

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

PRESENT: Mayor Walker
Councillor Chesney
Councillor Kristjanson (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)
Councillor Manning
Councillor Trevelyan

ABSENT: Councillor Johanson

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Joe Calenda, Acting 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 7:00 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: 2022-073 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for March 7, 2022, as amended to include:

- **On-Table COVID-19 report from the Fire Chief; and**
- **Under Other Business - an Open Letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding testing for COVID at the Land Border.**

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: 2022-074 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the February 28, 2022, meeting minutes as circulated.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 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., March 7, 2022, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

G. Wolgemuth, White Rock, noted concern that City Policy 611 is not being followed:

- **Tree Canopy:** concern with Council permitting a request to cut tree(s) at 15600 Block on Semiahmoo Avenue (bylaw was waived), staff noted that this was at the direction of Council.
- **Recent delegation** requesting trimming on the hump, stating it was not Council's responsivity to get the hump back to a clear cut state (views

for walking or driving are not required). It was suggested that the City trim the blackberries but do no other cutting. Staff noted there was a request for a report to come back to Council, but no decision has been made on this request; and further,

- Comment in regard to the budget: would like to see charts for capital expenditures / past, present and future (what has been spent for each project, what is in progress from last year to this year and what has not yet been started). A graph was provided for this request in the past but it did not give enough information. Staff noted at the Finance and Audit meeting of March 8, there will be the opportunity to discuss this.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS

None

5.2 PETITIONS

Petition noted under Item 13.1

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

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

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

6.2.b SEMIAHMOO PENINSULA ROTARACT DISTRICT 5050 POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Corporate report dated March 7, 2022, from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract District 5050 Polar Bear Plunge".

It was noted that there may be an opportunity to reach out to the Business Improvement Association (BIA), to see if there can be an incentive program set up and information can be brought forward by a Council representative to the local rotary.

Motion Number: 2022-075 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Semiahmoo Peninsula Rotaract District 5050 Polar Bear Plunge event to be held at White Rock Beach (east of the Pier near P'Quals, the white rock) on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

6.2.c BUILDING BYLAW AMENDMENT BYLAW 2419 AND TICKETING FOR BYLAW OFFENCES BYLAW AMENDMENT BYLAW 2420

Corporate report dated March 7, 2022, from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2419 and Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2420".

Note: Bylaw 2419 and Bylaw 2420 are on the agenda for consideration of first, second and third reading under items 8.1.a and 8.1.b.

Motion Number: 2022-076 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the March 7, 2022, corporate report from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2419 and Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2420."

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 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:** Outreach to the first of approximately 350 potential customers for the new multifamily and commercial solid waste collection system is now underway with a comprehensive survey of collection needs. Staff will follow up by contacting these customers to verify information

received so we can create an accurate billing system for the utility.

The consultant is also on board and will assist staff in working towards issuing an RFP this summer for system startup in January 2023. Startup may need to be phased to accommodate customers on long-term private contracts.

- **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:** Protective tree barriers are in place - civil works scheduled to start in the next few days. Project completion scheduled for mid-May.
 - **Maccaud Park Upgrade:** The 95% design is now under review and tender issuance is scheduled for the third week in March with project completion scheduled for August.
 - **Helen Fathers Centre Street Walkway:** Staff are pushing the schedule for completion in September. Issues include completion of the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and property matters. AIA is currently with an Archaeological consultant but staff may need to contact the Provincial Ministry if the consultant cannot remove Ministry delay. City lawyers are working on legal matters.
 - **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 this will 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.

There was a further update in regard to The City's Relationship with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN):

- The CAO met with Chief Chappell earlier in the day and was told SFN agree with the signs proposed for the Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Pa-Kwach-Tun Memorial Plaza. There was a request for the organization of a ceremony to celebrate the new signs once they are installed.

Note: The CAO will forward the design to Council for their information. A further Council to Council meeting will be scheduled in the near future, Chief Chappell will inform when they are ready for this.

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-077 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Land Use and Planning Committee - February 28, 2022;**
- **Housing Advisory Committee - February 22, 2022; and,**
- **Economic Development Advisory Committee - February 24, 2022.**

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2.a LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR KRISTJANSON, CHAIRPERSON)

7.2.a.a EARLY REVIEW OF REZONING APPLICATION - 14056 NORTH BLUFF ROAD

The Acting Director of Planning and Development Services further clarified the lot coverage for the proposal to be 43% lot coverage.

Motion Number: 2022-078 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to advance the zoning amendment Application at 14056 North Bluff Road to the next stage in the application review process.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

7.2.b HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR MANNING, VICE-CHAIRPERSON)

7.2.b.a CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPERT PANEL ON THE FUTURE OF HOUSING SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY'S FIVE CALLS TO ACTION

For information purposes, the five calls to action items noted in the Canada - British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability's Five Calls to Action report are:

1. Creating a planning framework that proactively encourages housing;
2. Reforming fees on property development;
3. Expanding the supply of community and affordable housing;
4. Improving coordination among and within all orders of government; and,
5. Ensuring more equitable treatment of renters and homeowners.

Motion Number: 2022-079 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the Five Calls to Action into their housing strategy, with an amendment to #5 from the list to instead read: “*Ensuring more equitable treatment.*”

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

**7.2.c ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COUNCILLOR MANNING, CHAIRPERSON)**

**7.2.c.a ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE WORK PLAN: REVIEW OF STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Note: Council may refer the Committee Recommendations #1 - #7 to staff so they can review and inform in regard to any potential impact.

Motion Number: 2022-080 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Committee removing items from the Work Plan document that staff have recommended be removed, with the understanding that these items will stay on record for further action by staff and/or the Committee in future years.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-081 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the following recommendation to staff:

THAT Council approve the Committee continuing to include Item 6: “*Review, provide input on and approve draft version of EDSP*” in their 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-082 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the following recommendation to staff:

THAT Council approve the Committee continuing to include Item 7: “*Recommend appropriate report card metrics for the updated EDSP*” in their 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-083 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the following recommendation to staff:

THAT Council approve the Committee combining Work Plan Items 10: “*Develop an exposure plan for corporate sponsorships of City initiatives*” and 12: “*Encourage more festivals for example, Birding, Kite Boarding and Vegan Food (off season events)*”, and that this combined item

continue to be included in their 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-084 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the following recommendation to staff:

THAT Council approve the Committee continuing to include Item 13: *“Improve the tourist experience throughout the City by installing digital information kiosks (one Uptown, one on Marine Drive and one at Five Corners)”* in their 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-085 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the following recommendation to staff:

THAT Council approve the Committee removing Item 14: *“Open discussion with TransLink to review the frequency and effectiveness of public transport options, specifically focusing on routes from Uptown to Marine Drive”* from their 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-086 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse that Mayor Walker, along with TransLink, review the frequency and effectiveness of public transport options, specifically focusing on routes from Uptown to Marine Drive.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

8.1 BYLAWS

8.1.a BYLAW 2419 - WHITE ROCK BUILDING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 1928, AMENDMENT NO. 6, 2022, NO. 2419

Bylaw 2419 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Building Bylaw to reflect changes made by the City of White Rock Tree Protection Bylaw.

Note: This bylaw was introduced under the corporate report section as Item 6.2.c

Motion Number: 2022-087 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to "White Rock Building Bylaw, 2012, No. 1928, Amendment No. 6, 2022, No. 2419" as circulated.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

8.1.b BYLAW 2420 - WHITE ROCK TICKETING FOR BYLAW OFFENCES BYLAW, 2011, NO. 1929, AMENDMENT NO. 12, 2022, NO. 2420

Bylaw 2420 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw to replace Schedule B11 for the bylaw to reflect changes made by the City of White Rock Tree Protection Bylaw.

Note: This bylaw was introduced under the corporate report section as Item 6.2.c

Motion Number: 2022-088 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to "White Rock Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw, 2011, No. 1929, Amendment No. 12, 2022 No. 2420" as circulated.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

8.2 PERMITS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2022-089 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information Items 9.1.a. - 9.1.b. of correspondence as circulated.

Absent (2): Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 0)

9.1.a METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief from meetings of February 25, 2022.

9.1.b UBCM - 2021 RESOLUTION(S) REFERRED TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

Correspondence dated February 24, 2022, from the Union of BC Municipalities President providing an update on Council's resolution from 2021 (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons).

Councillor Kristjanson arrived at the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Walker noted the following information:

- Mar 1, Rotary Club meeting
- Mar 1, Facebook Live with Councillor Kristjanson
- Mar 1, Finance and Audit Committee meeting
- Mar 2, Celebration of Life for Helen Fathers
- Mar 2, South of Fraser Sub-Regional Workshop (Transit Network)
- Mar 2, Finance and Audit Committee meeting
- Mar 3, Metro Vancouver Housing Committee meeting
- Mar 3, Finance and Audit Committee meeting
- Mar 4, Peninsula Homeless to Housing meeting
- Mar 4, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting
- Mar 4, City's Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting for the Completed Ruth Johnston Park Stabilization and Trail Rebuild Project
- Mar 4, White Rock Elks Club

10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Kristjanson noted the following

- Mar 2, Celebration of Life for Helen Fathers
- Mar 4, City's Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting for the Completed Ruth Johnston Park Stabilization and Trail Rebuild Project

Councillor Chesney noted the following:

- Mar 8, International Women's Day
- Mar 13, Daylight Savings
- Safe Zone, Scam Beware Information Provided at the RCMP

Councillor Trevelyan noted the following

- Mar 2, Celebration of Life for Helen Fathers

Councillor Manning noted the following:

- Mar 1, Finance and Audit Committee meeting
- Mar 2, Celebration of Life for Helen Fathers
- Mar 2, Finance and Audit Committee meeting
- Mar 3, Finance and Audit Committee meeting
- Mar 3, South Surrey White Rock Community Action Team
- Mar 4, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting
- Mar 7, Preview of the upcoming Museum exhibit

11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 MOTIONS

Councillor Chesney provided the following Notice of Motion:

That Council direct staff to continue to light the pier in blue and yellow in support of the Ukraine, this is to occur as follows:

- *Staggered between other scheduled events to light the pier for various occasions; and*
- *Continue until Russia withdraws from fighting in the Ukraine.*

Motion Number: 2022-090 It was MOVED and SECONDED

REQUEST TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF MOTION AT THIS TIME

That Council endorse the Notice of Motion provided by Councillor Chesney regarding further lighting of the pier in support of the Ukraine be considered at this time, due to time constraints.

Absent (1): Councillor Johanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-091 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to continue to light the pier in blue and yellow in support of the Ukraine, this is to occur as follows:

- **Staggered between other scheduled events to light the pier for various occasions; and**
- **Continue until Russia withdraws from fighting in the Ukraine.**

Absent (1): Councillor Johanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 BOARD OF VARIANCE - APPLICATION 15708 CLIFF AVENUE

A petition with thirty (30) signatures was received by staff on February 22, 2022, regarding a development application for 15708 Cliff Avenue asking Council to act:

1. Restore original grade of property that was illegally raised by property owner;
2. Ensure new development adheres to 7.5M setback requirement and NOT be approved for 4.2M; and,
3. Owner illegally pruned tree of neighbours property - should be required to plant new tree in their property as part of setback.

Note: Councillor Manning requested this item be noted on the agenda for informational purposes

Motion Number: 2022-092 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive information provided to notify a petition with thirty (30) signatures was received by staff on February 22, 2022 regarding a development application for 15708 Cliff Avenue asking Council to act:

- 1. Restore original grade of property that was illegally raised by property owner;**
- 2. Ensure new development adheres to 7.5M setback requirement and NOT be approved for 4.2M; and,**
- 3. Owner illegally pruned tree of neighbours property - should be required to plant new tree in their property as part of setback.**

Absent (1): Councillor Johanson

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

13.2 FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an update on fundraising opportunities for humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine. Discussions are underway with various community representatives. A small committee will be organized to plan a fundraising event at the end of March. Further details will be provided, and the event will be advertised by the city so that the public can attend and offer their support.

13.3 BOARDER TESTING

In accordance with motion 2022-073 (Agenda Approval) the March 1, 2022, letter to the Honourable Justin Trudeau from Open the U.S.-CAN Border organization was included on the agenda as an On-Table item.

Motion Number: 2022-093 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council endorse a letter be sent on their behalf to the Prime Minister requesting relaxation of COVID testing at the Canada US Boarder.

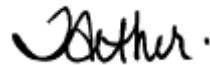
Voted in the negative (1): Mayor Walker

Absent (1): Councillor Johanson

Motion CARRIED (4 to 1)

14. **CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 7, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 8:09 p.m.



Mayor Walker

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
Administration

Unapproved