



Finance and Audit Committee

Minutes

November 23, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

COUNCIL:

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

STAFF:

- G. Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer
- C. Ponzini, Director of Financial Services
- J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
- T. Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration
- D. Johnstone, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson)**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 **MOTION TO CONDUCT FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Motion Number: 2020-F/A-041 It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic;

WHEREAS the City of White Rock has been able to continue to provide

the public access to the meetings through live streaming;

WHEREAS holding public meetings in the City Hall Council Chambers, where all the audio/video equipment has been set up for the live streaming program, would not be possible without breaching physical distancing restrictions due to its size, and holding public meetings at the White Rock Community Centre would cause further financial impact to City Operations due to staffing resources and not enable live streaming;

WHEREAS Ministerial Order No. 192 requires Council carry a motion in order to hold public meetings electronically, without members of the public present in person at the meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Finance and Audit Committee (including all members of Council) authorizes the City of White Rock to hold the November 23, 2020 Finance and Audit Committee meeting to be video streamed and available on the City's website, and without the public present in the Council Chambers via electronic means.

Motion CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: 2020-F/A-042 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the agenda for November 23, 2020 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 July 9, 2020 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion Number: 2020-F/A-043 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee adopt the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **Water Utility 2021 Rates**

Corporate report dated November 23, 2020 from Director of Financial Services titled "Water Utility 2021 Rates".

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview of the corporate report.

It was clarified that it is difficult to compare the City's water rates to other nearby municipalities, the City has its own water supply. The surrounding municipalities are on Metro Vancouver water.

Motion Number: 2020-F/A-044 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Staff bring forward information that compares the City's water rate to the metro Vancouver rates.

Motion CARRIED

Councillors Chesney and Fathers voted in the negative

Motion Number: 2020-F/A-045 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee endorse the proposed *Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 9, Bylaw, 2020, No. 2368* which includes a 6.5% increase for 2021.

Motion CARRIED

Councillor Kristjanson and Trevelyan voted in the negative

5. **CONCLUSION OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 6:09 p.m.


Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson


Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration