



## Finance and Audit Committee

### Minutes

March 28, 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: Jim Gordon, Acting Chief Administrative Officer / Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Joe Calenda, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services  
Shannon Johnston, Acting Director of Financial Services  
Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

GUEST: Paul Murray, Consultant for the City – Budget (via electronic means)

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2022-F&A-039** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the agenda for March 28, 2022, as amended to include updated information for Item 4 (Regarding Property Taxation) as provided On-Table.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2022-F&A-040** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the following meeting minutes as presented:**

- **March 1, 2022;**
- **March 2, 2022;**
- **March 3, 2022;**
- **March 8, 2022; and,**
- **March 9, 2022.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

4. **BUDGET RECAP AND DISCUSSION**

P. Murray, consultant, provided an update regarding the 2022 draft budget process and noted the following items outlined in the On-Table information:

- RCMP contract costs now formalized, budget needs to be increased by a further \$70,000 to accommodate this
- Grants In Lieu Revenues adjustment to reflect latest changes in utility rates in the amount of \$20,000 (property tax reduction of 0.08%)
- Warming Shelter budget consideration to be made

The following discussion points were noted:

- It was clarified that the COVID grant funds received by the province may be utilized for the warming shelter (although further consideration would need to

be given moving forward - next fall etc. at approximately \$80,000 per month when cost sharing with the City of Surrey)

- Concern noted in regard to information noted under "Council and CAO office expense by type" (every second year for the CAO review is not correct - Policy 126 is to be updated)

Staff noted they would provide information in regard to what the COVID funds have been spent on to date (with other duties this may take up to a month to provide).

Displayed for the committee and the audience was a calculation spreadsheet: 2022 Possible Budget Reductions March 28, 2022.

**Motion Number: 2022-F&A-041** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct that the COVID grant funds be utilized to fund the warming shelter for spring 2022.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2022-F&A-042** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct the annual transfer to capital works reserve be reduced by \$100,000.**

Voted in the Negative (2): Mayor Walker, and Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

**Motion Number: 2022-F&A-043** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct a full time grant writer be added to the budget.**

Voted in the Negative (2): Councillor Manning, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

Following direction given this evening the new proposed tax rate is: 5.24%

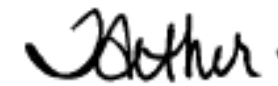
A further opportunity to hear from the public regarding the proposed budget will be held Monday, April 4, 2022.

5. **CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 28, 2022 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:40 p.m.

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Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Unapproved