

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



February 28, 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 Kristjanson
Councillor Manning
Councillor Trevelyan

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
Shannon Johnston, Acting Director of Finance
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 7:01 p.m.

There was a one (1) minute of silence in honour of Councillor Helen Fathers passing on Monday, February 7, 2022.

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: 2022-052 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 28, 2022, as amended to add the following On-Table documents:

- **One (1) submission/comment for Question and Answer Period under Item 4;**
- **COVID-19 report from the Fire Chief;**
- **Revised Policy 611 under Item 6.2.b; and**
- **Recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Committee under Item 7.2.**

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-053 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the February 7, 2022, meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Question and Answer Period took place both in person at the meeting, as well as electronically through email.

As of 8:30 a.m., February 23, 2022, there was one (1) Question and Answer Period submission received:

- Submission from J. Arlington with a question regarding neon light strips on new property developments and whether they fall within the City's allowable parameters for brightness levels. A response from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services is attached for information.

The Acting Director of Planning and Development Services read a response to the question provided by J. Arlington. The information will also be provided on the City's website.

On-Table comments were provided by P. Petrala supporting J. Arlington's concerns with the lighting features on the Foster Martin building.

Motion Number: 2022-054 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by February 28, 2022, including “On-Table” information provided with staff responses that are available at the time.

Motion CARRIED (6 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 KERRY WRAY AND SHELLEY MARE

Shelley Mare and Kerry Wray attended as a delegation to advocate for the trimming of the hump, as in past City practices.

Note: There was further information provided On Table in regard to this item by the delegation.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Trimming on the slope would require permission from Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)
- Understand that trees and views are valued
- Don't want another clear cut; however trimming blackberries at the top is important

Motion Number: 2022-055 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council directs staff to report back on the feasibility of bringing maintenance of the hump greenery to pre-2019 levels including compliance to new policies in place as well as budget implications.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS

6.1.a WHITE ROCK RCMP 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Staff Sergeant Kale Pauls, White Rock RCMP, provided a presentation regarding their 2021 Annual Report.

The following discussion point was noted:

- Opinion was asked on the impact that the One Lane Closure of Marine Drive in 2021 of Marine Drive (safety / noise) had. The Staff Sergeant noted there was not an instance he was aware of where response time was impacted.

6.1.b UNITI - BEST PRACTICES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE HOUSING

Doug Tennant, Chief Executive Officer, Uniti, provided a presentation that outlined best practices in the development of affordable and inclusive housing and the need for such housing in White Rock and South Surrey.

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a COVID-19 UPDATE (ON TABLE MEMO PROVIDED)

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

It was confirmed that free rapid tests are available in White Rock for residents aged seventy and over.

6.2.b TREE PROTECTION, CANOPY ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT ON CITY LANDS POLICY 611 - UPDATE

Corporate report dated February 28, 2022, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Tree Protection, Canopy Enhancement and Management on City Lands Policy 611 - Update".

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided an overview of the report and noted there was a final Policy 611 provided On-Table for consideration which incorporated all

requested changes including those requested by the Environmental Advisory Committee. The policy now aligns with the City Bylaw regarding tree protection.

Motion Number: 2022-056 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the updates to Policy 611 as presented On-Table at the February 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.c 2022 COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF BY-ELECTION

Corporate report dated February 28, 2022, from the Director of Corporate Administration titled "2022 Council Consideration of By-Election".

Motion Number: 2022-057 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider and endorse a by-election not being required to fill the vacancy on City Council of one (1) Councillor, as Council meets the requirements of section 54(3) of the *Local Government Act*.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.d STATUS UPDATE OF COUNCIL'S 2022 TOP PRIORITIES

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

- **Solid Waste Pickup for Multi-Family:** Consulting contract is being executed. Data input form is being finalized so contact with stratas and businesses for detailed data can get underway (last week of February). Staff initialized contact with the industry and will begin follow up. It appears there may be ten (10) or more haulers.
- **Housing Needs / Affordable Housing:** Staff are moving forward with the Housing Needs Report 2021 recommendations. Preparation is underway for a public workshop to be held in April 2022.

- **Community Amenity Contribution "Shovel-in-the-Ground" Projects:**
 - **Emerson Park Playground Upgrade:** Staff delivered notices to nearby residents informing them of upcoming construction work scheduled at Emerson Park in the Spring of this year. The original plan was to add additional landscaping work throughout the park by removing nearby cedar hedges to help reduce illicit activity and improve site lines. However, after feedback from several residents and re-valuation of the security risks, staff determined the hedges will be kept. Other upgrades will proceed as planned (playground equipment, irrigation, surface grading and removal of deteriorating retaining wall).
 - **Maccaud Park Upgrade:** No new information, the designer continues to move forward toward the 90% design
 - **Centre Street Hillside Walkway Upgrade:** The lawyer for three (3) of the encroaching properties is in discussion with the City's legal resources. Staff continue to advise that the encroachments must be removed as there is no agreement with the owners that these must be removed. The design is proceeding with material and grade variations to mitigate costs. The design continues to be based on removal of the encroachments.
 - **Review Options for Upgrading Multiple Hillside Walkways (Road Ends) to the Waterfront:** No new information: Blackwood, Vidal and other walkways have been cleaned and plantings are redesigned and completed to be ready for spring.
- **The City's Relationship with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN):** Staff continue to reach out to SFN. One (1) response suggested that SFN would find a time in the subsequent week, however that did not work out. Staff will continue to reach out.

The following discussion points were noted:

- **Housing Needs Report - Recommendations:** staff are working with the Housing Advisory Committee to provide a Housing Strategy Action Plan; this will include recommendations / strategies

- Solid Waste pick up for multi-family, would like to see forecast dates included in the agenda for this and all the top priorities noted in this section (when Council can expect the project items to begin).
- Centre Street Walkway, the following was suggested: angle gabion wall set back on an angle and bury with draping native plants that eat CO2, and that the new walkway could feature plantings that support birds and pollinators.
- It was confirmed that some stairs on the project are required due to how steep the grade is. There will be a viewing platform on Columbia Avenue with a ramp included.

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-058 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Finance and Audit Committee - February 7, 2022.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2.a ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2022 WORK PLAN UPDATE (COUNCILLOR KRISTJANSON, CHAIRPERSON)

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to speak to the Environmental Advisory Committee's 2022 Work Plan.

Note: Work Plan and Committee's last meeting minutes from October 28, 2021, are attached for reference purposes.

Councillor Kristjanson noted the draft workplan on page 79 of the agenda. The top three (3) priorities for the Committee are:

- Climate Strategy Review
- Storm Water Management

- Water Quality

Motion Number: 2022-059 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the workplan for the Environmental Advisory Committee as circulated in the agenda with the three noted top priorities:

- Climate Strategy Review
- Storm Water Management
- Water Quality.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2.b HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ADDITIONAL MEETING

The Housing Advisory Committee held their first meeting for 2022 on Tuesday, February 22nd. The meeting minutes were not completed by agenda distribution; however, due to timing the following recommendation has been brought forward for Council consideration at this time.

Motion Number: 2022-060 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the Housing Advisory Committee schedule an additional meeting to be held Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2.b.a ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Advisory Committee had to conclude their February 24, 2022, meeting earlier than expected, due to a loss of quorum. Due to this some of the agenda items were unable to be discussed. The minutes for this meeting were not ready for this agenda however the following recommendation to have a further meeting was noted On Table for consideration.

Motion Number: 2022-061 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Economic Development Advisory Committee schedule an additional meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

8.1 BYLAWS

None

8.2 PERMITS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

9.1.a BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

Correspondence dated February 9, 2022 from the BC Association of Farmers' Markets requesting the City write a letter to the Minister of Health to inform of the positive impact of BC Farmers and farmers' markets in our Community in 2021. They addressed a fundamental community need as economic impacts were being felt due to the pandemic and multiple adverse weather events from the heat dome to floods and fire throughout the province.

Motion Number: 2022-062 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct correspondence be sent to the Minister of Health encouraging the positive impact of BC Farmers and Farmers' Markets in the City of White Rock.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.b ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT (RBT2) - FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Correspondence dated February 11, 2022, from the City of Delta to inform for the final public comment opportunity regarding the RBT2 project and concern noted by the City of Delta Council who state that a decision should be postponed until a comparative analysis with the Deltaport Berth 4 project has been undertaken, or failing that, be denied based on the expected adverse environmental impacts.

Councillor Johanson departed the meeting at 8:19 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion Number: 2022-063 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct correspondence be sent from Mayor Walker requesting postponement of a decision regarding the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project until a comparative analysis with the Deltaport Berth 4 Project is undertaken and failing that to be denied on the basis of expected adverse environmental impacts.

Absent (1): Councillor Johanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

9.1.c BURRARD INLET RAPID TRANSIT IN 10-YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN

Correspondence dated February 10, 2022, from the District of North Vancouver requesting support in asking the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to prioritize the inclusion of the Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit in the 10-Year Regional Transit and Transportation Vision.

Note: A full copy of the noted assessment is attached under separate cover due to the document size

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Walker noted the following:

- Feb 8, White Rock Rotary Club

- Feb 8, Facebook Live
- Feb 8, Interview with CBC (passing of Councillor Fathers)
- Feb 9, TransLink Mayor's Council on Regional Transportations' Finance and Governance Committee meeting
- Feb 9, Metro Vancouver's Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- Feb 15, Toured the Overdose Prevention Services offered at Peace Arch Hospital
- Feb 16, Metro Vancouver's Invest Vancouver Management Board meeting
- Feb 17, Opening Ceremony at Douglas Elementary School
- Feb 17, Tailgate Toolkit Talks
- Feb 18, TransLink Joint Mayors' Council/ Board workshop
- Feb 18, Fraser Health Authority's Update to Stakeholders
- Feb 20, Surrey Eagles game
- Feb 22, Rotary Club of White Rock
- Feb 23, Pink Shirt Day – Peace Arch and White Rock Elementary Schools in White Rock
- Feb 23, Metro Vancouver's Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- Feb 24, TransLink Mayor's Council meeting
- Feb 24, Coldest Night of the Year
- Feb 24, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting

10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Manning noted the following:

- Feb 20, Surrey Eagles Game
- Feb 22, Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- Feb 24, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting and the White Rock Museum and Archives Board meeting
- Feb 25, Coldest Night of the Year kick off

Councillor Chesney noted the following:

- Feb 25, Attended City's Warming Centre
- Mar. 2, Celebration of Life Service for Councillor Helen Fathers will be held

11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 MOTIONS

11.1.a APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO VACANT SELECT COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS

Mayor Walker provided the following for consideration:

Motion Number: 2022-064 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, in order to fill a vacancy left on the Council, now adjust and appoint the following as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as follows:

Housing Advisory Committee until the end of the current Council term:

- **Councillor Manning, Chairperson**
- **Councillor Trevelyan, Vice-Chairperson; and**

Economic Development Advisory Committee until the end of the current Council term:

- **Councillor Trevelyan, Chairperson**
- **Councillor Manning, Vice-Chairperson.**

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

11.2.a ETHICS COMMISSIONER

Councillor Johanson provided the following motion for consideration to be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) followed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM):

Motion Number: 2022-065 It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS Bill 26 – 2021: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021 does not require a local government to adopt a Code of Conduct for Council members;

WHEREAS many local governments in British Columbia cannot afford or do not have an independent non-partisan Ethics Commissioner to review and resolve allegations of misconduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and UBCM call upon the provincial government to immediately create an Office of the Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that will:

- 1) respond to allegations of misconduct by an elected official of a municipal government and conduct an inquiry if warranted, and**
- 2) review decisions imposed on an elected official of a municipal government and conduct an inquiry if warranted.**

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

11.2.b RECONSIDERATION - WHITE ROCK PROMENADE SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Councillor Johanson has requested Council to reconsider the carried motion in regard to the White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition from the February 7, 2022 regular Council meeting:

THAT Council not approve the following event for 2022:

2. White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition, May 22, 2022, through April 2023, to be organized by the White Rock Events Society.

