



CITY EVENTS

WHITE ROCK
City by the Sea!

CITY HIGHLIGHTS AND PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

WHITE ROCK CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Local government in the City of White Rock is provided by a Mayor and six Councillors for a four-year term. The new Council was sworn in on November 5, 2018.

Your City Council consists of Mayor Darryl Walker and Councillors David Chesney, Helen Fathers, Erika Johanson, Scott Kristjanson, Anthony Manning and Christopher Trevelyan.

The main functions of a municipal council are to look after the current and future economic, social and environmental well being of its community.

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ALIGNING OUR PRIORITIES 2018 - 2022

At the beginning of each Term in Office, White Rock City Council establishes a long-term vision and strategic plan for the duration of their term, through the Council Strategic Priorities Plan.

This term, however, a different approach was taken. The newly elected City Council hosted two public consultation sessions for residents and business owners to share their priorities, issues, and ideas with Council.

Thanks to public feedback, Council's Strategic Priorities Plan, for this term, has been created with aligned priorities from White Rock City Council, residents and businesses.

Council's Strategic Priorities are divided into the categories of Immediate Priorities, Next Priorities and Advocacy.

To read the full document, visit whiterockcity.ca/priorities

IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

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| 1. Official Community Plan Review | 5. Economic Development Strategies |
| 2. Semiahmoo First Nation | 6. Parking Task Force |
| 3. Water Quality Panel | 7. Marine Drive Task Force |
| 4. Multi-family and Commercial Waste Pick Up | 8. Zoning Bylaw Review |
| | 9. Council Policy and Bylaw Review |

NEXT PRIORITIES

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| 1. Sign Bylaw Review | 4. Community Amenity Contributions Review |
| 2. Policing Service Review | 5. City Hall and Civic Precinct |
| 3. Funicular Feasibility | |

ADVOCACY

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| 1. Vacant Property Tax
- Ministry of Finance | 5. Homeless Reduction Strategy
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing |
| 2. Totem Pole Restoration
- School District 36 | 6. Protection of Semiahmoo Bay
- Semiahmoo First Nation
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans |
| 3. Peace Arch Hospital Expansion
- Fraser Health Authority
- BC Ministry of Health | - BC Ministry of Environment |
| 4. Rail Safety/ Whistle Cessation/ Passenger Train Stop
- Transport Canada
- BC Ministry of Transportation
- Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway
- Amtrak | |

2019 is a busy year with Special Events happening around town. Be sure to check out the events calendar on our website for a full listing. whiterockcity.ca/events

CANADA DAY BY THE BAY - JULY 1

White Rock is the place to be on July 1st! Join us for the Annual Canada Day by the Bay celebration at White Rock Beach and enjoy a variety of family-friendly activities from morning to night. whiterockcity.ca/canadaday

WHITE ROCK SEA FESTIVAL - AUGUST 3 - 4

This year, the White Rock Sea Festival celebrates it's 70th Anniversary! Join us for a variety of family-friendly activities throughout the weekend. whiterockcity.ca/seafestival



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myWhiteRock

myWhiteRock is an online service that lets property owners and businesses access information any time about their City of White Rock property tax, water utility, dog and business licence accounts.

Building and development application information can also be accessed through myWhiteRock. To obtain an access code for your file, please contact us at 604-541-2135.

From myWhiteRock you can:

- View your account balance and account details
- Review detailed transaction records, including payment information for income tax purposes
- View PDF copies of bills and reminder notices for property tax, water utility and business licence accounts
- Update your profile's email address and bill delivery method for property tax, water utility and business licence accounts

GO PAPERLESS! Receive your property tax notice, water utility bill, and business invoices via email. Register today at MY.WHITEROCKCITY.CA



REQUEST FOR SERVICE

The City of White Rock has launched an online platform to report non-emergency service requests. For example, you can report about illegal dumping, street or park issues, and more.

To see all the possible service requests that can be submitted for the City to review, visit: whiterockcity.ca/requestforservice

2019 PROPERTY TAX HIGHLIGHTS & QUICK FACTS

PROPERTY TAXES AND HOME OWNER GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 2, 2019

SAVE TIME, GO ONLINE!

- Skip the line and visit whiterockcity.ca/hog to claim your Home Owner Grant.
- Pay online through your Financial Institution. See the back of your Property Tax Notice for instructions.
- Register for e-Billing and view your property tax information online at my.whiterockcity.ca

DID YOU KNOW?

The City offers a property tax Pre-Payment Plan. This plan allows you to make monthly payments towards your 2020 taxes. The plan starts in August. For more information, visit whiterockcity.ca/prepay

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TAX

Most residential properties valued above \$3 million are subject to an Additional School Tax of 0.2% on the portion assessed between \$3 and \$4 million and 0.4% on the portion assessed over \$4 million. For details, visit the provincial government's website at gov.bc.ca/schooltax

PROVINCIAL AGENCIES

For information on the provincial property tax deferment program and the home owner grant program, please phone 1.888.355.2700.

You can also find information online at gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment and gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

- The municipal tax levy increased by 2.9% compared to 2018. The exact impact on an individual property depends on the assessed value of the property relative to others in the City. **Assessed values are determined by BC Assessment.** For more information on property assessments, please visit bcassessment.ca
- Sanitary sewer user fees decreased by \$6. The residential fee is \$260 for each detached home, apartment or condominium. An additional \$260 is charged for each self-contained secondary suite. The commercial fee is \$273.
- The drainage fee for your property depends on the size, type of land use, and the average amount of impervious area for that land use. On average, a typical detached home is charged \$485 and an apartment or townhouse is charged \$145.
- The 2019 solid waste user fee decreased to \$331. This is only charged to those properties currently serviced by the City.
- The secondary suite service fee, which is charged to home owners with secondary suites, increased by \$10 to \$300.
- A 5% penalty will be applied to any current taxes and levies unpaid after July 2, 2019. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to 2019 taxes and levies unpaid after August 15, 2019.
- Other levies on your tax notice, such as Provincial (school) taxes and TransLink levies, are collected by the City on behalf of other agencies. Please contact these agencies directly if you have questions.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit us online at: whiterockcity.ca/taxes

Phone: 604.541.2280
Email: finance@whiterockcity.ca

In person: City Hall
15322 Buena Vista Avenue

WHITE ROCK PIER AND WATERFRONT RESTORATION

On Thursday, December 20, 2018, a devastating windstorm swept through the City of White Rock that resulted in extensive damage to the Pier and waterfront.

The City of White Rock received a \$1-million grant from the Government of British Columbia which will help repair waterfront infrastructure from storm damage along the promenade and White Rock Pier and help restore the economic and social heart of the community. The City gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The City is in continued talks with both the federal and provincial governments regarding funding options. An application has been submitted to the "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia" grant program to help with the Pier reconstruction. The City is also seeking funding assistance through the provincial "Disaster Financial Assistance" program. The Pier is insured, and we are working with our insurance broker to confirm coverage under the circumstances.

When the iconic White Rock Pier is repaired and reopened, it will closely match the existing appearance while conforming to today's building code. The new section will be a deck made of concrete, overlaid with wooden planks to closely match the existing Pier in appearance and steel piles for strength and will make it a more resilient structure for any future storms or natural disasters. It will also meet earthquake standards and is adjustable for sea-level rise.

The re-opening of the Pier is scheduled for August 31, 2019.

For more information, please visit whiterockcity.ca/storm2018