

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



January 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Mayor Knight
Councillor Cheung
Councillor Klassen
Councillor Lawrence
Councillor Partridge
Councillor Trevelyan

ABSENT: Councillor Chesney

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
Ed Wolfe, Fire Chief
John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Culture
Janessa Auer, Committee and FOI Clerk

Public: 30 (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: 2024-022 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for January 29, 2024 as follows:

- **Remove under Section 7.2.a.e Committee Recommendation regarding a Gateway Sign;**
- **Include under Section 12.1 Motions a motion provided by Councillor Klassen to staff prior to the agenda deadline;**
- **Provided earlier On-Table was the full Corporate Report under Item 6.2.c as noted in the agenda regarding Financial Plan Comments; and,**
- **Letters of support regarding Item 5.1.b - Advocacy Project for Accessibility on the Pier Delegation.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-023 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the January 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes as circulated.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 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., January 24, 2024, there were **no** Question and Answer period submissions received.

Motion Number: 2024-024 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the correspondence submitted for Question and Answer Period by noon (12:00 p.m.) January 29, 2024, including “On-Table” information provided with staff responses that are available at this time.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

S. Crozier, White Rock, requested a letter from Mayor and Council be sent to the Federal Government asking for a ceasefire in Gaza.

H. Hayden, White Rock, spoke in support of the above speaker, noting to be a voice for the children, asked for ceasefire for the benefit of the children involved.

G. Gumley, White Rock, following up on previous delegation appearance in July where he requested a committee be formed to provide feedback regarding the budget/financial plan process. When was his delegation request considered, and when was a decision made whether to accept his recommendation?

Staff clarified that Council requested no action on the request

5. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)

5.1.a SACHIN LATTI - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sachin Latti, community member, attended to inform of action taken to help raise awareness and fundraising for mental health through promoting physical activity (running). Would like to promote community involvement on Sundays at the waterfront as a time to come together and receive information and participate.

Mayor Knight suggested Mr. Latti connect with the City's Director of Recreation and Culture regarding the idea.

5.1.b SUSAN BAINS - ADVOCACY PROJECT: ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE PIER

Susan Bains, community member, attended to discuss the Advocacy Project: Accessible and Inclusive Pier, including a request to have a permanent mat placed along the length of the pier to provide accessible and inclusive access.

Provided On-Table were 18 letters of support in regard to providing access and inclusiveness on the White Rock Pier.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Possible funding opportunities to be sought from all levels of government and/or partnerships
- Agreement that there will be fundraising efforts on behalf of the delegation (collaborative efforts) who would then make Council / the City aware of progress

5.2 PETITIONS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)

None

6.2 CORPORATE REPORTS

6.2.a ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS POLICY

Corporate report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "Asset Retirement Obligations Policy".

Note: Asset Retirement Obligations Policy No. 326 is on the agenda for consideration under Item 8.1.

Motion Number: 2024-025 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive for information the January 29, 2024 corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "Asset Retirement Obligations Policy".

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.b 2024 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE UPDATE

Corporate report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 Property Tax Increase Update".

Motion Number: 2024-026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the January 29, 2024, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "2024 Property Tax Increase Update" for Council's consideration following the discussions and Council's direction to staff at its regular meeting on January 15, 2024.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.c 2024 - 2028 FINANCIAL PLAN COMMENTS

Corporate report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Comments".

Note: This corporate report was provided On-Table in order to provide the up-to-date submissions / information submitted from the online survey. The report was placed on the City website on Thursday, January 25, 2024 (the day following the agenda publication).

Note: Mayor and Council provided a further opportunity at this time for in person public comments regarding the 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan.

The Mayor called for anyone wanting to make In-person submissions in regard to the 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan.

- G. Gumley, White Rock, outlined comments provided within the On-Table report (provided through the Talk White Rock Survey) where concerns were raised in regard to 2023 operating surplus and cash reserves, capital asset carry overs and staff levels (unfilled positions and utilization of funds saved in this regard). Would like Council to see this information at the same time it is provided to the City

Auditors. Stated the figures should be able to be provided as 2023 is completed (how many projects not completed and how much are they worth). Stated that the information should be provided in order to help Council make their decisions in regard to the budget.

Staff noted that each of the original questions and staff responses are included in the On-Table report.

Motion Number: 2024-027 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive:

- 1. The On-Table corporate report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Comments" outlining the submissions / feedback to the City's Talk White Rock survey in regard to the 2024 - 2027 Financial Plan including staff responses; and**
- 2. The In Person submissions provided in regard to the 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan provided at this time.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.d UPDATE ON RECENT PROVINCIAL HOUSING INITIATIVES AND REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

Corporate report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services titled "Update on Recent Provincial Housing Initiatives and Regulation Requirements".

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided a PowerPoint to outline of the corporate report. The report is very detailed however there are still many unknown factors including the extent that White Rock will be impacted.

Motion Number: 2024-028 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Corporate report, titled "Update on Recent Provincial Housing Initiatives and Regulation Requirements," dated January 29, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, for information.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.e TEMPORARY OFFICE AND COUNCIL CHAMBER OPTIONS

Corporate report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations titled "Temporary Office and Council Chamber Options".

The following discussion points were noted:

- It was noted that the recommended Option A, seems expensive, would like to see costs kept down as much as possible including consideration as to air conditioning and the re-use of furniture
- It was noted that it may be helpful to seek out other local facilities to utilize as a Council Chamber (local churches etc.)

Motion Number: 2024-029 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council a

- 1. Approve Option A “Relocate Council Chambers to Annex and Construct Offices in Vacated Space”; and**
- 2. Authorize staff to proceed with the renovations from the Financial Plan.**

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

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (4 to 2)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-030 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee - January 11, 2024.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2 SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**7.2.a.a WHITE ROCK P'QUALS PROMENADE SCULPTURES
COMPETITION**

Note: A funding commitment needs to be addressed / considered should the City support the competition going forward including the expectation of the City purchasing the winning sculpture annually

**Motion Number: 2024-031
It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report outlining options to consider for supporting the sculpture competition going forward, including funding information, that would also address the request from White Rock Events Society for the City to purchase the winning sculpture annually.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2.a.b PARADE FLOAT DESIGN FEEDBACK

The following discussion point was noted:

- Would like to see more possibility to have persons on the float during the events / parades
- Concern that the design may be fragile / won't stand up to needed moving and storing

Motion Number: 2024-032

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the Reality / Pier Float design, as presented by David Rowland from Creatix Studio, and for staff to move forward with this design.

Voted in the negative (1): Mayor Knight

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (5 to 1)

7.2.a.c KOMAGATA MARU RECOGNITION

Councillor Klassen departed the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Motion Number: 2024-033

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report outlining potential options for the City to formally recognize the Komagata Maru incident.

Absent (2): Councillor Chesney, and Councillor Klassen

Motion CARRIED (5 to 0)

Councillor Klassen returned to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

7.2.a.d JIM DAVIDSON MURAL PROPOSAL

- New information was provided by staff at this time where it was found that the proposed location / wall for this mural is not owned by the city
- Would like to ensure policy is considered / brought forward and followed in regard to public art / murals

Motion Number: 2024-034

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- **Decline the mural proposal from artist, Jim Davidson; and**
- **Direct staff to communicate to Mr. Davidson the appropriate procedures for future mural proposals, in accordance with the Public Art Policy.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2.a.e GATEWAY SIGN WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Note: An amendment to the Financial Plan would be required for the City's portion of \$10,000 as this is not currently within the budget.

In regard to Motion 2024-022 the following recommendation was removed by the Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson asking it not be considered at this time:

THAT Council:

- *approve up to \$10,000 to go towards improvements and upgrades for the existing White Rock sign at the south-west corner of Johnston Road and North Bluff Road, in collaboration with one of the owners (Mitch Evanish),* who will also put forward up to \$10,000 for the project; and*

- *direct staff to bring forward a report outlining potential options for the project.*

8. **POLICIES**

8.1 **ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS POLICY NO. 326**

Finance Policy No. 326, "Asset Retirement Obligations Policy", outlines the accounting treatment for asset retirement obligations so that users of the financial report can discern information about these assets and their end-of-life obligations.

Note: Asset Retirement Obligations Policy No. 326 was the subject of a corporate report under Item 6.2.a.

Motion Number: 2024-035 - It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse proposed Finance Policy No. 326 Asset Retirement Obligations as circulated and introduced as Item 6.2.a of this agenda.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

9.1 **BYLAWS**

9.1.a **BYLAW 2492 - WHITE ROCK REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2492**

Bylaw 2492 - A revenue anticipation bylaw providing for the borrowing of sums of money as may be required to meet the current lawful expenditures of the City. Bylaw 2492 received three (3) readings on January 15, 2024 and was on the agenda for consideration of final reading at this time.

Motion Number: 2024-036 - It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give final reading to "*White Rock Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2024, No. 2492*".

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2493 - COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE BYLAW 2015, NO. 2084, AMENDMENT NO. 11, 2024, NO. 2493

Bylaw 2493 - A bylaw to amend the Collection, Removal, Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Bylaw in relation to collection hours (between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.).

Note: This bylaw was adopted with a previous amendment at the January 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Following this meeting, a mistake was noticed on the bylaw, regarding collection hours. This amendment has been brought forward to correct the time to now be between **7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** (rather than from 7:00 a.m.).

Motion Number: 2024-037 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. 11, 2024, No. 2493*".

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Motion Number: 2024-038 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Receive correspondence Item(s) 10.1.b - c as circulated in the January 29, 2024 Council agenda; and**
- 2. Endorse the updated appointment of Councillor Baillie as the E-Comm Board Member designate for the Township of Langley, for the remainder of the four (4) year term that began in 2023, effective immediately.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

10.1.a SHADOW MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION - 988 POSTER DISPLAY

Correspondence dated January 9, 2024 from Todd Doherty, MP, Cariboo-Prince George and Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, requesting a motion of support to display the 3-digit suicide prevention hotline (988) poster in all municipal/City buildings.

Draft Resolution for Consideration:

WHEREAS Canada has adopted 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the City of White Rock recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of White Rock continues to endorse the 988 crisis line initiative; and will display the 988 information poster in all municipal/City buildings.

The following discussion point was noted:

- Concern with the provided poster design and the use of the word suicide being so prominent / supports the initiative but concern with displaying the poster as provided

Motion Number: 2023-039 It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS Canada has adopted 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

THAT Council continue to endorse the 988 crisis line initiative; and will display an amended 988 information poster in all municipal/City buildings.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

10.1.b CHANGE TO E-COMM BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEE FOR CITIES OF LANGLEY, SURREY, TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY, AND WHITE ROCK

Correspondence dated January 16, 2024, from the Township of Langley, requesting an updated resolution from Council to E-Comm endorsing a new appointment for the Township of Langley as their E-Comm Board Member designate.

10.1.c 2024 LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Information received from the Lower Mainland Government Association (LMLGA) regarding the call for local government resolutions to be considered at the May 1-3, 2024 Annual Conference. The deadline for resolutions is **February 28, 2024**.

Each resolution:

- Must include a separate backgrounder that is a maximum of 2 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders for multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.
- Must be regional in nature and relevant to other local governments within the Lower Mainland LGA rather than specific to a single member government.
- The resolution must have at least one "whereas" clause and should not contain more than two "whereas" clauses. Each whereas clause must only have one sentence.

The information provided includes further details in regard to guidelines that must be adhered to.

Note: This information was deferred from the January 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting to give Council time to consider should they want to bring forward any resolutions whereby the criteria would be fully addressed.

No resolutions were brought forward by Council at this time.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

Thank you to all the City staff's day and overnight crew that worked during the mid-January snowstorm and in addition the City staff involved with the new "Winter Road Conditions Interactive Map" placed on the City Website to provide the community with real time updates on the road conditions (including salting and snow clearing status) and to the residents who were clearing sidewalks and catch basins, helping their neighbors and who were patient especially those living on non-priority routes.

- Jan 17, Metro Vancouver's Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- Jan 18, TransLink Mayors' Council meeting
- Jan 18, City's Internal Community Hub Steering Committee meeting
- Jan 23, Greeting and thanking Sean Peach, President of the Peninsula Community Foundation for its generous contribution towards the City's 2025 Cultural Festival
- Jan 24, Joined Staff Sergeant Rob Dixon, White Rock RCMP, for a Citywide Ride Along
- Jan 26, Metro Vancouver's Board of Directors' meeting

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge noted the following information:

- The White Rock Rotary & The White Rock Elks Club, both organizations co-organize the FEED MY CITY program, giving out warm meals every Wednesday and Friday

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

Motion Number: 2024-040 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse consideration of the motion

Councillor Klassen provided prior to agenda deadlines but not placed on the agenda at this time (added to the agenda by motion 2024-007).

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion Number: 2024-041 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to forward a letter to the prime minister, calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Voted in the negative (5): Mayor Knight, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Partridge, and Councillor Trevelyan

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion DEFEATED (1 to 5)

12.2 NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. RELEASE OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS

None


14. OTHER BUSINESS

None

15. CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 29, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration