

Special Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



June 19, 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 Gartry, Director of Financial Services
Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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.

Following the First Nations Land Acknowledgement Mayor Knight noted the passing of Chip Barrett. Chip was a White Rock resident and dedicated community builder for over 40 years. He was an architect whose specialty was below-market rental housing. His designs include the Phoenix House, a residential addiction-treatment facility in Surrey, and the Sunnyside Villas retirement residence in South Surrey, and he volunteered for many years on the White Rock Advisory Design Panel. Volunteering for worthy causes was one of Chip's passions. For decades, he was a driving force behind the White Rock/South Surrey Community Christmas Dinner which is a volunteer-led traditional turkey-and-trimmings dinner, held on the afternoon of Christmas Day, which is open, free of charge, to anyone who wants to join in. Mayor Knight on behalf of Council acknowledged Chip's remarkable longstanding service to the community.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2023-255 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its special meeting scheduled for June 19, 2023 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. 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".

This item was deferred from the June 12, 2023 Council meeting and is on the agenda for discussion at this time.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the intent of the \$5.7M Growing Communities Grant from the provincial website that the City received earlier this year. The province requirement expenditure of the grant funds is they must be utilized in the next five (5) years and the City must report on the expenditures annually. Further the funds must be used for capital infrastructure projects only and are not to be used for operational expenses (such as property taxes).

The following discussion points were noted:

- Local road improvements: Marine Drive, Johnston Road at 5 Corners would like to see a design so it's different from South Surrey (staff noted much of this is already in the capital works budget)
- using the funds for projects already in the budget may speed up the project however there is a staffing capacity issue
- CCTV cameras at the waterfront, pier and uptown (monitoring them would not be covered from these funds)
- Beach accessibility
- Barrier free study of the entire city
- Further trimming on the hump
- Beautification for Marine Drive and the Up-Town
- All season activity space (Up-Town or at Memorial Park)
- Clean up road ends and create something similar to Grouse Grind (tourist attraction and promote physical activity)
- North Bluff Corridor Study (does not qualify)

Much of the noted ideas may be addressed using Community Amenity Contributions (CAC's), approximately at this time there are \$10,000,000 in this fund.

Motion Number: 2023-256 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive the June 12, 2023, Corporate Report from the Director, Financial Services, titled “City of White Rock – Growing Communities Fund Grant;’ and**
2. **Direct staff to allocate the \$5.7M Growing Communities Fund grant funding as follows, and subject to eligibility approval from the province:**
 - **\$1.7M to affordable housing;**
 - **\$2M to the Community Hub;**
 - **1.5M to the Pier Restoration; and**
 - **\$500,000 to not be allocated so it may be utilized for other items as they arise.**

Voted in the negative (2): Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

4. **CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE 19, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 4:55 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration