane closure has been working for their business.
- Y. Makogonsky, Moby Dick, Marine Drive, noted the temporary one lane closure has not been working for their business, not much time left for the high summer season and the foot traffic is important. The closure has impacted the business negatively (did not ask for the closure).
- H. Valentine, Poultry in Motion, Marine Drive, is supportive of the temporary one lane closure, however changing the direction may help for those noting issues.
- Emre of Heaven's Angels, Marine Drive, is not supportive of the temporary one lane closure would like the two (2) way traffic restored.

- S. Montgomery, Montgomery's Cottage Lunch, Marine Drive, is not supportive of the temporary one lane closure stating that business is down by 30 - 40 %. Stated that if both lanes are back open it would be best for all.
- G. Singh, Marine Drive Liquor Store, Marine Drive, is not supportive of the temporary one lane closure stating that business is down since it was put in place as well deliveries have been hard to accommodate.
- M. Miller, LIQ Aquatics, Marine Drive, is not supportive of the temporary one lane closure stating it has not worked well for the east side business. Raised questions in regard to how the decision was made to close the one lane and the impact it has had on parking revenue.
- MP Findlay and staff, concern that many local constituents have contacted them noting their concern with the temporary one lane traffic closure. Concern has been raised with the loss of foot traffic / impacting the business as well there have been complaints from some of the residents as they have been impact with additional traffic and increased speed in their neighbourhoods. Asked Council to return to the two (2) way traffic on Marine Drive.
- B. Dhillon, Marine Drive liquor store, not in support of the temporary one lane closure.
- S. Filipchuk, Sandcastle Sea Shoppe Marine Drive, is not in support of the temporary one lane closure stating it has not worked well for the east side business and that there has been an impact from the barriers in place.
- Angela of the Whale's Tale, Marine Drive, is not in support of the temporary one lane closure stating it has caused them a loss of revenue, would like to see the two (2) lane traffic restored.

At 4:38 p.m. Mayor Walker noted Council appreciates hearing from the businesses of East Beach, the feedback opportunity has been good to hear directly from the East Beach businesses.

**Motion Number: 2021-250 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct there be an opportunity to consult with the West Beach businesses to also give them the chance to share their views regarding the temporary one lane closure on Marine Drive; this would be conducted at the July 12, 2021 Council meeting where following a decision at that time can be made.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

**Motion Number: 2021-251 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to leave intact the current limitations on two-way traffic along Marine Drive pending the next Council meeting of July 12, 2021 (following discussion with the West Beach business owners / operators); with the exception that in the meantime there be some consideration of an added provision for loading bay(s).**

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

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)**

**6. CONCLUSION OF THE JULY 5, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 4:57 p.m.

  
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Mayor Walker

  
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Tracey Arthur, Director of  
Corporate Administration