

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



June 12, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

PRESENT: Mayor Knight
Councillor Chesney
Councillor Cheung
Councillor Klassen
Councillor Lawrence
Councillor Partridge
Councillor Trevelyan

STAFF: Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
Candice Garty, Director of Financial Services
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development
John Stech, Manager of Community Recreation
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: 18

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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.

Following the First Nations Land Acknowledgement Mayor Knight noted the passing of previous Council Member David Webb (White Rock City Councillor from 1984 - 1998). In addition to serving on City Council, his many contributions to the White Rock community included president of the White Rock Ratepayers Association, president of White rock Museum & Archives, Toastmasters coordinator, president of White Rock Bed & Breakfast Association as well as Tourism White Rock. Mayor Knight on behalf of Council acknowledged David's remarkable longstanding service and contributions to our community.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2023-236 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 12, 2023 as amended as follows:

- **Add for Item 4 - On Table submissions for Question and Answer Period;**
- **Remove Item 9.1.b Bylaw 2467 for 1454 Oxford Street, it was found there was an error to be corrected on the bylaw regarding the intent. All notification and public hearing wording was correct, now the bylaw will be placed on the June 26th agenda; and**
- **Amend under 12.1.a Motions please note the motion regarding Limitation of Rent and Increases on Commercial Properties has been brought forward from Councillor Klassen and Councillor Treveylan.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2023-237 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **May 15, 2023 Regular Council meeting.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-238 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **May 15, 2023 Public Hearing (Bylaw 2467 - 1454 Oxford Street).**

Motion CARRIED (7 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.

There were two (2) On-Table submissions for Question and Answer Period:

- G. Gumley, White Rock, included three (3) questions 1) regarding the 2022 operating surplus 2) the \$23.5M unallocated operating surplus being allocated to a property tax reserve that would be used to offset a property tax increase for 2024; and 3) consideration of mandating a Financial Plan Review to discover ways to utilize the unallocated operating surplus and achieve a 0% property tax increase for 2024?
- G. Gumley, White Rock, possible formation of a Financial Review Advisory committee.

It was noted that staff will get back on these inquiries.

Motion Number: 2023-239 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by 8:30 a.m. June 12, 2023, including “On-Table” information provided with staff responses that are available at the time.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

- G. Purewal, New Westminster, inquired regarding a building permit that was applied for as to the length of time it was taking and inquired if there was a measure of procedures as to how much time it will takes for building permits to be issued.

The Mayor noted that funds have been put in place to hire two (2) additional positions however the issue is getting qualified persons to apply. There has been an additional hire of a contractor to help with applications. This is a top priority of this Council.

- I. Herysz, White Rock, wanted to know what can be done about the City's removal of a mirror (to help address traffic safety) at Beachview Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue, would like the mirror put back up due to safety issues when driving and provided a petition with 40 signatures noting the following:

"We, the undersigned Residents and Owners of Properties on Beachview Avenue, would like a prompt resolution to the traffic problems and risks created by the removal of the Mirror which had been mounted for many years on Buena Visa Avenue at the intersection of Beachview Avenue. The undersigned all agree that when properly maintained, the mirror which had been there previously was incredibly helpful in order to see Eastbound traffic approaching on Buena Vista Avenue. The removal of the mirror has since caused problems for the residents of Beachview Avenue. We can no longer see approaching traffic without pulling so far out into the intersection that we place ourselves at risk. Many residents of Beachview Avenue have brought this concern forward to the City and to Council and still nothing has been done to resolve the issue. Please replace the mirror ASAP".

The Mayor will speak with Mr. Herysze.

- C. Shields, White Rock, supports the mirror being replaced at Beachview Avenue and Buena Vista (previous topic) due to safety concerns; noted concern with building permit timelines stating there are funds available to help with this and software to help digitize / streamline the process; and, further with the Council Code of Conduct, ensuring it is being adhered to.

Staff noted the building permit timelines are a priority and in this case it is not funding that is the issue as Council have provided funds, it is getting qualified people to apply for the position of Building Inspector 3.

It was noted that the time limit for Question and Answer Period (15 minutes) had been reached.

**MOTION TO EXTEND QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
PRIOR TO THE MEETING CONCLUSION**

Motion Number: 2023-240 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize additional time be given for Question and Answer Period, due to their being additional speakers who did not get to speak, for an additional 15 minutes prior to the meeting conclusion.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS

None

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

**6.2.a AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2022".

Brandon Ma, Engagement Partner - KPMG, introduced the report submitted by KPMG LLP titled "Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2022".

Motion Number: 2023-241 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated June 12, 2023, from the Director, Financial Services, titled "Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2022".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b DRAFT 2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Draft 2022 Audited Financial Statements".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-242 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the June 12, 2023, Corporate report titled "Draft 2022 Audited Financial Statements" from the Director, Financial Services;**
- 2. Accept the Draft 2022 Audited Financial Statements, which have been included in Appendix A, as "approved"; and,**
- 3. Direct the Mayor and Director, Financial Services, to sign the Statement of Financial Position contained within the Draft 2022 Audited Financial Statements and forward the complete audited financial statements to the province.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c CITY OF WHITE ROCK - GROWING COMMUNITIES FUND GRANT

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "City of White Rock - Growing Communities Fund Grant".

Motion Number: 2023-243 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council defer consideration of the June 12, 2023, corporate report from the Director, Financial Services, titled “City of White Rock – Growing Communities Fund Grant” until Council has more opportunity to discuss this in more detail. A Special Council meeting will be scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2023.

Voted in the negative (1): Mayor Knight

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

6.2.d INITIAL REVIEW OF 14990 NORTH BLUFF AND THE LAND USE PLAN FOR THE NORTH BLUFF CORRIDOR STUDY

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Initial Review of 14990 North Bluff and the Land Use Plan for the North Bluff Corridor Study".

Motion Number: 2023-244 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive for information the corporate report dated June 12, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Initial Review of 14990 North Bluff and the Land Use Plan for the North Bluff Corridor Study";**
- 2. Direct staff to develop a scope of work and cost estimate for the Land Use Plan for the North Bluff Corridor Study and bring it forward for Council approval; and**
- 3. Direct staff to reach out to the City of Surrey to form a joint planning working group for the North Bluff Corridor Study and the Semiahmoo Town Centre to ensure there is collaboration and a joint land use planning effort.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

Motion Number: 2023-245 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to:

1. **Process the OCP amendment application at 14990 North Bluff Road concurrently with the Land Use Plan - North Bluff Corridor Study; and**
2. **Require the Applicant to submit a Tenant Relocation Plan in accordance with the City's *Tenant Relocation Policy 514* within 2 weeks following this meeting for review and preliminary approval.**

Voted in the negative (4): Mayor Knight, Councillor Chesney, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion DEFEATED (3 to 4)

6.2.e RESPONSE TO LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENT TO METRO 2050 TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY - GLOUCESTER INDUSTRIAL PARK

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Response to Land Use Designation Amendment to Metro 2050 Township of Langley - Gloucester Industrial Park".

Motion Number: 2023-246 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive for information the corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Response to Land Use Designation Amendment to *Metro 2050* Township of Langley – Gloucester Industrial Park;" and**
2. **Authorize the Director of Corporate Administration to respond to the Metro Vancouver Board stating that the City does not object to the proposed amendment request by the Township of Langley to the Regional Growth Strategy, and by sending any applicable Council resolution along with this corporate report as a**

response to the Metro Vancouver Board request for comment.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

**6.2.f BIA REQUEST FOR BEER GARDENS AT EAST BEACH
CONCERTS AT THE PIER**

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "BIA Request for Beer Gardens at East Beach Concerts at the Pier".

Motion Number: 2023-247 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

Receive for information the corporate report dated June 12, 2023, from the Director of Recreation & Culture, titled “BIA Request for Beer Gardens at East Beach Concerts at the Pier”; and

Approve the White Rock Business Improvement Association’s (BIA) request to operate a beer gardens hosted by the White Rock Beach Beer Company at two “Concerts at the Pier” events on:

- **Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the East Beach parking lot, east of Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Memorial Plaza; and**
- **Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the East Beach parking lot, east of Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Memorial Plaza.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

**6.2.g BASEBALL TRAINING FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
AGREEMENT**

Corporate report dated June 12, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Baseball Training Facility Operating License Agreement".

