



## **Finance and Audit Committee**

### **Minutes**

February 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

**PRESENT:** Councillor Trevelyan, Chairperson  
Mayor Knight  
Councillor Cheung  
Councillor Chesney  
Councillor Klassen  
Councillor Lawrence  
Councillor Partridge

**STAFF:** Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration  
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Candice Gartry, Director of Financial Services  
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources  
Kale Pauls, SS White Rock RCMP  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Chris Zota, Manager of Information Technology  
John Stech, Manager of Community Recreation and Culture  
Elizabeth Keurvost, Acting Director of Recreation and Culture  
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk / Acting Deputy City Clerk

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Trevelyan, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-004** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the agenda for February 13, 2023 as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-005** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the minutes of January 16, 2023 as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**4. CITY OF WHITE ROCK DRAFT 2023 - 2027 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Corporate report dated February 13, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "City of White Rock Draft 2023-2027 Financial Plan".

The Director of Financial Services provided a PowerPoint overview of the 2023 - 2027 Operational Financial Plan and the proposed schedule. The budget will be brought forward in two (2) stages. Operational (tonight) and Asset Improvement (Capital) March 13, 2023.

Next Steps:

- February 13, Approval of the Draft 2023 - 2027 Operational Financial Plan
- March 13, Approval of the Draft 2023 - 2027 Asset management (Capital) Financial Plan
- March 27, Approval of the Consolidated 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan and Refer for public comment (14 days using the City's "Let's Talk" online engagement platform)
- March 28 - April 10, 2023, Final Consolidated 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan available for public comment using the City's "Let's Talk" online engagement platform
- April 17, Staff submit "What We Heard" report summarizing all public comments received as "On-Table" item at the Committee meeting
- April 17, Council consideration of initial bylaw readings

- May 1, Council consideration of Budget Bylaw

The following discussion points were noted:

- No asset improvement connected with a grant / reason for decrease in Government Grants for 2027
- Staffing, 200 staff however this goes up and down over the year
- City to review parking rates / possible revenue source
- Financial Plan software could still be two (2) years before being ready to be implemented
- Climate Change Grant, can go towards more EV chargers / consideration for electric bike charging stations
- CUPE and IAFF negotiations still outstanding
- The hump vegetation needs attention, \$10,000 will cover maintenance at the top (maple shoots and blackberries, may help with view), further study needed as one has not been done since at least 2017
- Snowbirds plan to attend in White Rock 2023, funding there but it may have to be augmented
- Roads (maintenance and encroachments), this work has not been tracked before (estimates previously)
- A member of Council requested Analysis of Operations Reserves - staff will get back on this
- Fire Rescue, medical vs. mental are there stats regarding the types of calls? It was noted this could be reviewed

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-006** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct staff to add the White Rock Museum request in the amount of \$45,000 to the budget for staff adjustments and additional storage.**

**NOTE: this equates to .2% tax increase**

Voted in the Negative (3): Mayor Knight, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-007** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct staff to bring back the corporate report from 2022 regarding a Custom Car Cruise In to be held uptown with updated figures to consider.**

**Note: this equates to a .06% tax increase**

**Note: Council requested SFN to be notified of this event**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-008** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct the budget include the following:**

- **Additional Funding for Parks and Promenade litter service at \$27,000.**

Voted in the Negative (5): Mayor Knight, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Klassen, Councillor Partridge, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-009** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT The Finance and Audit Committee direct the budget include the following:**

- **Increased funding for vegetation control on the hump at \$10,000.**

Voted in the Negative (5): Mayor Knight, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Klassen, Councillor Partridge, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-010** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Finance and Audit Committee direct the budget include the following:**

- **Funding for event expenses for additional celebrations and ceremonies on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and National Indigenous Peoples at \$30,000.**

**Note: The Committee would like to have a breakdown on how these funds will be spent.**

Voted in the Negative (6): Mayor Knight, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Klassen, Councillor Partridge, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion DEFEATED (1 to 6)**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-011** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT The Finance and Audit Committee direct there be further meetings scheduled where each Department Head will make a presentation regarding their budget.**

Voted in the Negative (5): Mayor Knight, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Partridge, and Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**Motion Number: 2023-F&A-012** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT The Finance and Audit Committee direct there be a further meeting scheduled next week of the Committee regarding the Draft 2023 - 2027 Draft Operational Budget.**


**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

5. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:56 p.m.

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Councillor Trevelyan, Chairperson



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Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

Unapproved