Motion Number: 2022-066 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorses a reconsideration of the **second item (2.)** of the following carried resolution:

THAT Council not approve the following events for 2022:

1. White Rock Lights display from November 18, 2022, to February 18, 2023, to be organized by the White Rock Lights Society; and

***2. White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition,
May 22, 2022, through April 2023, to be organized by the
White Rock Events Society.***

Voted in the negative (2): Mayor Walker and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)

Motion Number: 2022-067 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer consideration of the following event for 2022 to the March 28, 2022, meeting:

- **White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition,
May 22, 2022, through April 2023, to be organized by the
White Rock Events Society.**

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

**11.2.c RECONSIDERATION - BYLAW 2418 WHITE ROCK ZONING
BYLAW, 2012 NO. 2000, AMENDMENT (CD-67 - 14937 THRIFT
AVENUE AND 1441, 1443-45, 1465 VIDAL STREET) BYLAW,
2022 NO. 2418**

Councillor Manning has requested Council to reconsider the defeated motion in regard to Bylaw 2418 from the February 7, 2022, regular Council meeting.

There was concern noted with the reconsideration of this project being placed on the agenda in accordance with the Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw. It was stated it was felt the action should instead follow the City's Planning Procedures Bylaw.

The Mayor stated the agenda would be moving forward with the reconsideration as noted on the agenda

Councillor Johanson asked if the Chairperson would be sustained in that decision.

Mayor Walker asked "Will the Chair be sustained?" A vote was taken on that question whereby the vote was carried to sustain the Chairperson in the decision to move forward with the reconsideration as placed on the agenda using the Council Procedure Bylaw regulations.

Councillor Kristjanson stated the applicant should have a chance to amend the proposal; however, there has already been much time to do this, they should resubmit with a new proposal.

Councillor Johanson noted concern that the applicant has had the opportunity to address noted concerns in the past.

Motion Number: 2022-068 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council in answer to the question Will the Chair be sustained? of the Chairperson's call for the agenda to move forward with the question of reconsideration in regard to application for CD-67 - 14937 Thrift Avenue and 1441, 1443-45, 1465 Vidal Street / Bylaw 2418.

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

Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)

Motion Number: 2022-069 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse a reconsideration motion of the following that was defeated at the February 7, 2022 regular Council meeting:

THAT Council give first and second readings to "White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No. 2000, Amendment (CD-67 - 14937 Thrift Avenue and 1441, 1443-45, 1465 Vidal Street) Bylaw, 2022, No. 2418" as presented.

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

Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)

Motion Number: 2022-070 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to work with the developer to bring forward to a regular Council meeting the “White Rock Zoning Bylaw, 2012, No. 2000, Amendment (CD-67 – 14937 Thrift Avenue and 1441, 1443-45, 1465 Vidal Street) Bylaw, 2022, No. 2418” for consideration of first and second reading with an amended proposal to address the massing of the building as well as:

- **other concerns noted by the City's Advisory Design Panel (landscaping, corridor length, and the number of units [density]).**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

11.2.d CENTRE STREET WALKWAY DEDICATION FOR COUNCILLOR HELEN FATHERS

Councillor Chesney has requested Council to consider the following:

Motion Number: 2022-071 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council approves the Centre Street project be dedicated in memory of Councillor Helen Fathers and directs the project be named with signage to be erected as follows:

- **Helen Fathers Centre Street Walkway.**

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Note: The Centre Street Walkway project will be known from this point forward as the Helen Fathers Centre Street Walkway.

12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

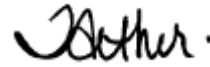
13. OTHER BUSINESS

Fundraising for the Ukraine:

- Council noted the current situation in the Ukraine and ways in which the City can show support for the citizens. Staff are currently working with community groups to discuss fundraising ideas and events. More information will be provided when available.

14. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 8:58 p.m.



Mayor Walker

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
Administration

Unapproved