

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



May 30, 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 (via electronic means)  
Councillor Kristjanson  
Councillor Manning  
Councillor Trevelyan

STAFF: Jim Gordon, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Anne Berry, 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: 2022-223** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 30, 2022 as amended to include:**

- **On Table Submission: Question and Answer Period for Item 4**
- **On Table Memo: COVID 19 Update for Item 6.2.a.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2022-224** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the following meeting minutes as circulated:**

- **Regular Council, May 9, 2022;**
- **Special Council, May 12, 2022; and,**
- **Public Meeting for Development Variance Permit 443 (1532 Johnston Road), May 16, 2022.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

4. **QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

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

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

**Motion Number: 2022-225** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by 8:30 a.m. May 30, 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

- K. Jones, White Rock, noted the SPARC BC information on the agenda later regarding Access Awareness June 4, 2022. Would like Council to do something in the City regarding sidewalk accessibility - let downs for getting out of vehicles for those with walkers etc. can cause them to have to divert into the street. Sign posts and hydro posts on the sidewalk also are a concern. Would like to see a design change from what is currently being doing. What action can be taken in this regard?

Staff noted for new construction the City uses the current Master Municipal Construction Document Specifications; however, there are some driveways and crossings in place from previous that may be of concern. If specific locations of concern were provided, then staff could add them to the five (5) year reconstruction program.

Further noted was concern with raised yellow metal pads implemented at intersections throughout the City.

Staff noted these were put in place approximately 10 - 15 years ago for those with vision challenges, however the last few years it has been noticed these installations have been stopped. These can be reviewed.

- G. Woleguth, White Rock, stated concern that the City's Tree Protection Bylaw and Policy 611 are not being adhered to (Maccaud and Ruth Johnston Parks were examples given as well as the vegetation on hump and the upcoming corporate report on the topic). Staff noted in Ruth Johnston Park, in the last 6 - 9 months hazardous trees were identified and once the City is aware of this we need to take them down, this is consistent with the Tree Bylaw and Policy.
- D. Langmore, White Rock, commented his parents live on Marine Drive across from the hump and stated they can't see over the vegetation on their property, the water view should not be blocked by the current vegetation.
- G. Wolgemuth, White Rock, not in agreement with the proposed Housing Action Plan, stated it should have been brought to Council first / prior to the Housing Advisory Committee.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**5.1 DELEGATIONS (PERMITTED 5 MINUTES)**

**5.1.a RICK DUCHESNE - WHITE ROCK TREE PROTECTION BYLAW**

Rick Duchesne, White Rock resident, attended to discuss the City's Tree Protection Bylaw, including penalties and circumstances leading up to bylaw infractions imposed.

The delegation noted that no legal representation has been made at this point and it was the landscaper who pruned the City trees without Mr. Duchesne's permission. In accordance with the City's tree bylaw a fine was issued to both the home owner and the contractor.

**5.2 PETITIONS**

None

**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.

There was an inquiry with the Fire Chief in regard to a recent apartment fire. The Fire Chief updated Council regarding the May 24, 2022 apartment structure fire at 1480 Blackwood Street. The source of fire was difficult to trace as it was electrical in nature, 20 units were impacted with four (4) having significant damage (all 23 residents were displaced). The entire building suffered electrical damage.

**6.2.b WEST COASTER'S CAR SHOW IN WHITE ROCK**

Corporate report dated May 30, 2022 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "West Coaster's Car Show in White Rock".

**Motion Number: 2022-226** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive for information the report dated May 30, 2022, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled “West Coaster’s Car Show in White Rock” for consideration in hosting the event in the Uptown area in future years.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**6.2.c RELOCATION OF PRE-REGISTERED PROGRAMS FROM CENTENNIAL PARK TENNIS COURTS**

Corporate report dated May 30, 2022 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Relocation of Pre-Registered Programs from Centennial Park Tennis Courts".

A Member of Council noted they would prefer the funds for this to be drawn from the City's Contingency Funds rather than from pickleball funds.

**Motion Number: 2022-227** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council approve the use of \$2,500 from the City’s Pickleball Courts Asset Improvement Budget #75162 for the purchase and installation of a divider curtain for the tennis only courts at Centennial Park.**

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

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)**

**Motion Number: 2022-228** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council approve that as of June 1, 2022 the courts on the North East Corner at Centennial Park be dedicated for pickleball use only.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

#### **6.2.d VEGETATION CONTROL ON THE HUMP**

Corporate report dated May 30, 2022 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Vegetation Control on the Hump".

**Motion Number: 2022-229** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated May 30, 2022, from the Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations, titled "Vegetation Control on the Hump" providing information on the feasibility of bringing maintenance of the Hump greenery to pre-2019 levels; and**
- 2. Refer the corporate report to the City's Environmental Advisory Committee in order to comment on the topic and additionally that the Geotechnical Engineer noted in the report be available at the Committee meeting when they review the report.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

#### **6.2.e WHITE ROCK WATER TREATMENT PLANT - PATENT APPLICATIONS**

Corporate report dated May 30, 2022 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "White Rock Water Treatment Plant - Patent Applications".

**Motion Number: 2022-230** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council direct there be further opportunity for comments to be provided regarding the water treatment plant patent by Reseau-WaterNet and Dr. Jasim.**

Voted in the negative (1): Mayor Walker

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**6.2.f EMERSON PARK - OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Corporate report dated May 30, 2022 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Emerson Park - Options for Additional Playground Equipment".

**Motion Number: 2022-231** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated May 30, 2022, from the Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations, titled "Emerson Park – Options for Additional Playground Equipment"; and**
- 2. Direct staff to proceed with the current design for Emerson Park as is; and**
- 3. Agrees to take some further time, within the next three (3) months, to review other options for play structures as presented in the corporate report.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**6.2.g ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING METHOD CONSIDERATIONS - VIRTUAL, IN-PERSON OR HYBRID**

Corporate report dated May 30, 2022 from the Director of Corporate Administration titled "Advisory Committee Meeting Method Considerations - Virtual, In-Person or Hybrid".

**Motion Number: 2022-232** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council direct staff to continue with virtual advisory committee meetings until the end of the current committee term.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

## 6.2.h 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:** Staff and the consultant continue to reach out to the industry for insights into obtaining the best value with the RFP. Currently, approximately 50 small multi-family properties are being collected by City forces. These will be shifted to the new contract for reasons of efficiency, better match of equipment and to reduce City trucks overlapping contractor trucks in multi-family zones. This will also clarify diversion stats for single family without having the multi-family mixed in and could lead to increased incentive payments from Recycle BC.
- **Housing Needs / Affordable Housing:** On April 25, 2022 the draft Housing Strategy presented to Council from the Committee was removed by Council for consideration - later in the agenda some committee recommendations were received by Council and some were not approved / not endorsed.
- **Community Amenity Contribution "Shovel-in-the-Ground" Projects:**
  - **Emerson Park Playground Upgrade:** Staff are acting in accordance with the following resolution approved by Council on May 9, 2022:  
***"THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a corporate report with options to add structures for the age group of 8 - 10 year old children at Emerson Park Playground."***

Staff have prepared a corporate report with options for Council to consider on this agenda as Item 6.2.f. The project is near completion with only irrigation and landscaping work remaining to be completed. Further construction is now on hold pending Council's decision on additional works, so as to minimize removal of newly installed infrastructure. The playground will remain closed. Staff are negotiating delay costs and barricade/site maintenance costs with the contractor.



- **Maccaud Park Upgrade:** Contractor scheduled to start on May 16 with erecting fences and establishing the construction zone.

Bird survey experts are contracted and will survey 48 hours before tree removal is scheduled. Although no bird nests are evident now, there could be hidden nests the contract expert will discover.

Birds could also establish nests between now and the scheduled time of tree removal which is why the survey has to be done no longer than 48 hours before tree removal. If nests are present, the contractor will need to establish a protection zone around the tree and work around this zone until the birds leave.

When it is thought that the birds have left, an additional 48 hour survey will need to be done before the tree is removed.

- **Helen Fathers Centre Street Hillside Walkway:** Staff are evaluating the RFP submissions this week. A two-envelope system will be used whereby the submissions will be narrowed down to a final three based upon technical criteria. The pricing envelopes will then be opened for the final three submissions only.

Three property owners with encroachments are litigating against the City - a hearing requesting an injunction to stop the project is scheduled for June 7, 2022. If the injunction is granted, the next step would be a court hearing on the matter in late August, at the earliest, and possibly later this Fall.

- **Review Options for Upgrading Multiple Hillside Walkways (Road Ends) to Waterfront:** A funding application was submitted before the March 28th deadline, no further update at this time.
- **The City's Relationship with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN):** Staff are working with SFN Council to see when they will be ready to meet again to discuss the draft Communications Memorandum of Understanding.

Staff will be engaging SFN on plans for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

**7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**7.1 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2022-233** 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, May 9, 2022;
- Public Art Advisory Committee, May 10, 2022; and
- Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee, May 12, 2022.

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2022-234** It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Housing Advisory Committee, May 11, 2022.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**7.2 STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**7.2.a.a DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. 445 - 15385 SEMIAHMOO AVENUE (DVP 22-008)**

The following recommendation was discussed at the Land Use and Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening.

**Note:** Following the public meeting being conducted Council will consider approval of Development Variance Permit 445

**Motion Number: 2022-235**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council direct Planning staff to obtain public input through a public meeting conducted as an electronic meeting with notice of the meeting given in accordance with Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*, including notice in newspapers and distribution by mail to property owners/occupants within 100 metres of the subject property.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Johanson

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)**

**7.2.b ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR MANNING, CHAIRPERSON)**

**7.2.b.a MULTI-COMMITTEE DISCUSSION WORKSHOP FOR THE CREATION OF A CITY PLACEMAKING REPORT**

**Motion Number: 2022-236**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council endorse the Committee establishing their 2021-2022 Work Plan item 1.3.1, "*Explore the options for creating an Arts Endowment Fund*," as their top priority going forward with the clarification that this be initially for Public Art.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

**8. BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

**8.1 BYLAWS**

None

## 8.2 PERMITS

### 8.2.a DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. 443 - 1532 JOHNSTON ROAD

Development Variance Permit (DVP) No. 443 would replace the existing fascia sign with an oversized fascia sign at the White Rock Players' Club. The channel lettering proposed to be mounted directly to the building's bulkhead, above the entrance to the Player's club, exceeds the permissible sign copy area height for a fascia sign.

