

Regular Council Meeting of White Rock City Council

Minutes



February 26, 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 Gartry, 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
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer

PUBLIC: 8 (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 gathered on the traditional unceded territory of the Semiahmoo First Nation, within the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2024-058 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 26, 2024 as amended to include the following On-Table items:

- **Item 6.2.d - corporate report titled " Update on Exempt Compensation Policy 403"; and**
- **Additional information for Item 7.2.a.a (Street Banner Guidelines).**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: 2024-059 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopt the February 12, 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., February 21, 2024, there were no Question and Answer period submissions received.

4.1 CHAIRPERSON CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

No speakers came forward to speak at this time.

5. **DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

5.1 **DELEGATIONS (5 MINUTES)**

5.1.a **UNITI - UPDATE ON AN AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE HOUSING PROJECT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS**

Doug Tennant, Chief Executive Officer, UNITI, was in attendance to provide Council with an update on Harmony, an upcoming affordable and inclusive housing project in the nearby South Surrey area.

5.2 **PETITIONS**

None

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORPORATE REPORTS**

6.1 **PRESENTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

None

6.2 **CORPORATE REPORTS**

6.2.a **BYLAW UPDATES TO SUPPORT LOW-LEVEL PLANTING AND MINOR ENCROACHMENT ON CITY BOULEVARD**

Corporate report dated February 26, 2024, from the Manager, Engineering, titled "Bylaw Updates to Support Low-Level Planting and Minor Encroachments on City Boulevard".

Note: Bylaws 2497, 2498 and 2494 were on the agenda for review and consideration of first, second and third readings under items 9.1.a, 9.1.b and 9.1.c.

The following discussion point was noted:

- Concern the bylaw does not include wording that small/minor plantings would be permitted without a permit

Motion Number: 2024-060 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the February 26, 2024, corporate report from the Manager of Engineering, titled "Bylaw Updates to Support Low-Level Planting and Minor Encroachments on City Boulevard" for review and consideration of the bylaws under Agenda Item 9.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.b JOHNSTON ROAD AND THRIFT AVENUE PUBLIC ART

Corporate report dated February 26, 2024, from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Johnston Road and Thrift Avenue Public Art".

Motion Number: 2024-061 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the concept design for the Johnston Road and Thrift Avenue Public Art recommended by the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee as outlined in this corporate report.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.c FUNDING REQUEST FROM WHITE ROCK P'QUALS PROMENADE SCULPTURES COMPETITION

Corporate report dated February 26, 2024 from the Director of Recreation and Culture titled "Funding Request for White Rock P'Quals Promenade Sculptures Competition".

Motion Number: 2024-062 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the following recommendations of the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee:

- 1. Decline the request for funding support as outlined in the White Rock Events Society's White Rock P'Quals Promenade Sculptures Competition proposal as presented to the Public Art and Culture Committee on January 11, 2024;**
- 2. Endorse Option 4: Explore Other Operating Models, as presented in the White Rock P'Quals Promenade Sculptures Competition on-table document; and,**
- 3. Authorize staff to negotiate with the White Rock Events Society and/or the artists to retain as many of the sculptures still at the waterfront as possible, for an**

additional year, to be funded from the Public Art Fund, up to a maximum of \$8,000.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.d UPDATE TO EXEMPT COMPENSATION POLICY NO. 403

On-Table in accordance with motion 2024-058 the following corporate report was added to the agenda to be considered at this time, from the Director of Human Resources dated February 26, 2024, titled "Update to Exempt Compensation Policy No. 403".

Motion Number: 2024-063 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve and endorse the updates to the Exempt Compensation Policy No. 403 as circulated and attached to the corporate report.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Note: The Committee recommendations regarding the following topics were addressed through corporate reports considered earlier in the meeting under Items 6.2.b and 6.2.c:

- Johnston Road and Thrift Avenue Public Art (6.2.b); and
- Funding Request from White Rock P'Quals Promenade Sculptures Competition (6.2.c).

Motion Number: 2024-064 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee, February 15, 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 KLASSEN, CHAIRPERSON)

7.2.a.a STREET BANNER GUIDELINES

Motion Number: 2024-065

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Endorse the proposed Street Banner Program, as presented by the Manager of Cultural Development and amended to incorporate feedback from the Committee;**
- 2. Authorize the release of funds from the Public Art and Placemaking budget, up to an amount of \$10,000; and,**
- 3. Direct staff to proceed with banner design Option Three (3), as presented in the proposed Street Banner Program presentation.**

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

7.2.a.b JOHNSTON ROAD PHASE 2 PROJECT PLACEMAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Motion Number: 2024-066

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council:

- 1. Approve the following priority spaces for inclusion of placemaking/public art installations within the Johnston Road Phase 2 Project: crosswalks, cement benches/sidewalk**

pavement, and lamp posts, subject to input from the Engineering department; and,

2. Approve Ocean/Sea as the placemaking/public art installation theme for the project; and,
3. Authorize the release of funds from the Public Art & Placemaking budget up to an amount of \$30,000.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

8. **POLICIES**

None

9. **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

9.1 **BYLAWS**

9.1.a **BYLAW 2497 - STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW, 1999, 1529, AMENDMENT BYLAW 2024, NO. 2497**

Bylaw 2497 - A bylaw to amend the Street and Traffic Bylaw, 1999, No. 1529.

