

- PRESENT:** C. Latzen, Chairperson  
G. Gumley, Vice-Chairperson  
T. Blume, Community Member  
S. Greysen, Community Member  
S. MacDonald, Community Member  
H. Valentine, Community Member
- NON-VOTING:** P. Giesbrecht, Semiahmoo First Nations  
C. James, Tourism White Rock  
A. Nixon, White Rock Business Improvement Association
- COUNCIL:** Councillor Trevelyan (Council Representative)
- ABSENT:** A. Shah, Community Member
- STAFF:** C. Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services  
D. Johnstone, Committee Clerk
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Press: 0
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 2020-MDTF- 21 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**  
THAT the Marine Drive Task Force adopt the March 11, 2020 agenda as  
circulated. **CARRIED**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
- 2020-MDTF- 22 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**  
THAT the Marine Drive Task Force adopt the February 18, 2020 minutes as  
circulated. **CARRIED**

**Note:** Items addressed out of order.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE**

Status of Task Force Recommendations provided to Council:

Staff reported that all five (5) recommendation from the February Marine Drive Task Force meeting were endorsed by Council. Staff will be working to investigate ways in which the recommendations could be implemented. A further report will be provided to Council on each item when available and

reported on when the Waterfront Enhancement Strategy as a whole is presented to Council.

**4. WATERFRONT ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

The Task Force continued their discussion on the Waterfront Enhancement Strategy.

Capital Projects:

*Funded through CACs and Funding efforts?*

Kids playground on east beach, adjacent to Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Plaza:

Staff reported that the Firefighters Charity Association supported, in concept, a kids playground at east beach and were previously working on fundraising for the project. It was clarified that a specific location has not yet been determined. Land in this area is owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and would therefore require additional considerations if the project were to move forward.

The Task Force noted that previous discussions had also indicated interest in consideration of a children's playground in the Bayview Park area, or the furthest western parking lot (could be repurposed for this use), or on Semiahmoo First Nation land where a playground previously existed.

The Task Force enquired if Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) could be used towards this idea. Staff noted that CACs are restricted in terms of needing to be a city asset. As many of the previous locations discussed are on BNSF land this could be challenging. It was further clarified that the City does have a lease for BNSF land, so it could be possible; however, using CAC funding on Semiahmoo First Nation land would not be possible.

Pier improvements:

The Task Force noted that a number of factors (pier insurance, grants from the provincial and federal government etc.) make addressing this item challenging.

The Task Force suggested that the item could be re-visited in the future. Changes in grants/ funding etc. for the pier could be one reason Council could choose to re-instate the Task Force in the future.

Flexible use of parking lot west of the Museum:

The following discussion points were noted:

- Potential ideas for the space were discussed.
- Having some type of retractable roof for the space was encouraged. This would allow for an all-season space which could help activate Marine Drive in the off season.

- It was noted that the key for event space is that it needs to be free. Memorial Plaza is utilized because it does not cost the City money to have festivals use the space. If parking spaces were used as flexible event space this would lead to a loss in parking revenue for the city.
- Currently parking is free on the waterfront in the offseason. This could be the time where the space is used, as it would then not affect parking revenue.

Ice Rink for Memorial Park:

The Task Force discussed potential locations and ways in which an ice rink or a temporary ice rink could be implemented in the area.

The Task Force discussed additional ideas that could be considered moving forward. The following comments were provided:

- Art tourism was discussed, and the potential to build a structure to be used for events/ arts etc. Locations were suggested, as were potential designs. The Task Force noted that the University of British Columbia (UBC) has a longhouse cultural facility, and that a similar structure could be considered west of Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Plaza.
- Staff noted this would be on BNSF Land, and that building in that area would likely require an archeological assessment.
- Potential improvements for beach access from uptown could be considered (revitalization of pathways, the funicular etc.).
- It was suggested that connection from uptown down to Marine Drive could be viewed more as a transportation issue, and that better transportation in the city relates to more than just the Marine Drive area. This could be discussed further through the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- The City could create a park on the west side of west beach. Previously the Task Force had discussed repurposing the most western parking lot to be used as park space.

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**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Marine Drive Task Force recommends that Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of the following capital projects for Marine Drive:

- Flexible use of the parking lot west of the museum to include retractable cover, beautification and a reconfiguration of parking spaces;
- An all-abilities playground;
- A permanent multi-purpose cultural facility adjacent to the west of Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Plaza and that the City consider approaching the Semiahmoo First Nation to be involved in the design thereof; and,

- Consider seasonal installation of a synthetic ice rink during the winter season at a location in the Marine Drive area.

**CARRIED**

Off-Season Events:

A. Nixon, White Rock BIA, shared that the BIA is currently looking into the feasibility of showing the 2022 Winter Olympics through fresh air cinema in Memorial Park Plaza.

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**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Marine Drive Task Force recommends that Council consider directing staff to work with the White Rock Business Improvement Association to investigate the feasibility of showing for free the 2022 Winter Olympics in Memorial Park Plaza.

**CARRIED**

The Task Force discussed the White Rock Pumpkin Carving Contest, which previously took place at different locations/ restaurants along the waterfront.

**Action Item:** A. Nixon, White Rock BIA, to look into re-establishing the White Rock Pumpkin Carving Contest through the BIA.

Volunteer Activities/ Fundraising:

No discussion on this item.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE**

**Note:** A portion of Item 5 was addressed out of order, after Item 3.

- Update on Council decisions relevant to Marine Drive.  
Staff noted that there was no update to be provided at this time.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items.

**7. MARINE DRIVE TASK FORCE RENEWAL**

The Task Force discussed the possibility of asking Council to extend their current term past its current end date of March 31, 2020.

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**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Marine Drive Task Force recommends that Council consider the re-instatement of the Marine Drive Task Force in twelve (12) months with a focus on reviewing the implementation and status of recommendations.

**CARRIED**

**8. ACTION TRACKING**

The Committee Clerk noted that action tracking sheets will be provided for all City Committees/Task Forces. This spreadsheet will be updated after each meeting and will be included along with the agenda package for each meeting for information purposes.

**9. NEXT STEPS FOR THE MARINE DRIVE TASK FORCE**

This item was discussed during Item 7.

**10. CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 11, 2020 MARINE DRIVE TASK FORCE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 7:58 p.m.



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C. Latzen  
Chairperson

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D. Johnstone  
Committee Clerk