

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



January 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

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

ABSENT: Councillor Fathers
Councillor Kristjanson

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Joe Calenda, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
Shannon Johnson, Acting Director of Financial Services
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
Sylvia Yee, Manager of Recreation
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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: 2022-020 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for January 24, 2022 as amended to include the following:

- **Question and Answer submission;**
- **COVID-19 Update from the Fire Chief; and**
- **Two (2) documents in regard to Item 6.2.d Daytime Warming Shelter.**

Absent (2): Councillor Fathers, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2020-021 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Absent (2): Councillor Fathers, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Question and Answer Period opportunity was held both in person at the meeting, as well as electronically through email.

As of 8:30 a.m., January 19, 2021, there was one (1) Question and Answer period submission received:

- Submission from M. Desmarais with questions / comments in regard to a warming center for December, 2021.

It was noted the topic of a warming shelter is on the agenda later in the evening; and further this is a matter that staff have been working on with the City of Surrey.

The submission from Mr. Wolgemuth was read out and it was noted that the 2022 Financial Plan is now ready in a draft form and discussed earlier in the

evening at the Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Comments can be made in regard to the document on the Talk White Rock link found on the City website.

Motion Number: 2022-022 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by 8:30 a.m. January 24, 2022, including “On-Table” information provided with staff responses noted at the meeting, to be posted on website.

Absent (2): Councillor Fathers, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

No Speakers came forward at the meeting to participate in Question and Answer Period.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS

5.1.a ABBY GEMINO AND DAVID YOUNG - SOURCES FOUNDATION

Abby Gemino and David Young, Sources Foundation, attend as a delegation to raise awareness for the Coldest Night of the Year event.

This year the event will again be held virtually, the request by the delegation was for Council to consider their participation.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS

6.1.a STEPHANIE BECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND JANICE STASIUK, BOARD CHAIR - PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Stephanie Beck, Executive Director and Janice Stasiuk, Board Chair, for the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation attended virtually to provide an update on strategic projects at Peace Arch Hospital.

6.1.b COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL INNOVATION (CHASI) HUB

Larissa Kowalski and Martha Dow representing Community Health and Social Innovation Hub, appeared to present an overview from their study on White Rock Seniors.

Note: This study was brought forward through the following recommendation from the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force in April, 2021 and was supported by Council at the April 26, 2021.

The presenters distributed a full copy of the study / report to Council (which can be viewed on the City website).

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC UPDATE (ON TABLE MEMO TO BE PROVIDED)

The Fire Chief provided an On Table update regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic.

6.2.b DAYTIME WARMING SHELTERS

Corporate report dated January 24, 2022 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Daytime Warming Shelters".

On-Table information regarding this topic was noted during the agenda approval, including: notification from the City of Surrey regarding their participation in partial funding and a drawing / outline of the proposed modular office trailer at Centennial Park January 28 - March 15, 2022.

This is a new venture for the City. The Chief Administrative Officer clarified the proposal is not currently in the City's financial plan.

The following discussion points were noted for possible consideration:

- Transportation between Centennial Park (warming shelter) and Mount Olive Lutheran Church (the evening shelter)
- A modular trailer will be leased until the end of March, if needed there may be additional time to consider opening (until the end of March)

- Due to costs, less hours of daytime operation may be considered

Motion Number: 2022-023 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Approve funding in the amount of \$160,000 to operate a daytime warming shelter in a modular office trailer to be located in the parking lot located adjacent to the baseball concession/washroom facility at Centennial Park from January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022; however**
2. **Operation (opening) of the warming shelter would only be in conjunction with the opening of the evening shelter at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.**

Note: Funding in the amount of \$160,000 will be required to accommodate the program. The City of Surrey has agreed to fund 50% of this expense, therefore, the actual cost to the City of White Rock will be \$80,000.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

6.2.c CITY ADVISORY BODY (COMMITTEE) 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Corporate report dated January 24, 2021 from the Direction of Administrative Services titled "City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 Meeting Schedule".

Motion Number: 2022-024 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider and endorse commencing the City Advisory Body (Committee) 2022 meeting schedule as outlined in the corporate report.

Note: The schedule was noted as follows:

- **February 2022: Economic Development Advisory Committee and Housing Advisory Committee**

- **Mid- March 2022: Environmental Advisory Committee, Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee and Public Art Advisory Committee**
- **April 2022: History and Heritage Advisory Committee**

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.d STATUS UPDATE OF COUNCIL'S 2021-2022 TO PRIORITIES

Council's 2022 Top Priorities with new activity comments provided for information:

