

PRESENT: WHITE ROCK COUNCIL

Mayor Walker
Councillor Fathers
Councillor Johanson
Councillor Kristjanson
Councillor Manning
Councillor Trevelyan

SEMIAHMOO FIRST NATION

Chief H. Chappell
Councillor Charles
Councillor Cook

ABSENT: Councillor Chesney (sent his regrets)

STAFF: T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
 J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
 F. Farrokhi, Manager of Communications and Government Relations
 S. Lam, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press: 1
Public: 10

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

At the January 14, 2019 regular Council meeting, Council endorsed that a Council to Council meeting to be held outside of the City of White Rock boundary:

“THAT Council, pursuant to Section 134.1 of the Community Charter, authorize and direct staff to schedule a Special Council to Council meeting with representatives of the Semiahmoo First Nation as follows:

- *Date and Time: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.*
- *Address: 15622 Marine Drive”*

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2019-028 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Corporation of the City of White Rock Council adopts the agenda for the special Council to Council meeting held January 23, 2019 at 15622 Marine Drive as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **SEMIAHMOO FIRST NATION HISTORY**

Chief Chappell, Councillor Joanne Charles, and Councillor Genine Cook welcomed the City of White Rock and members of the public with a traditional song.

A brief history of Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN) and the Semiahmoo Bay was shared.

SFN noted that there has been a boil-water advisory for years, and spoke to the City's termination of service issued previously. SFN looks forward to working with the City of White Rock in drafting municipal service agreements. Once a Communications Protocol has been established, both parties will be able to move forward in creating the agreements.

SFN advised that they met with the City of Surrey in July 2018 in order to draft a municipal service agreement for sewer and water designs.

Moving forward, SFN is working towards finding economic opportunities with the goal to gain economic independence. It was noted that this could be beneficial to all involved, SFN, City of Surrey and the City of White Rock.

It was also recognized that UBCM has provided funding for a facilitator to assist with forums/discussions when creating the protocols/agreements.

SFN noted there are three (3) items they wish to occur through discussion:

1. Developing a government to government recognition protocol, noting that this may be a good session to utilize a facilitator
2. Ensure a recognition and understanding of SFN land, and the history with Semiahmoo Bay. It was noted that a better understanding will be good step towards improving the relationship
3. Establish working groups between the City and SFN to address and work towards resolving some of the outstanding issues

4. **COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL**

Each group is governed in different ways through culture and legislation. The Communications Protocol will be an important tool for understanding and will give a clear path to move forward successfully.

The importance of ensuring there is leadership at the table during the discussions/development of the protocol was highlighted.

2019-029

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City of White Rock Council directs staff to work with Semiahmoo First Nation to develop a Communications Protocol for moving forward.

CARRIED

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The City and SFN agreed that City staff will continue to work with SFN in preparing for upcoming meetings.


6. **CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 23, 2019 SPECIAL COUNCIL TO COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE SEMIAHMOO FIRST NATION**

Chief Chappell, Councillor Charles, and Councillor Cook thanked the City and the public for attending the Council to Council meeting, and closed the meeting with a traditional song.

Mayor Walker declared the Special Council to Council meeting concluded at 6:38 p.m.



Mayor Walker



Stephanie Lam, Deputy
Corporate Officer