This DVP was the subject of a Public Meeting held on May 16, 2022.

**Motion Number: 2022-237** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 443 for 1532 Johnston Road.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

**Note:** Further action on the following correspondence items may be considered. Council may request that any item be brought forward for discussion and may propose a motion of action on the matter.

**Motion Number: 2022-238** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive the following correspondence as circulated under Items 9.1.a. - 9.1.c.**

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)**

#### 9.1.a SUBMISSION OF "METRO 2050" FOR ACCEPTANCE BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Correspondence dated May 3, 2022 from Sav Dhaliwal, Metro Vancouver Board Chair, regarding the submission of *Metro 2050* for acceptance by affected local governments has been provided for information.

**Note:** The full *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy can be viewed [here](#).

**Note:** A corporate report on this topic will be brought forward by staff in June.

**9.1.b LETTER FROM HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER REGARDING THE HOUSING NEEDS REPORT**

Correspondence dated May 11, 2022 from B. Hagerman, Housing Advisory Committee member, regarding the Housing Needs Report.

**Note:** Councillor Manning requested that this item be placed on the agenda for information.

**9.1.c LETTER FROM SPARC BC REGARDING ACCESS AWARENESS DAY ON JUNE 4, 2022**

Correspondence dated May 10, 2022, from Lorraine Copas, Executive Director, Social Planning & Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC), regarding an invitation for the City to recognize and celebrate Access Awareness Day on June 4, 2022.

**Note:** Council Policy No. 109 notes that the City of White Rock does not make official proclamations. This item has been included under correspondence for public information purposes.

**10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**10.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Walker noted the following information:

- May 10, Council Meeting Recap with Councillor Manning
- May 11, Official Unveiling Ceremony of the Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Memorial Plaza Sign
- May 11, Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- May 12, Metro Vancouver Performance and Audit Committee meeting
- May 12, Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee meeting
- May 12, Special Council Meeting

- May 16, City Public Meeting, DVP 442 for 1532 Johnston Road
- May 17, Shared Waters Alliance's "Elected Officials Lunch"
- May 18, TransLink Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation's Finance and Government Committee meeting
- May 18, Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- May 19, Metro Vancouver Housing Committee meeting
- May 20, Fraser Health Authority Update to Stakeholders
- May 24, Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- May 25, TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation's Council Workshop
- May 25, Metro Vancouver's Mayors' Committee meeting
- May 26, TransLink Mayors' council on Regional Transportation meeting
- May 26, Steering Committee meeting for the "UNITY at the Arch" event being held in September
- May 26, Interview regarding the Mayors' Food Bank Challenge
- May 26, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Excellence Awards "A Celebration of Resilience" and celebration of their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary serving the business community
- May 27, Metro Vancouver Board meeting
- May 28, White Rock Elk's "Support Ukraine Fundraiser"

## **10.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Kristjanson noted the following information:

- May 25, White Rock Pride Mixer
- May 28, White Rock Elk's "Support Ukraine Fundraiser"
- May 28, Exhibit at the Landmark Uptown Gallery
- May 27, "Sorry Wrong Number" production, Peninsula Productions

- May 28, Hillcrest Bakery 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- May 26, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Excellence Awards "A Celebration of Resilience"

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- June 4, Free Concert at Memorial Park, White Rock Community Orchestra
- June 4, Hot Rod Ride/ Memorial Cruise to be held along Marine Drive 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- May 31, the Council Meeting Recap with Mayor Walker

Councillor Trevelyan noted the following information:

- May 14, Unveiling of the new "Grizlee" statue at the waterfront
- May 28, White Rock Elk's "Support Ukraine Fundraiser"

Councillor Manning noted the following information:

- May 10, Council Meeting Recap with Mayor Walker
- May 11, Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- May 12, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting
- May 14, Unveiling of the new "Grizlee" statue at the waterfront
- May 18, Economic Advisory Committee meeting
- May 24, Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- May 24, Visited the emergency set up at Centennial Arena from the Fire noted by the Fire Chief earlier in the evening
- May 25, White Rock Pride Mixer
- May 26, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Excellence Awards "A Celebration of Resilience"
- May 27, "Sorry Wrong Number" production, Peninsula Productions
- May 28, Hillcrest Bakery 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- May 28, White Rock Elk's "Support Ukraine Fundraiser"

Councillor Johanson noted the following information:

- May 14, May 14, Unveiling of the new “Grizlee” statue at the waterfront
- May 17, Shared Waters Alliance's "Elected Officials Lunch"

**11. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

**11.1 MOTIONS**

None

**11.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**12. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

None

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

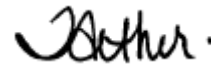
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**14. CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 30, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded 8:51 p.m.

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Mayor Walker



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration