

#### **Finance and Audit Committee**

### **Minutes**

April 12, 2022, 6:00 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 Trevelyan (via electronic means)

ABSENT: Councillor Manning

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer

Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations

Shannon Johnston, Acting Director of Financial Services

Kale Pauls, Staff Sargent (via telephone)
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

GUEST: Paul Murray, City Consultant – Budget

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-052 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the agenda for April 12, 2022 as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-053 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

### 4. 2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Council to continue their discussion on the draft 2022 - 2026 Financial Plan following the April 4, 2022 meeting where public submissions were received.

**Note:** Updated documents from the April 4, 2022 Finance meeting are attached for information.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Tour de White Rock Event, as it has been cancelled for 2022 why is that not reflected in property taxation
   Staff noted funds from the years that the Tour de White Rock was not held were instead utilized to offset revenues (not spending money but taking in less revenue)
- A Member of Council requested service levels / levels of care to be included regarding parks
   Staff noted a corporate report from 2019 that outlined the park service levels, it was further noted the since that time the service levels have increased in parks
- Mayor and Council budget increase (inflationary and return to pre COVID action)

- Freedom of Information Clerk
   Staff clarified there is no budget request for an additional FOI Clerk
- Has there been consideration of offering a bonus that staff who find cost savings without cutting services
   Staff noted this is not done in Local Government (staff are here to provide the services that the public need)
- Turnaround times for Building Application files / permits

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-054 MOTION TABLED BY 2022-F&A-055
It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct staff to prepare the Financial Plan and taxation bylaws.

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-055 MOTION TO TABLE 2022-F&A-054
It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee table consideration of the following motion so full discussion may occur prior to considering this motion:

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct staff to prepare the Financial Plan and taxation bylaws.

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-056 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee endorse amending Council pay for 2022 to not be increased (0%).

Voted in the Negative (3): Mayor Walker, Councillor Chesney, and Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 3)** 

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-057 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct a report be brought forward that addresses what would be required for the City to achieve a six (6) month on average turn around for the building permit application approval process.

Voted in the Negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

Motion CARRIED (4 to 1)

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-058 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee bring back to the floor consideration of the following motion now full discussion on the matter as concluded:

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct staff to prepare the Financial Plan and taxation bylaws.

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

Motion Number: 2022-F&A-059 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct staff to prepare the Financial Plan and taxation bylaws.

Voted in the Negative (1): Councillor Johanson

Absent (1): Councillor Manning

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 1)** 

# 5. <u>CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 4, 2022 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</u> <u>MEETING</u>

The meeting was concluded at 6:49 p.m.

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Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson	Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
	Administration