

## Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

### Minutes



November 6, 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  
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief  
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: 15 (approximately)

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#### 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.*

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2023-421** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for November 6, 2023 as amended to include:**

- **motion under Item 12.1.b for Council to discuss and consider a request to attend the BC Affordable Housing Conference.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2023-422** It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **October 30, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes [Development Variance Permit 455 (15643 Buena Vista Avenue)].**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2023-423** It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **October 30, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes.**

**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., November 1, 2023, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

The following On-Table submission was noted:

- G. Gumley, White Rock submitted the following On-Table question in regard to the cost for a "warming centre":

Last spring Council approved approximately \$3.6M of the operating surplus for 2022 to be allocated to a new "Emergency Reserve Fund", is it possible to allocate the required \$480,000 for the 2023-2024 warming centre cost from that fund?

Staff responded noting the 2022 surplus has been fully allocated, and it is not advisable to support ongoing operational expenses with surplus funds or reserve funds. Staff would suggest integrating the funds into the City's base budget for continuous funding and support.

**Motion Number: 2023-424** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by noon (12:00 p.m.) November 6, 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**

- C. Bennet-Clark, White Rock, noted support for the motion on the agenda this evening in regard to a Warming Centre; however, would like to see an amendment where consideration be given that the Kent Street Activity Centre be utilized for an overnight shelter noting it was a good location for a Community Connection Centre as she had previously described at the October 30, 2023 Council meeting.
- C. Lightowlers, White Rock, noted support for the motion on the agenda this evening regarding a Warming Centre in White Rock.
- J. Villeneuve, Surrey, noted she's seen many sleeping on the streets, the City needs to look at this issue, it is a responsibility to take care of people and an overnight shelter is also needed, encouraged White Rock to work with the City of Surrey.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)**

**5.1.a WHITE ROCK YOUTH AMBASSADORS**

The 2023/ 2024 Youth Ambassadors were in attendance and updated the public about the program and their volunteering in the White Rock Community.

2023/2024 Ambassador Team: Miss White Rock, Andrea Luo, Princess, Sarah Yu, Princess, Amber Yang, Principal Ambassador, John Meleppuram, Friendship Ambassador, Eunsoo Oh, Ambassadors, Arthur Li, Aria Wang and Joanna Cai.

**5.2 PETITIONS**

None

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

**6.1.a LAURAE MCNALLY - WHITE ROCK SCHOOL TRUSTEE**

Laurae McNally, White Rock School Trustee, attended to inform about the current high enrollment within the City of Surrey / White Rock school district that they are working to accommodate. The enrollment continues to grow, the school district is looking at various ways to accommodate this as high land costs have also impacted the building of new schools.

**6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS**

**6.2.a CONTRACT AWARD - MARINE DRIVE AND NICHOL ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

Corporate report dated November 6, 2023 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Contract Award - Marine Drive and Nichol Road Intersection Improvements".

**Motion Number: 2023-425** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated November 6, 2023, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations, titled "Contract Award - Marine Drive and Nichol Road Intersection Improvements" for consideration; and**

1. **Approve the award of the Marine Drive and Nichol Road Intersection Improvements to Lafarge Canada Inc. in the amount of \$480,291 (excluding GST);**
2. **Approve the award of engineering inspection and engineering support for the Marine Drive and Nichol Road Intersection Improvements to R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$30,000 (excluding GST);**
3. **Authorize the pre-approved contingency in the amount of \$126,128 (approximately 25%) to support the project; and**
4. **Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute all contract documentation required for the project.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.b 2024 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2480**

Corporate report dated November 6, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023, No. 2480".

**Note:** Bylaw 2480 is on the agenda for consideration of first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.a

**Motion Number: 2023-426** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive the November 6, 2023, corporate report from the Director, Financial Services, "2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023, No. 2480".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**6.2.c COMMUNITY HUB NEXT STEPS**

Corporate report dated November 6, 2023 from the Chief Administrative Officer titled "Community Hub Next Steps".

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a PowerPoint introducing the project of a Community Hub, what it could mean for the City of

White Rock and how it is aligned with Council's current Strategic Priorities.

**Motion Number: 2023-427** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council appoints the following to the internal Community Hub Steering Committee:**

- **Mayor Knight and Councillor Lawrence as the two (2) members of Council noted in the Terms of Reference as circulated Policy 175;**
- **Director, Engineering & Municipal Operations;**
- **Director of Planning and Development Services;**
- **Director of Financial Services; and**
- **Community Hub Project Manager.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2023-428** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council:**

1. **Establishes a “Community Hub Steering Committee;”**
2. **Approves the Community Hub Steering Committee Terms of Reference, Policy 175, as circulated;**
3. **Support the Chief Administrative Officer for the required time to complete the committee mandate; and**
4. **Direct staff to post and hire a Community Hub Project Manager funded from Capital Reserves.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

#### **6.2.d ANDION BIOGAS UPDATE**

Corporate report dated November 6, 2023 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Andion Biogas Update".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would like to see the operation closed, not only monitored, for the time period needed if emissions are not within the permitted parameters
- Would like to see an open Town Hall scheduled for the project in order to fully engage the public

**Motion Number: 2023-429** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive the corporate report dated November 6, 2023, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations, titled “Andion Biogas Project Update” for consideration and that Council:**

1. Thank Metro Vancouver for its October 30, 2023, letter in response to Council’s motion 2023-382 and,
2. Advise Metro Vancouver that many White Rock residents expressed concerns with and opposition to the biogas facility or its proposed location, and,
3. Requests that Metro Vancouver closely monitors any facility construction and operation to ensure that all emissions are within the parameters set forth in the permit application attached as Appendix B.

**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**

None

9. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

9.1 **BYLAWS**

9.1.a **BYLAW 2480 - 2024 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2480**

Bylaw 2480 - A Bylaw to impose fees and charges for various services offered by the City that are not included in any other City Bylaw.

**Note:** Bylaw 2480 was the subject of a Corporate Report under Item 6.2.b.

**Motion Number: 2023-430** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023, No. 2480".**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

9.2 **PERMITS**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 **CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

**Motion Number: 2023-431** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council receive correspondence item(s) 10.1 a as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

10.1.a **METRO VANCOUVER - STREAMLINING THE DELIVERY OF RENTAL HOUSING THROUGH PRE-APPROVED PLANS AND OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION**

Correspondence dated October 31, 2023 from Metro Vancouver looking to identify municipalities interested in joining a project led by the Province to explore pre-approved building plans and off-site construction to streamline the delivery of rental housing.



**Motion Number: 2023-432** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council directs staff to forward correspondence to Metro Vancouver to notify they would be interested in joining a project led by the Province to explore pre-approved building plans and off-site construction to streamline the delivery of rental housing.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## **11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Nov 2, Metro Vancouver's Regional Planning Committee Joint meeting with Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Committee
- Nov 2, Interview for Varing Magazine
- Nov 2, Metro Vancouver's George Massey Crossing Task Force meeting
- Nov 3, Metro Vancouver's regional Planning Committee meeting
- Nov 4, Annual Sources Community Resource Foundation's Fundraising Gala

### **11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Cheung noted the following information:

- Nov 1, HAVAN, Annual Dinner
- Nov 2, City's Housing Advisory Committee meeting
- Nov 4, Semiahmoo First Nation Ceremony at SFU
- Nov 4, Annual Sources Community Resource Foundation's Fundraising Gala

## 12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

### 12.1 MOTIONS

#### 12.1.a DAYTIME WARMING SHELTER

Councillor Klassen put forward the following motion for consideration at this time:

The following discussion points were noted:

- The City / Municipalities need assistance from the Province to help in regard to homelessness / shelters / warming centres
- The City of Surrey should be helping in regard to homeless in need, a nighttime service is needed to work with a daytime warming centre
- This is a need in our community along with the South Surrey area
- Would like to see fundraisers to help with this and for those in the Community who are already dedicated to this matter to provide further solutions

**Motion Number: 2023-433** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council:**

1. ***Direct staff to send correspondence to the City of Surrey requesting 50% of the cost to operate a daytime warming center from November 20th 2023 to March 15th 2024, with the expected share from Surrey being approximately \$180,000; and***
2. ***Direct staff to rent and locate the warming center trailer at Centennial Park at the parking lot at Vine Avenue and Anderson Street; and***
3. ***Direct staff to engage and direct the awarding of the provision of warming center services to Engaged Communities Canada Society;***
4. ***Staff to receive any donations provided from the public as deferred revenue and that funds received be allocated to the warming center; and***

5. ***Approve the costs to be funded from 2023 surplus for operation from November 20th to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and pre-approve funds from taxation for the 2024 5-Year Financial Plan to cover operation from January 1 to March 15th, 2024, for a total cost of up to \$360,000.***

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

**Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)**

#### **12.1.b COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT BC AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE**

In accordance with motion 2023-421 Councillor Cheung requested the following motion in regard to attendance at the BC Affordable Housing Conference be considered at this time.

**Motion Number: 2023-434** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council endorse consideration of a motion at this time, due to a tight timeline where the BC Affordable Housing Conference will be held prior to the next Council meeting.**

**Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**Motion Number: 2023-435** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT Council endorse Councillor Cheung attending the BC Affordable Housing Conference to be held November 20 – 22, 2023 in Vancouver at an approximate cost of \$546 (registration fee).**

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

**Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)**

#### **12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

#### **13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

15. **CONCLUSION OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:11 p.m.

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Mayor Knight



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Tracey Arthur, Director of  
Corporate Administration

Unapproved