Motion Number: 2023-248 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Endorse the terms of the Baseball Training Facility Operating License Agreement; and,**
2. **Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Recreation and Culture to execute the Baseball Training Facility Operating License Agreement.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8. POLICIES

8.1 PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE POLICY 174

The Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference was endorsed by Council on May 15, 2023. An amendment is being brought forward so that staff can make recommendations to Council on potential candidates.

Motion Number: 2023-249 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the Public Art and Culture Terms of Reference Policy 174 as presented.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

8.2 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE POLICY 164

The Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference was endorsed by Council on May 15, 2023. An amendment is being brought forward so that staff can make recommendations to Council on potential candidates.

Motion Number: 2023-250 It was MOVED and SECONDED
**THAT Council endorse the Housing Advisory Committee
Terms of Reference Policy 164 as presented.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

**9.1.a BYLAWS REGARDING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES BUSINESS
LICENCE**

9.1.a.a WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

An opportunity for public input through written submissions (questions/comments) has been made available to the public. Notice was published on the City website from May 16, 2023 to June 12, 2023.

It was noted that there were no submissions received as of the 12:00 p.m. (noon) deadline on Monday, June 12, 2023 regarding Bylaws 2472 and 2473.

**9.1.a.b BYLAW 2472 - WHITE ROCK INTER-MUNICIPAL
TNS BUSINESS LICENCE AGREEMENT BYLAW, 2023,
NO. 2472**

Bylaw 2472 - A bylaw to enter into an agreement among the participating municipalities regarding an Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services Business Licence Scheme. Bylaw 2472 received first, second and third reading on May 15, 2023 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2023-251

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Agreement Bylaw, 2023, No. 2472*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.a.c

BYLAW 2473 - WHITE ROCK INTER-MUNICIPAL TNS BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2473

Bylaw 2473 - A bylaw to permit transportation network services to operate across jurisdictional boundaries thereby minimizing the need to obtain a separate municipal business licence in each jurisdiction. Bylaw 2473 received first, second and third reading on May 15, 2023 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2023-252

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Inter-Municipal TNS Business Licence Bylaw, 2023, No. 2473*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2467 - WHITE ROCK ZONING BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2000, AMENDMENT (CD-46 - 1454 OXFORD STREET) BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2467

Bylaw 2467 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Zoning Bylaw to allow for a change in the number of units in Building B (from 43 to 125 units) at 1454 Oxford Street. The OCP and Zoning Amendment for this property were adopted by Council in 2017.

Bylaw 2467 received first and second reading on April 17, 2023, and was the subject of a public hearing on May 15, 2023. Bylaw 2467 is on the agenda for further consideration at this time.

Note: It was found there was an error on the amended bylaw, under the Intent and not within the body, that received initial

readings on April 17, 2023 in regard to the new units. There is no amendment from what was advertised for the public hearing that was held on May 15, 2023 or what was summarized about the bylaw however under the Intent it was not amended correctly and noted a total of a 121-unit residential development (not including the information from Building A).

The correct number of units for both buildings A and B and what the bylaw encompasses is a 203-unit residential development and the bylaw attached reflects this change within Schedule 2.

In accordance with motion 2023-236, this Item was removed from the agenda and not discussed at this time, it was noted that it is now scheduled to be considered at the June 26, 2023 meeting .

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2023-253 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive correspondence Item(s) 10.1 a - 10.1 b as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM - HOMES FOR PEOPLE ACTION PLAN

Correspondence dated May 9, 2023, to the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, from the District of Coldstream to inform of their concerns in regard to the Homes for People Action Plan.

10.1.b CITY OF RICHMOND - CHANGES IN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION NEEDED TO ADDRESS GAS UTILITIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Correspondence dated May 25, 2023 from the City of Richmond asking for support and requesting that a letter be sent to the

Province asking to reform the BC Utilities Commission and enact legislation to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from gas utilities in BC.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- May 17, Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- May 17, Sources Community Resources Society meeting
- May 23, RCMP – “E” Division, Lower Mainland District Mayors’ Forum meeting
- May 25, Video messaging for presentation at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University’s 13th Annual Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships Conference
- May 25, Met with MP, Kerry-Lynne Findlay
- May 25, South Surrey and White Rock Chamber of Commerce’s “Business Excellence Awards”
- May 26, Kent Street Activity Centre’s Volunteer Appreciation event
- May 26, Global Media interview on the topic of accessibility at the Pier and Waterfront
- May 27, White Rock Tennis Club’s Opening Day Event to kick off its season
- May 27, Ukrainian Fundraising Dinner and Dance event held at the Elks Club
- May 30, Metro Vancouver Mayor’s Committee
- June 1, Metro Vancouver Mayor’s Council meeting
- June 1, Golden Cactus Gallery’s Official Opening and Art Show
- June 2, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors’ meeting
- June 7, Welcomed a group of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students from Peace Arch Elementary to City Hall
- June 7, Metro Vancouver Mayors’ Committee meeting

- June 8, Grand Opening for the new Centennial Park East Side Pickleball Courts
- June 9, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee meeting
- June 10, Metro Vancouver Council of Councils meeting
- June 10, Emergency Responder Open House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony hosted by the White Rock RCMP Support Services

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Cheung noted the following information:

- May 17: Peace Arch Hospital Healthy Community Steering Committee meeting
- May 25: Fraser Health Home Health Services Info session
- May 25: White Rock South Surrey Chamber of Commerce, Hilarapy received the award of Business of the Year – Supporter of the Arts
- May 26: Kent Street Activity Centre's Volunteer Appreciation Event
- May 27: Opening season for White Rock Tennis Club
- May 27: Soft opening of a new business, One Love on Stayte Road and Pacific Avenue
- May 27: Ukrainian Fundraising Dinner and Dance
- May 31: Why Local Governments are Suing Fossil Fuel Giants
- June 1: Healthier Community Partnership Session
- June 1: Opening of Golden Cactus Gallery on Marine Drive
- June 7: TEDx Surrey Salon where the topic was Humour, Health and Happiness
- June 8: Tides of Change meeting
- June 8: Grand Opening of Centennial East Side Pickleball Courts
- June 8: Attended the City of White Rock's Brand Identity Workshop Session

- June 10: As Deputy Mayor, Ribbon Cutting for the Emergency Services Open House

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- Attendance at twenty (20) events, including the June 10 Metro Vancouver Council of Councils meeting

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- June 10, Metro Vancouver Council of Councils meeting

12. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

12.1 **MOTIONS**

12.1.a **LIMITATION OF RENT INCREASES ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

Councillors Klassen and Trevelyan requested the following resolution to be submitted for the Union of British Columbia (UBCM) convention be brought forward for consideration at this time:

Motion Number: 2023-254 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

WHEREAS given the many challenges facing small "brick and mortar" businesses, including the often financially devastating impact that an increase in rent causes when a lease expires

WHEREAS small businesses could plan ahead for operational impacts if they had foreknowledge of future rent increases

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province be requested to establish a rental limit increase on commercially zoned properties similar to the rental increase limitation(s) that govern residential rental properties.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.2.a NOTICES OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

Councillor Cheung provided two (2) Notices of Motion for consideration at the June 26, 2023 meeting:

1. ***THAT Council direct staff to review and report back regarding a pilot project program for purchase of an Annual Parking Decal option for Non-White Rock residents.***
2. ***THAT Council direct staff to review and report back regarding the construction of a waterpark at Centennial Park to be funded utilizing Community Amenity Contributions (CAC's) and possible partnership opportunities.***

12.2.b NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TREVELYAN

Councillor Trevelyan provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the June 26, 2023 meeting:

THAT Council discuss having a security guard on site at the City's parkade at the waterfront during high season.

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

14. OTHER BUSINESS

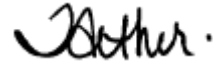
Continuation of Question and Answer Period, in accordance with motion 2023--240 Question and Answer Period took place at this time.

- T. Vanderleest, White Rock, noted concerns regarding the stability of Coldicutt Ravine (hillside erosion), following a meeting with the MLA it was noted that the City received a Community Fund Grant that may be utilized for projects of this concern and asked if Council could consider allocating grant funding for this expenditure.

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE 12, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate
Administration

Unapproved