

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



September 25, 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 (via electronic means)
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
Kari Laing, Director of Human Resources
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Corrine Haer, Acting Director of Engineering and Municipal
Operation
Wayne Berg, Deputy Director of Planning and Development
Services
John Stech, Manager of Community Recreation
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 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: 2023-360 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for September 25, 2023 as amended as follows:

- **Remove Items 9.1.c - 9.1.e (Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaws) to be considered instead at the next Council meeting;**
- **On-Table submission for Question and Answer Period from G. Gumley regarding public survey regarding the City's 2024 Budget; and**
- **Other Business - brief staff updates regarding the Sculpture Competition - Vandalism and a Warming Shelter.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2023-361 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the September 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD (15 MINUTES / 2 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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

As of 8:30 a.m., September 20, 2023, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

- The On-Table question from G. Gumley was noted:
Will the City provide a survey opportunity regarding the 2024 Budget? Staff confirmed there will be an opportunity for public input in this regard, a survey, similar to the City of Surrey's will be available
- C. Lightowers, White Rock, inquired as a follow up from her previous delegation to Council regarding the progress for a Warming Shelter for the upcoming fall / winter. The Mayor informed that the City is actively working with Surrey on this, we are waiting to hear back, this item is on the Surrey Council agenda for this week.
- K. Breaks, White Rock, noted safety concern regarding the crosswalk on Johnston (in front of Blue Frog Studios) as the east side is blocked from view due to the construction. Signage and line painting at minimum needs to be done, would like to see crosswalk lighting put in place (similar to what there is at Prospect Avenue) Staff noted this area is to be addressed under the Johnston Road Phase 3 project; however, repainting the cross-walk markings in the meantime is something that can be considered.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

None

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a 2023 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2022, NO. 2477, AMENDMENT NO. 2, 2023 NO. 2479

Corporate report dated September 25, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2477, Amendment No. 2, 2023, No. 2479".

Note: Bylaw 2479 is on the agenda for consideration under Item 9.1.a

Motion Number: 2023-362 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the September 25, 2023, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479”.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b ELECTRONIC SIGN ADVERTISING AT CENTENNIAL PARK

Corporate report dated September 25, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Electronic Sign Advertising at Centennial Park".

Note: Bylaw 2478 is on the agenda for consideration under Item 9.1.b

Motion Number: 2023-363 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive the corporate report dated September 25, 2023, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled “Electronic Sign Advertising at Centennial Park” for consideration; and**
- 2. Approve the key business terms of an agreement with Pattison Outdoor Advertising to become the sales agent for Centennial Park Electronic Sign advertising; and**
- 3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director, Recreation and Culture, to negotiate and execute the formal agreement for the advertising on the Centennial Park Electronic Sign with Pattison Outdoor Advertising.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

6.2.c SUMMER CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE 2023

Corporate report dated September 25, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Summer Children and Youth Program Update 2023".

The following discussion points were noted in regard to 2024 / future program offerings:

- Would like to see, seniors and youth brought together for intergenerational programs / one day of the week, they have a lot to learn from each other
- Would like to see more programs for special needs
- Requested staff to provide an approximate amount of revenue generated from the programs
Staff confirmed, wages, equipment and any needed admission fees / expenses are covered by the revenue however the revenue amount will be forwarded to Council

Motion Number: 2023-364 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated September 25, 2023, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "Summer Children and Youth Program Update 2023."

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.d BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESSING UPDATE REPORT

Corporate report dated September 25, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Building Permit Application Processing Update Report".

The following was noted:

- The information provided does not take into account subsequent permits that may be required in support of the building permits - can this too be addressed?
Staff confirmed that this can be reviewed however additional funding would be needed, can be addressed during the upcoming budget process

Motion Number: 2023-365 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated September 25, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled “Building Permit Application Processing Update Report” for information.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.e FACILITIES MASTER PLAN - COMMUNITY HUB

Corporate report dated September 25, 2023 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Facilities Master Plan - Community Hub".

Councillor Chesney departed the meeting at 4:44 p.m. and was not in attendance for the vote on this topic

Motion Number: 2023-366 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated September 11, 2023, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations, titled “Facilities Master Plan – Community Hub” for consideration; and

- 1. Endorse the asset repair and maintenance strategies outlined in the Facilities Master Plan for consideration as part of the 2024 Financial Plan process;**
- 2. Endorse the financial and conceptual work necessary to develop Council Strategic Priorities of Community and Housing & Land Use by moving forward with options for a Community Hub to replace the Evergreen Daycare, Library and City Hall and that this development work include investigation into the feasibility of incorporating civic services, with a seniors’ centre, affordable housing units, daycare space, an arts centre and market commercial-retail space as options; and**
- 3. Endorse an investigation into the sale of the Waterworks Yard on Buena Vista, housing the Waterworks Operation in expanded facilities at the Keil Street Works Yard, and using the net proceeds as a contribution towards a Community Hub.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Councillor Chesney returned to the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2023-367 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the following committee meeting minutes as circulated:

- **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee - September 13, 2023.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**7.2.a PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COUNCILLOR PARTRIDGE, CHAIRPERSON)**

Motion Number: 2023-368 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring a forward a report with information (installation, maintenance, plan regarding possible damage, budget, etc.) prior to consideration of accepting a gift of a lit bench from the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

8. POLICIES

8.1 CITY OF WHITE ROCK FLAG POLICY

The City of White Rock Flag Policy is proposed to be amended as follows:

- Remove the flag-raising at City Hall for National Indigenous Peoples Day, as this is no longer necessary given the Semiahmoo First Nation flag now flies permanently at City Hall; and,
- Adding to the annual schedule for half-masting: September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Note: The proposed changes have been reflected on the policy in red as tracked changes

Motion Number: 2023-369 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorses Policy 167 - City of White Rock Flag Policy as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

9.1 **BYLAWS**

9.1.a **BYLAW 2479 - 2023 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2022, NO. 2447, AMENDMENT NO. 2, 2023, NO. 2479**

Bylaw 2479 - A bylaw to amend the schedule "N" of the 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw in regard to parking services.

Note: Bylaw 2479 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.a

Motion Number: 2023-370 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No, 2, 2023, No. 2479".

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

9.1.b **BYLAW 2478 - WHITE ROCK SIGN BYLAW, 2010, NO. 1923, AMENDMENT NO. 7, 2023, NO. 2478**

Bylaw 2478 - A bylaw to amend the "White Rock Sign Bylaw" in regard to third party signs.

Note: Bylaw 2478 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.b

Motion Number: 2023-371 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to " *White Rock Sign Bylaw , 2010, No. 1923, Amendment No. 7, Bylaw, 2023, No. 2478*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

**9.1.c BYLAW 2471 - 2021-2024 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION
WHITE ROCK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
BYLAW, 2020, NO. 2356, AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2023, NO. 2471**

Bylaw 2471 - A bylaw to amend the 2021-2024 Permissive Tax Exemption White Rock Business Improvement Association Bylaw to grant a four (4) year municipal property tax exemption in respect of the leased property with improvements. This amendment addresses a typo in the original bylaw stating this would be granted for three (3) years. Bylaw 2471 received three (3) readings on September 11, 2023 and in accordance with the *Community Charter* the bylaw was advertised in the Peace Arch News on September 14 and 21st. Bylaw 2471 is on the agenda for final reading at this time.

In accordance with motion 2023-360 Items 9.1.c - 9.1.e (Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaws) were removed from this agenda in order to allow for further advertising and will be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

**9.1.d BYLAW 2469 - 2024-2025 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS
CENTRE FOR ACTIVE LIVING BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2469**

Bylaw 2469 - A bylaw to provide an exemption from municipal property taxes under section 224 of the *Community Charter*. Bylaw 2469 received three (3) readings on September 11, 2023 and in accordance with the *Community Charter* the bylaw was advertised in the Peace Arch News on September 14 and 21st. Bylaw 2469 is on the agenda for final reading at this time.

**9.1.e BYLAW 2468 - 2024-2031 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION
WHITE ROCK LAWN BOWLING CLUB BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2468**

Bylaw 2468 - A bylaw to provide an exemption from municipal property taxes under section 224 of the *Community Charter*. Bylaw 2468 received three (3) readings on September 11, 2023 and in

accordance with the *Community Charter* the bylaw was advertised in the Peace Arch News on September 14 and 21st. Bylaw 2468 is on the agenda for final reading at this time.

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 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.

Note: Council may wish to refer this matter to staff for consideration and response.

Motion Number: 2023-372 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive correspondence Item 10.1 a as circulated.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a KIDSPORT BC POWERED BY SPORT BC WEEK OCTOBER 1 - 7, 2023

Correspondence dated September 6, 2023 from the Director of KidSport BC requesting support for a province-wide initiative called KidSport BC Powered by Sport BC Week from October 1 - 7, 2023.

Note: Council Policy No. 109 notes that the City of White Rock does not make official proclamations. Items 10.1.a has been included under correspondence for public information purposes only.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Sept 13, Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- Sept 13, White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition Opening Remarks

- Sept 18 - 20, Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conference - Attended a meeting with Minister Kahlon, Ministry of Housing, and attended TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Media Conference

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- Sept. 14, Opening of the White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition produced by the White Rock Events Society
- Sept. 16, Hospice Hula for the Peace Arch Hospice Society
- Sept 20, As Acting Deputy Mayor spoke at the city-organized event Poetry in Motion opening celebration

Councillor Trevelyan noted the following information:

- Sept 23, Canadian Walk for Veterans
- Also attended UBCM and noted the Empty Store Front Tax Resolution was adopted

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- Sept 30, Truth and Reconciliation Walk
- The Art Tour held last week-end

Councillor Klassen noted the following information:

- The last two (2) weeks White Rock has really shown they are an Arts Community with the various exciting events that have been hosted

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

None

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

14. OTHER BUSINESS

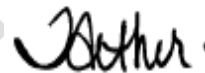
In accordance with motion 2023-360 the following topics were added to the agenda for staff to give a brief update on:

- White Rock Promenade Sculpture Competition - recent vandalism
Staff noted this is not a City run event and we don't believe the society has funds to hire security, this can be significant at an approximate cost of \$23 to \$25 per hour
- Warming Shelter, last year this function included the Mount Olive Church who then ran operations from 10 pm until the morning. Now with no overnight connection this is very challenging. The City does not have the resources or the funds for this however we are actively working with the City of Surrey on this topic

15. CONCLUSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration