

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



November 27, 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
Wayne Berg, Acting 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
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Chris Zota, Chief Information Officer
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public: 35 (approximately)

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: 2023-436 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 27, 2023, as amended to:

- **Add an On Table submission for Question and Answer period (from G. Gumley) under Item 4; and**
- **Remove the motion regarding Johnston Road City of White Rock signage, Item 12.1.a.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2023-437 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the November 6, 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., November 22, 2023, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

Motion Number: 2023-438 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 27, 2023, included as “On-Table” information provided by Mr. Gumley with a notation that staff responded via email.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

- M. Harding, Surrey, from the Clean Air Alliance (representing nearly 9,000 persons who are opposed to the Biofuel Project and noted the additional 500 that attended a rally at the Peace Arch and approximately 50 who attended a rally on November 6)), inquired if Council can provide additional information from the meeting held with Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN) and if they can count on the Mayor's support at the Metro Board to oppose the project.

Mayor Knight noted there is no information to provide from the meeting with SFN and informed there is only one (1) person at Metro handling the application, it is not coming to the Board for discussion.

- E. Hallenburg, Surrey, provided information on the emissions modelling report. Questioned what are they and asked that page 12 of the report be referred to. Noted the source material is not uniform as there are many factors of the waste to consider. Questioned if the worst-case scenario model runs have been asked for? As well concern was noted that within the study it is stated that the author does not accept responsibility for the accuracy or data analysis. Concern for the environment and the potential smell from the plant.

Mayor Knight noted the Federal Government, Semiahmoo First Nation and/or District Director of Metro Vancouver should be contacted with these concerns as White Rock does not have the jurisdiction or expertise to address this matter.

- R. Lovelace, Surrey, gave approximately 1.35 minutes of her time to Mr. Hallenburg to continue, who spoke above, and following this inquired how will White Rock monitor the emissions of the proposed biofuel plant and if the emissions exceed permitted safety standards how will that be addressed by the City of White Rock?

Mayor noted this would be addressed by Metro Vancouver as they are issuing the permit.

- S. Smith, Surrey, noted concern regarding safety of the proposed biofuel project and inquired how would White Rock respond should

there be an emergency event caused from the project?

Staff stated there is a Response Plan with Surrey and SFN. SFN currently contract with the City of Surrey for Fire Services and anything beyond that would need to be negotiated.

- S. Kristjanson, White Rock, noted concern with the health and safety of the environment regarding the biofuel project to be constructed on SFN land. Stated that when there is no wind there will be a smell within the low-lying areas and further concern with monitoring the site, due to it being on SFN land if there will be oversight of the monitoring - there would need to be an agreement with SFN and the province, this is an option that is requested to be explored.
- F. MacDermid, White Rock, inquired if the City had planned for there to be a referendum regarding the proposed Community Hub.

Staff noted this would be required should the City have to borrow funding for the project, at this time it is not expected there would be the need to borrow so there would not be a referendum in regard to the proposed Community Hub.

Note: It appeared there was still a number of people who wanted to participate in Question and Answer Period so the following vote was taken:

Motion Number: 2023-439 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse Question and Answer Period be extended for a further 15 minutes prior to the conclusion of this meeting.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a KARIN BJERKE-LISLE - WHITE ROCK MUSEUM & ARCHIVES UPDATE

Karin Bjerke-Lisle, Executive Director, and Hugh Ellenwood, Archives Manager attend to provide an update regarding the White Rock Museum and Archives.

It was noted that White Rock items of historical nature are appreciated and the public are encouraged to contact the Museum to explore the possibility of donating archival items.

5.1.b CLINT MORRISON AND DARRYL WALKER - SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Clint Morrison and Darryl Walker attended to discuss and inform regarding the Surrey Special Olympics.

5.1.c LAWRENCE NASH - REQUEST TO BAN GASOLINE LEAF BLOWERS IN THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK

Dr. Lawrence Nash, community member, attended to request consideration of a ban on gasoline leaf blowers within White Rock city limits, provided information on research articles and statistics on this matter.

5.1.d HUGH SMITH - FREE PARKING ON THE WATERFRONT AT CHRISTMAS

Hugh Smith, community member, attend to request that Council consider free waterfront parking from November 30 to January 1 annually and to evaluate the White Rock Business Improvement Association, consider Explore White Rock to replace this entity.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a LATECOMER INTEREST RATE BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2088, AMENDMENT NO. 5, 2023, NO. 2483

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2015, No. 2088, Amendment No. 5, 2023, No. 2483".

Note: Bylaw 2483 is on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.a

Motion Number: 2023-440 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the November 27, 2023, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2015, No. 2088, Amendment No. 5, 2023, No. 2483”.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b WATER SERVICES BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2117, AMENDMENT NO. 13, BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2481

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 13, Bylaw, 2023, No. 2481".

Note: Bylaw 2481 is on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.b

Motion Number: 2023-441 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the November 27, 2023, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 13, Bylaw, 2023, No. 2481.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c BUDGET 2024 SURVEY UPDATE

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Budget 2024 Survey Update".

The following discussion point was noted:

- Would like to see further ways to engage the public regarding the budget

Staff noted future City publications from Finance in the New Year can be a way to accommodate this

Motion Number: 2023-442 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated November 27, 2023, from the Director of Financial Services, titled “Budget 2024 Survey Update” for information.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.d BUDGET 2024 UPDATE

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Budget 2024 Update".

The Director of Financial Services provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed 2024 budget and the proposed timeline to complete the City's budget process. The information gathered today will be included in the large financial document, scheduled to be presented December 11, 2023 (high level consolidated budget).

The following discussion points were noted:

- Grant Writer, consideration of hiring a consultant for this rather than a full-time permanent position (could be on a trial basis) and to be funded from capital funds
- Daytime Warming Centre, it was clarified this item was added by a previous Council resolution to the budget as a standing item. Should funding be provided (grants, donations, partnerships) the allotted budget amount will be moved to surplus. Keeping this as a standing budget item will save having to scramble to find funds and make arrangements each year - certainty will ensure an RFP can be done for those to provide the service and help with setting up rental contracts etc.
- \$35,000 for service with a dog kennel, currently the City does not have this, we pay for the total stay of the dog and the funds required for the adoption service.

Staff will get back with what has been spent on this item for the past few years (prior to making a final decision on this item)

- Parade Float design should go to the Public Art and Culture Committee

Motion Number: 2023-443 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to reduce the proposed Grant Writer position to \$50,000 (using a consultant rather than salary employee) where it will be funded from the capital budget rather than the operational budget.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

Note: Following this amendment, the proposed tax increase will be 5.72%

Motion Number: 2023-444 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the operational budget as presented and amended this evening with a 5.72% tax increase.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.e JOHNSTON ROAD PHASE 2 UPDATE

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023, from the Manager of Engineering titled "Johnston Road Phase 2 Update".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Extended construction hours would be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and to include construction on Saturdays
- Communication plan must include the Business Improvement Association and the Chamber of Commerce
- Would like to see an option to keep one (1) lane open during construction as well as full road closure

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting noting Conflict of Interest due to he being a business owner on Johnston Road at 6:22 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Motion Number: 2023-445 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Receive the corporate report dated November 27, 2023, from the Manager of Engineering, titled “Johnston Road Phase 2 Update” for consideration; and**
2. **Approve the public engagement strategy outlined herein.**

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-446 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the RFP request include both a full road closure and an option to leave one (1) lane open of the Johnston Road corridor between Russell Avenue and Thrift Avenue (pedestrian access to all businesses will be provided for the duration of the project) for the period required of the option selected in order to optimize construction and minimize disruption to the White Rock community (example it is estimated to be a six (6) month closure of full road).

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

Motion Number: 2023-447 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse extended construction hours and intersection night work to support the project.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

Motion Number: 2023-448 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with a Request for Proposal on BC Bid as outlined in this corporate report November 27, 2023 titled "Johnston Road Phase 2 Update" and include an option to have one (1) lane open during construction period.

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

6.2.f OXFORD AND NORTH BLUFF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SURREY

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Manager of Engineering titled "Oxford and North Bluff Intersection Improvements - Cost Sharing Agreement with City of Surrey".

Motion Number: 2023-449 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated November 27, 2023, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Oxford and North Bluff Intersection Improvements – Cost Sharing Agreement with City of Surrey" for consideration; and

- 1. Authorize the City of Surrey to project manage the Oxford and North Bluff Intersection Improvements;**
- 2. Approve the amount of \$337,500 (excluding GST) as the City of White Rock's portion of the Oxford and North Bluff Intersection Improvements and authorize an additional \$85,000 (approximately 25%) in contingency;**
- 3. Authorize the City of Surrey to install an emergency water connection prior to the intersection improvements in the amount of \$60,000 (excluding GST) and authorize an additional \$15,000 (approximately 25%) in contingency; and**

4. **Authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute the cost sharing agreement and any contract documentation required for the project.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.g CCTV CAMERAS IN THE UPTOWN AND WATERFRONT AREAS

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Chief Information Officer titled "CCTV Cameras in the Uptown and Waterfront Areas".

Motion Number: 2023-450 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated November 27, 2023, from the Chief Information Officer, titled "CCTV Cameras in the Uptown and Waterfront Areas" for consideration; and

1. **Direct staff to:**
 - a. **Engage the RCMP Detachment and identify critical areas where CCTV cameras could be installed in public areas, yet not monitored live, to deter violent crime and anti-social behavior, and collect evidence to help solve violent crime; and**
 - b. **Undertake a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process.**

Voted in the negative (2): Mayor Knight, and Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (5 to 2)

6.2.h SURREY SCHOOLS, ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SITE PROPOSAL 2024/2025

Corporate report dated November 27, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Surrey Schools, Eligible School Site Proposal 2024/2025".

Motion Number: 2023-451 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council accepts the certified resolution of the Board of Education of School District No.36 (Surrey) attached as Appendix "A," and:

- a) receive this report for information;
- b) endorse, in principle, the Surrey School District's Eligible School Sites Proposal 2024-2025, attached as Appendix "A," and
- c) instruct the City Clerk to forward a copy of this report and the related Council resolution to the Surrey School District.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2023-452 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Housing Advisory Committee - November 2, 2023.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-453 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee - November 8, 2023.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-454 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Housing Advisory Committee - November 15, 2023.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Note: Committee recommendation 2023-PACAC-024 (International Artist Day) will be brought forward with a corporate report for consideration January, 2024.

7.2.a.a WALKWAYS SIGNAGE

Motion Number: 2023-455

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the installation of up to 12 informative signs in the Walkways District, to be located at the north entrance of each walkway, using capital reserve funds up to an amount of \$20,000.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

8. POLICIES

None

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

9.1.a BYLAW 2483 - LATECOMER INTEREST RATE BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2088, AMENDMENT NO. 5, 2023, NO. 2483

Bylaw 2483 - A bylaw to amend the Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw with respect to the calculating of interest for latecomer charges.

Note: Bylaw 2483 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.a

Motion Number: 2023-456 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2015, No. 2088, Amendment No. 5, 2023, No. 2483*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2481 - WATER SERVICES BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2117, AMENDMENT NO. 13, BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2481

Bylaw 2481 - A bylaw to amend the Water Services Bylaw with respect to Schedule A (Water Service Fees).

Note: Bylaw 2481 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.b

Motion Number: 2023-457 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 13, Bylaw, 2023, No. 2481*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.c 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. Bylaw 2480 received first, second and third reading on November 6, 2023 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2023-458 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final 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

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would like to Council register opposition to the new Bill legislation regarding additional housing
- Council could go through the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) who advocates on behalf of municipalities

Motion Number: 2023-459 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a PRIMECorp 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Correspondence dated November 1, 2023 from the Chief Executive Officer, PRIMECorp, providing the PRIMECorp 2022-23 Annual Report and Financial Statement, covering the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

10.1.b METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF OCTOBER 27, 2023

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief information regarding the October 27, 2023 meetings.

10.1.c MINISTER OF HOUSING - BILL 44

Correspondence dated November 9, 2023 from the Office of the Minister of Housing to give additional information in regard to Bill 44 that was introduced to support communities to deliver homes that people need quickly by allowing small-scale multi-unit housing across BC.

**10.1.d BC UNITED SHADOW MINISTER FOR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS -
BILL 45**

Correspondence dated November 10, 2023 from the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to inform regarding Bill 45, the *Miscellaneous States Amendment Act (No 4), 2023* noting there are implications for municipal government regarding what they may do when encountering encampments.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight noted the following information:

- Reminder of Bright Walk in White Rock opening Saturday, December 2 to Sunday, January 7, 2024 (free-light display in Memorial Park)

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

12.1.a WHITE ROCK SIGNAGE AT JOHNSTON ROAD

In accordance with motion 2023-436 the following motion was not considered at this time / this meeting.

Councillors Partridge and Klassen have provided the following motion for consideration at this time:

THAT Council direct staff to bring a corporate report with options for updating or replacing the "Welcome to White Rock" sign located at 15190 North Bluff Road to a maximum of \$20,000 and authorize up to \$3,000 to hire a graphic designer to provide some initial options.

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

14. OTHER BUSINESS

In accordance with motion 2023-439 Question and Answer Period was resumed at this time for a further possible 15 minutes:

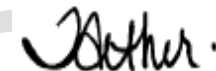
- S. Smith, Surrey, asked if the Mayor would request if Kathy Preston would delay her decision on air quality permit until after the impact assessment review is completed by the Federal government.

Mayor Knight noted she would check with her Board on this and then determine.

15. CONCLUSION OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of
Corporate Administration