Note: This bylaw was brought forward in regard to the corporate report received earlier titled "Bylaw Updates to Support Low-Level Planting and Minor Encroachments on City Boulevard" under Item 6.2.a.

The following discussion point was noted:

- Concern with how the bylaw was written, with no further wording in regard to permitting low-level plantings without needing a permit

Motion Number: 2024-067 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to *Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2024, 2497.*

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Councillors Cheung, Klassen, Lawrence, Partridge and Trevelyan voted in the negative

Motion DEFEATED (1 to 5)

Note: Following the initial vote there was discussion as to how the concern can be addressed and the Chief Administrative Officer suggested an amendment to the bylaw which was then considered.

Motion Number: 2024-068 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to *Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2024, 2497 as amended with noted comments discussed:*

“lawn is permitted without permit as are low-level plantings less than one meter in height that do not separate public property for private use and are set back from the sidewalk”.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.b BYLAW 2498 - TICKETING FOR BYLAW OFFENCES BYLAW, 1999, NO. 1529 AMENDMENT NO. 1, 2024 NO. 2497

Bylaw 2498 - A bylaw to amend the Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw in regard to Schedule B10 - Street and Traffic Fines.

Note: This bylaw was brought forward in regard to the corporate report received earlier titled "Bylaw Updates to Support Low-Level Planting and Minor Encroachments on City Boulevard" under Item 6.2.a.

Motion Number: 2024-069 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to *Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw, 1999, No. 1529 Amendment No. 1, 2024 No. 2498 amended as follows:*

- ***Schedule B10, Item 35b amended with first offence at \$1,500 and second and any subsequent offence as \$3,000.***

- Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.c BYLAW 2494 - 2024 FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW, 2023, 2480 AMENDMENT NO.1, 2024 NO. 2494

Bylaw 2494 - A bylaw to amend the "2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw" in regard to Schedule B - shoring/ underpinning fees.

Note: This bylaw was brought forward in regard to the corporate report received earlier titled "Bylaw Updates to Support Low-Level Planting and Minor Encroachments on City Boulevard" under Item 6.2.a.

Motion Number: 2024-It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "2024 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023, 2480 Amendment No. 1, 2024, No. 2494".

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.1.d BYLAW 2496 - WHITE ROCK FINANCIAL PLAN (2024-2028) BYLAW, 2024, NO. 2496

Bylaw 2496 - A bylaw to adopt a financial plan for 2024 to 2028.

Note: In accordance with motion 2024-047 from the February 12, 2024 regular Council meeting, Council received a corporate report titled "Updated 2024-2028 Consolidated Financial Plan - Draft No. 2" and directed staff to prepare the 2024 Financial Plan bylaw for review at this time.

Motion Number: 2024- It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to *White Rock Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw, 2024, No. 2496.*

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 to 0)

9.2 PERMITS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

None

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knight provided the following information:

- Feb 13, noted that members of the City's Community Hub Steering Committee participated in a tour of the recently completed Anmore Community Hub
- Feb 14, Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee meeting
- Feb 16, Special TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation
- Feb 23, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors' meeting
- Feb 23, Surrey Eagles Hockey Game against the West Kelowna Warriors
- Feb 24, Annual Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event with team "Chilly Knights." as of today they have raised 90% of their goal (just over \$271,000)

11.2 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Partridge provided the following information:

- Feb 13, White Rock Rotary's Chinese Lunar New Year
- Feb 14, Peninsula Art and Culture Alliance who has a new home at Semiahmoo Arts at South Surrey
- Feb 15, Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee meeting
- Feb 21& 22, Fraser Valley Regional Libraries 2-Day Retreat
- Feb 24, Annual Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser with Mayor Knight's Chilly Knights team

Councillor Klassen provided the following information:

- Thank you to all the emergency staff who helped and worked through a recent local shooting incident
- Feb 15, Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee meeting

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 MOTIONS

12.1.a AMENDMENT TO THE PARKS BYLAW - HOURS

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

Motion Number: 2024- It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council direct staff to prepare a report considering the inclusion of 2 am -5 am park hours of operations within the City's Parks bylaw.

Absent (1): Councillor Chesney

Motion CARRIED (6 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was concluded at 5:03 p.m.

Mayor Knight



Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration