

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



December 11, 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
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development
John Stech, Manager of Recreation
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: 15 (approx.)

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.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number: 2023-463 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for December 11, 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 a ban for gas powered leaf blowers, Item 12.1.b.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number: 2023-464 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock adopt the November 27, 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., December 6, 2023, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

Motion Number: 2023-465 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by noon (12:00 p.m.) December 11, 2023, including “On-Table” information provided by Mr. Gumley in regard to the Bright Walk in White Rock event.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

K. Jones, White Rock, inquired when street improvements are expected to be completed at Finlay Street, Russell Avenue and Maple Street. Some noted outstanding items included: BC Tel to be removed from poles and then they need to be removed, sidewalks to be resurfaced from asphalt to concrete, guy wire on hydro poles not needed, manholes some have a dip around them and sink holes at Russell Avenue and Finlay Street.

Staff noted they would look into this and encouraged residents to use the Request for Service portal on the City website to report such issues.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a JIM DAVIDSON - WHITE ROCK MURAL PROPOSAL

Jim Davidson, Artist, appeared as a delegation to propose a painted mural on the north side of Victoria Avenue (between Foster and Martin).

The proposed mural would be located at Foster and Martin Street on Victoria Avenue. It is proposed to be between 10 and 17 feet high. This large piece of public art has an opportunity to raise funds for the Salmon Hatchery by creating limited edition prints of the mural.

Motion Number: 2023-466 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the White Rock Mural Proposal from Mr. Davidson to the City's Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee for consideration.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

5.1.b CLEAN AIR ALLIANCE - BIOFUEL PROPOSAL FOR SEMIAHMOO FIRST NATION

Speaking on behalf of the delegation was Jim Gouk and Nav Maharaj who provided a PowerPoint: Clean Air, We Care, and requested the following summary of Council:

- publicly state opposition of the building of the plant
- write to Metro Vancouver opposing the issuance of the permit
- request a one year on-site modelling study using local data

Mayor Knight noted she is working with MLA Kerry Lynne Findlay on the request for there to be a public town hall on the project so questions raised can be answered.

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a SPECIAL EVENTS 2024

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Special Events 2024".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Would like to see the Night Market by the Pier held in the Up-Town area & request the Business Improvement Association be consulted with
- Concern there will be two (2) Comedy Festivals
- White Rock Farmers' market Christmas Edition would like to see some collaboration of this with Christmas on the Peninsula, perhaps combine the events (1 large event)

Motion Number: 2023-467 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the following new event for 2024:

- a. **Yoga for All.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-468 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve the following new event for 2024:

- a. **Oxford Hill Climb.**

Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Cheung declared a Conflict of Interest due to her affiliation with the event and departed the meeting at 4.44 p.m.

Motion Number: 2023-469 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve the following new event for 2024:

- a. **South Rock Comedy Festival.**

Conflict (1): Councillor Cheung

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Councillor Cheung returned to the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Motion Number: 2023-470 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve the following new event for 2024:

- a. **Night Market by the Pier.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-471 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve the following new event for 2024:

- a. **Anniversary Celebration of The Grey Whale Family.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-472 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve the following new event for 2024:

- a. **White Rock Farmer's Market Christmas Edition.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-473 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council direct staff to work with organizers to obtain more information to bring back to Council related to the two following proposed events:

1. **South Asian Festival; and**
2. **Uptown Music Festival.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.b WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATION

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "White Rock Community Centre Renovation".

The following discussion points were noted:

- Concern with the proposed numbers to utilize the new facility, it is a large amount to complete, and it will take time to recover the funds
- Would like to see where the Community Hub goes prior, perhaps something like this can be incorporated
- Not sure if this is needed at this time

Motion Number: 2023-474 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information, the report dated December 11, 2023, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "White Rock Community Centre Renovation," for consideration of the 2024 capital plan.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.c 2024 FOOD CART PROGRAM

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "2024 Food Cart Program".

Motion Number: 2023-475 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the new Food Cart Program Guidelines including applicant requirements, evaluation criteria and minimum vendor performance as outlined in this corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "2024 Food Cart Program".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.d FIVE CORNERS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Manager of Engineering titled "Five Corners Improvement Project - Public and Stakeholder Engagement".

The following discussion points were noted:

- The timeline of two (2) years may be excessive, would like to see this done quicker, consultation should be done sooner as opposed to later
- Business Improvement Association (BIA) should be involved right away
- May be opportunity for placemaking with this project

Motion Number: 2023-476 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated December 11, 2023, from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Five Corners Improvement Project – Public and Stakeholder Engagement" for consideration; and

- 1. Approve the public and stakeholder engagement plan outlined herein; and**
- 2. Direct staff to process and proceed with the public and stakeholder engagement.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.e COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE BYLAW, 2015, NO. 2084, AMENDMENT NO. 10, 2024, NO. 2491

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Manager of Operations titled "Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw 2015, No. 2084, Amendment No. 10, 2024 No. 2491".

Note: Bylaw 2491 is on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Item 9.1.a

Motion Number: 2023-477 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the Corporate Report dated December 11, 2023, from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations, titled "Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw 2015, No. 2084, Amendment No. 10, 2024 No. 2491".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.f 2024 ANNUAL UTILITY RATES BYLAW

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 Annual Utility Rates Bylaw".

Note: 2024 Annual Utility Rates Bylaws (Bylaw 2489, 2488, 2487 and 2486) are on the agenda for consideration of staff recommended first, second and third reading under Items 9.1.b - 9.1.e

Motion Number: 2023-478 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the December 11, 2023, corporate report from the Director, Financial Services, titled "2024 Annual Utility Rates Bylaw" for consideration and subsequent approval and adoption.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

6.2.g 2024-2028 DRAFT ASSET IMPROVEMENT FINANCIAL PLAN

Corporate report dated December 11, 2023 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 - 2028 Draft Asset Improvement Financial Plan".

The following discussion point was noted:

- City Hall / Annex renovation details are needed for this project
Staff noted a report will be brought forward to Council in January

Motion Number: 2023-479 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to remove the following from the 2024-2028 Draft Asset Improvement Financial Plan:

- The proposed renovation to the White Rock Community Centre to accommodate expansion of the gym.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-480 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. Receive for information the corporate report dated December 11, 2023, from the Director, Financial Services, titled "2024 – 2028 Draft Asset Improvement Financial Plan";
2. Endorse the presented Draft Asset Improvement Financial Plan figures; and
3. Direct staff to proceed with preparing the consolidated 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan and to include the projects and amounts detailed in the 2024 – 2028 Draft Asset Improvement Plan.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2023-481 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Internal Community Hub Steering Committee – Nov 29, 2023.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

8. POLICIES

None

9. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

9.1 BYLAWS

9.1.a BYLAW 2491 - COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE BYLAW 2015, NO. 2084, AMENDMENT NO. 10, 2024, NO. 2491

Bylaw 2491 - A bylaw to amend the Collection Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw in relation to collection hours (between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

Note: Bylaw 2491 is the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.e

Motion Number: 2023-482 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw 2015, No. 2084, Amendment No. 10, 2024, No. 2491*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2489 - COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE BYLAW 205, NO. 2084, AMENDMENT NO. 9, 2023 NO. 2489

Bylaw 2489 - A bylaw to amend the Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw in relation to solid waste collection service fees (Schedule A)

Note: Bylaw 2489 is the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.f

Motion Number: 2023-483 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to
"Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw 2015, No. 2084, Amendment No. 9, 2023 No. 2489".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.c BYLAW 2488 - SEWER CONNECTION AND RENTAL CHARGES BYLAW, 1970, NO. 396, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2488

Bylaw 2488 - A bylaw to amend the Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Bylaw in relation to rental fees (Schedule B).

Note: Bylaw 2488 is the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.f

Motion Number: 2023-484 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to " Sewer Connection and Rental Charges Bylaw, 1970, No. 396, Amendment Bylaw, 2023, No. 2488".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.d BYLAW 2487 - WHITE ROCK DRAINAGE UTILITY USER FEE BYLAW, 2004, NO. 1739, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2023, NO. 2487

Bylaw 2487 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Drainage Utility User Fee Bylaw in relation to Drainage Utility Fees (Schedule A).

Note: Bylaw 2487 is the subject of a corporate report under item 6.2.f

Motion Number: 2023-485 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to " White Rock Drainage Utility User Fee Bylaw, 2004, No. 1739, Amendment Bylaw, 2023, No. 2487".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.e BYLAW 2486 - WHITE ROCK SECONDARY SUITE SERVICE FEE BYLAW, 2012, NO. 2009, AMENDMENT NO. 8, 2023, NO. 2486

Bylaw 2486 - A bylaw to amend the White Rock Secondary Suite Service Fee Bylaw in relation to fee amounts (Section 3 to be deleted and replaced).