- **Solid Waste Pickup for Multi-Family:** The consultant RFP closing date was January 17th. Staff reviewed the single submission and found that it was many multiples greater than the \$50K approved by Council in the November 8, 2021 Financial Plan Amendment. Staff will meet with the proponent to discuss reductions in scope to bring the budget closer to \$50K. This means efforts will be made to shift more of the work to City staff, especially the consultations and discussions with property owners. Two significant issues are ownership of collection containers and long (5 year) termination clauses for existing contracts.
- **Housing Needs / Affordable Housing:** Staff are moving forward with the Housing Needs Report 2021 recommendations, in addition there is preparation being made to host a public workshop
- **Community Amenity Contribution "Shovel-in-the-Ground" Projects:**
 - **Emerson Park Playground Upgrade:** Reviewing 50% design submission and Environmental Assessment in January 2022-
 - **Maccaud Park Upgrade:** Work continues on the design and review of trees with arborists-
 - **Centre Street Hillside Walkway Upgrade:** Resubmission of 90% design to be reviewed on January 14, 2022. Discussions continue between legal representatives for three (3) of the six encroaching properties
 - **Review Options for Upgrading Multiple Hillside Walkways (Road Ends) to the Waterfront:** Blackwood, Vidal and other

walkways cleaned and plantings are redesigned and completed ready for spring

- **The City's Relationship with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN):** Consultation on various matters between the City and SFN continues including a draft Communications Memorandum of Understanding and discussion on strategies for removing the layer of paint from P'Quals, and installing and maintaining a clear graffiti protective coating on the rock

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

8.1 BYLAWS

8.1.a BYLAW 2417 - 2022 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2021, NO. 2401, AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2022, NO. 2417

Bylaw 2417 - A Bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of the Fees and Charges Bylaw in regard to Item: Development Category Application Fees for Planning and Development Services.

Note: Bylaw 2401 received final reading on December 13, 2021; however, after that time it was noted that a few key words in the Planning and Development Services section of Schedule 'A' were cut off when the document was converted to a PDF format and were no longer visible. The attached bylaw remains the same but now captures the extra wording (highlighted in yellow).

Motion Number: 2022-025 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to the "2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2021, No. 2401, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 2417".

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

**8.1.b BYLAW 2415 - WHITE ROCK REVENUE ANTICIPATION
BORROWING BYLAW, 2022, NO. 2415**

Bylaw 2415 - A revenue anticipation bylaw providing for the borrowing of sums of money as may be requisite to meet the current lawful expenditures of the City. This bylaw received first, second and third reading on January 10, 2022 and is on the agenda for final reading.

Motion Number: 2022-026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2022, No. 2415*".

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

8.2 PERMITS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2022-027 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

**9.1.a CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS -
CAO LEADERSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Correspondence dated January 24, 2022, from J. Benzaquen, President, Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators regarding leadership of the Chief Administrative Officer throughout the pandemic.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Walker noted the following:

- Jan 11, Interview with CBC Radio regarding warming shelters
- Jan 11, White Rock BIA Radio Show
- Jan 11, Facebook Live with Councillor Manning
- Jan 12, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition meeting
- Jan 12, Provincial meeting "Holding Hope" hosted by "Moms Stop the Harm"
- Jan 13, Metro Vancouver's Performance and Audit Committee and Housing Committee meetings
- Jan 17, White Rock and South Surrey Chinese Society 13th "Happy White Rock and South Surrey's ICloud Spring Festival Gala"
- Jan 18, Interview with CBC Radio regarding the proposed temporary closure of the Peace Arch Hospital Maternity Ward
- Jan 20, Community Rally related to the Peace Arch Hospital's proposed temporary closure of the Maternity Ward
- Jan 21, Fraser Health Authority's update to its Stakeholders meeting

10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Chesney noted the following:

- Great work and response to news that the Peace Arch Hospital will now be keeping its maternity ward open, it was noted the work needs to be kept up
- Jan 25, Stay tuned for Facebook Live

Councillor Johanson noted the following:

- Jan 18, Volunteered with the Feed My City program

Cllr Manning noted the following information:

- Jan 11, Facebook Live

- The current display at the White Rock Museum and Achieves “Disappearing White Rock” until February 1, 2022

11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 MOTIONS

11.1.a REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE OF THE FEDERAL INDIAN ACT

Councillor Chesney provided the following as a motion for consideration:

Motion Number: 2022-028 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse a letter be forwarded to all cities/municipalities in British Columbia, to support White Rock in requesting the repeal of the name “*Indian Act*” (*Act*) and further

This request for support is for name change only and it is not the intent to impact the legality and wording of the *Act*;

If the support brings about change the final naming process would be fully directed by our First Nation neighbours.

Note: It is the City intent to request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to put the motion on the floor at the upcoming annual general meeting / convention

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

11.1.b TEMPORARY CLOURE OF MATERNITY WARD AT PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL

Mayor Walker provided the following as a motion for consideration:

Note: The draft correspondence is attached for reference purposes

Motion Number: 2022-029 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse correspondence by the Mayor on their behalf be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and the Fraser Health Authority to:

- 1. Thank them regarding their decision to have the maternity ward at Peace Arch Hospital remain open; and**
- 2. Formally request that recruitment of sufficient staff for the Maternity Ward be made a priority.**

Absent (1): Councillor Fathers

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None


13. OTHER BUSINESS

None

14. CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Walker



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
Administration