



Finance and Audit Committee

Minutes

March 1, 2022, 5:00 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
(via electronic means)
Shannon Johnston, Acting Director of Financial Services
Kale Pauls, Staff Sergeant WR RCMP Detachment
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture (via electronic means)
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
Chris Zota, Manager of Information Technology (via electronic means)

GUEST Paul Murray, Consultant for the City – Budget

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-013 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the agenda for March 1, 2022 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-014 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the February 7, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. CITY OF WHITE ROCK 2022 BUDGET - PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

Corporate Report dated March 1, 2022, from the Acting Director of Financial Services and P. Murray, Consultant, titled "City of White Rock 2022 Budget - Public Comment Summary".

Mr. Murray gave an overview of the proposed budget document format (using the GFOI standard), noting it was a work in progress.

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-015 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee receive the March 1, 2022, Corporate Report from the Acting Director of Finance, titled "City of White Rock 2022 Budget – Public Comment Summary."

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

5. DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

5.1 PROTECTIVE SERVICES

5.1.a Fire Rescue

The Fire Chief provided a Fire Services Department overview from the Proposed 2022 Financial Plan document.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Assistance with fires up north in the province, most departments are asked to send help and the City's Fire Department reviews this on a case-by-case basis (includes cost recovery from the Province)
- In the past there was a Fire Rescue Boat, staff noted it is only needed if there is a high call volume for those call types, at this time it is not cost effective to have one
- Fire staff are fully trained in regard to hazardous materials going through via rail the City / derailment
- Volunteer Firemen, paid on an On Call basis and they are paid for the training they participate in
- Inspection numbers anticipated to go up. Due to COVID inspections were down, the department is now behind in this area (additional Fire Fighter will help in this capacity)

5.1.b Police Services

Staff Sergeant Pauls provided a Police Services Department overview from the Proposed 2022 Financial Plan document.

The follow discussion points were noted:

- Community Policing, re-alignment of services with Victim Services. Victim Services is something the province mandates (certain services required when there is a victim, and it is beyond what the RCMP Officer can offer)
- Peer Counselling for the detachment, there is a training cost (currently included in the training budget)
- There is overtime (many factors impact this)
- It was confirmed that at the present time there is the correct number of staff (impacted by population growth)

5.2 RECREATION AND CULTURE

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided a Recreation and Culture Department overview from the Proposed 2022 Financial Plan document.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Fraser Health utilized some space at City facilities during COVID, was there revenue from this? Staff noted there was some revenue and the City also rents space (Centre for Active Living) to Fraser Health for cardiac rehab - some of the fitness equipment was moved out during COVID and a number of desks were brought in
- It was confirmed there were some layoffs in this department due to COVID (Recreational Instructors / casual staff)
- It was requested that staff provide names of staff with a line as to what they do
- Tour de White Rock for 2022 is that confirmed to occur? Staff are looking at this now there may be other options (smaller event) offered
- Special Events note a large jump, staff are hoping to get back to hosting in person events (Canada Day by the Bay, Sea Festival and Tour de White Rock)
- Interest to receive a list of all programs offered at each center including cost, interest and revenue (help keep track of spending)

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-016 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee requests the following be provided:

- **A list of all programs offered at each of the City Facilities with a break down of the cost (including special events).**

Voted in the Negative (5): Mayor Walker, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Kristjanson, Councillor Manning, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion DEFEATED (1 to 5)

- It was confirmed that the department plans to continue some online activities
- Has there been a review of increasing user fees? Staff confirmed every few years they do conduct a survey to ensure rates are comparable (in many cases the City rates are at the higher end)

- Has the department considered partnering for larger events (less cost for taxpayers)? Staff confirmed that was once the management model for the Sea Festival and White Rock Festival of Lights, not always the best way (decision was made instead to bring these under the City's umbrella)
- Indoor Pickleball was offered at the Curling Club (Club) site a few years ago, the Club took it on and had one (1) - two (2) then COVID hit preventing it from continuing
- Good to see 31 online programs being offered

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-017 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT The Finance and Audit Committee directs the Talk White Rock platform be re-opened as soon as possible, and this be advertised as much as possible, in order to continue to engage the community in the current budget process.

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-018 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Finance and Audit committee request to:

- **Receive an estimate for the following information for future budgets for the Budget Binder to include for each capital project the following information:**
 - **Name**
 - **Description**
 - **Business Case**
 - **link to prior Council strategic Priority**
 - **resources needed**
 - **number of hours**
 - **equipment costs**
 - **funding sources**
 - **and how much would that cost.**

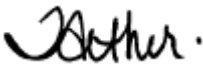
Voted in the Negative (4): Mayor Walker, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Manning, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion DEFEATED (2 to 4)

6. **CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 1, 2022 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 6:55 p.m.

Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Unapproved