Note: Bylaw 2486 is the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.f

Motion Number: 2023-486 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "*White Rock Secondary Suite Service Fee Bylaw, 2012, No. 2009, Amendment No. 8, 2023, No. 2486*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.f 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. Bylaw 2483 was given three (3) readings on November 27, 2023 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2023-487 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.1.g 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). Bylaw 2481 was given three (3) readings on November 27, 2023 and is on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2023-488 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to " *Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 13, Bylaw, 2023, No. 2481*".

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Note: Council Policy No. 109 notes that the City of White Rock does not make official proclamations. Item 10.a has been included under correspondence for public information purposes only

Motion Number: 2023-489 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

10.1.a ALL NATIONS OUTREACH - INDIGENOUS SURVIVORS DAY - JUNE 30, 2024

Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 sent on behalf of All Nations Outreach requesting that June 30, 2024 be proclaimed as Indigenous Survivors Day.

Note: The City of White Rock recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th

10.1.b METRO VANCOUVER BOARD IN BRIEF

Metro Vancouver Board in Brief information from the November 24, 2023 meetings.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

- Nov 29, Lower Mainland Local Government Association and CIVIC Info BC's client information session
- Nov 29, City's Community Hub Steering Committee meeting
- Nov 30, Semiahmoo Rotary Club meeting where on behalf of the City accepted a donation from the Friends of the Pier Fundraising Committee in the amount of \$100,000
- Nov 30, Lower Mainland Local Government Association and CIVIC Info BC's client information session continued
- Dec 2, Bright Walk in White Rock opening (the event runs to January 7, 2023)
- Dec 6, Semiahmoo Secondary School's Grade 10 student careers event (mock interviews performed)
- Dec 9, CARP Christmas event

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Cheung noted the following information:

- Nov 28, Business Improvement Association Annual General meeting
- Nov 29 - 30, Lower Mainland Local Government Associations and CIVIC Info BC's client information sessions
- Dec 6, Semiahmoo Secondary School's Grade 10 student careers event (mock interviews performed)

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- The City has set up a donation feature for the public to donate funds for the Daytime Warming Centre
- The Rotary Club of White Rock and the White Rock Elks #431 have brought back the FEED MY CITY program to the peninsula (will run till Spring 2024)

Councillor Chesney noted the following information:

- Dec 9, Welcome for Happy Hanukah ceremony
- Dec 14, Kent Street Annual Mistletoe lunch

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

12.1.a CONCERNS REGARDING HOUSING BILL 44, BILL 46 AND BILL 47

Note: The Motion was withdrawn following it being noted there would be more information expected on this matter in the coming weeks. Staff were asked to place it again on the next Council agenda for consideration.

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

THAT Council authorize staff to draft and dispatch a letter, under the Mayor's signature and on behalf of City Council, addressed to the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing expressing concerns regarding Bill 44, Bill 46, and Bill 47

12.1.b CALL FOR BAN OF USE OF GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

In accordance with motion 2023-463 this item was not considered at this time.

Councillor Chesney provided the following motion for consideration at this time:

THAT Council call for a ban on the usage of gas powered leaf blowers in White Rock.

12.1.c COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT UPDATES

The following are updates for consideration by Council in regard to current Committee appointments:

Motion Number: 2023-490 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council Amend the Council representation on the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) for 2024 as follows:

- Rescind the appointment of Councillor Chesney to HAC, as per his request; and
- Appoint Councillor Lawrence to HAC, in Councillor Chesney's place, whereby Councillor Lawrence will now be Chairperson of HAC for 2024.

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-491 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Rescind the appointment of Councillor Klassen as representative from the South Surrey White Rock Chamber of Commerce for the remainder of the Council term; and**
2. **Appoint Councillor Cheung as representative to the South Surrey White Rock Chamber of Commerce for the remainder of the Council term.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-492 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Rescind the appointment of Councillor Cheung as representative from the Peach Arch Hospital Foundation Healthy Community Grants Committee for the remainder of the Council term; and**
2. **Appoint Councillor Klassen as representative to the Peach Arch Hospital Foundation Healthy Community Grants Committee for the remainder of the Council term.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

Motion Number: 2023-493 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

1. **Rescind the appointment of Councillor Cheung as representative from the Peach Arch Hospital Foundation Healthy Steering Committee for the remainder of the Council term;**
2. **Appoint Councillor Klassen as representative to the Peach Arch Hospital Foundation Healthy Steering Committee for the remainder of the Council term; and**

3. **Appoint Councillor Cheung as the Alternate representative of the Peach Arch Hospital Foundation Healthy Steering Committee for the remainder of the Council term.**

Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None


14. OTHER BUSINESS

None

15. CONCLUSION OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration