

COUNCIL UPDATE



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Councillor
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Road & Sidewalk Improvements

This council is committed to infrastructure improvements in our City by the Sea. As a result, the City's Engineering and Municipal Operations department has been very busy providing much needed improvements to the city's infrastructure. Their list of completed capital projects for 2011 is staggering and we're only half way through the year.

In 2010 the City of White Rock received close to \$6 million in Provincial and Federal government grants, the most ever received in the history of our city! The benefits of this funding will continue to be evident throughout the remainder of 2011.

Last year these grants enabled us to start 40 projects, allowing for major infrastructure improvements, including improvements to roads, sidewalks and safe pedestrian crossings.

Recently completed road and intersection improvements:

- Marine/Vidal traffic signals
- Marine/Oxford traffic signals
- Marine/Elm crossing improvements
- Pacific/ Johnson crossing improvements
- Oxford hill traction improvement
- Traffic analysis (East Beach, Roundabouts, Victoria Ave., Roper/Foster, Johnston/ North Bluff)
- Traffic circle Cypress and Royal

Recently completed pedestrian improvements:

- Anderson – North Bluff to Russell sidewalk
- Pacific – Maple to Ewson sidewalk
- Magdalen sidewalk
- Marine Drive – Cypress to Martin sidewalk
- Vine – Oxford to Anderson
- Vine at Hospital
- Russell at George curb letdowns
- Thrift at George curb letdowns
- Roper at Fir curb letdowns
- Thrift at Fir curb letdowns
- Best sidewalk



New curb letdowns on Fir

Road and pedestrian improvements to watch for:

- Pedestrian improvements on Roper Avenue between Finlay and Kent
- Pedestrian improvements on Russell Avenue at Fir Street
- Sightline improvements for high use intersections
- Lane paving
- North Bluff improvements

This is just a small example of the road and sidewalk improvements throughout the City of White Rock. These improvements have increased accessibility, ensuring that the City of White Rock is a safe and accessible city for everyone.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



If you could plan the best park in the neighbourhood, what would you create? Now is your chance!

Maccaud Park, located on Kent Street and North Bluff Road, is currently a neighbourhood green space, but could become much more based on the desires of the surrounding residents.

If you have a vision for the future of Maccaud Park, visit the upcoming Public Information Meeting and be involved in guiding the future of your neighbourhood park!

When: Monday, June 20th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Kent Street Activity Centre, 1475 Kent Street, White Rock

A questionnaire will be available at the meeting and on-line.

For more information, call Engineering and Municipal Operations at 604.541.2181.

Be involved in the future of Maccaud Park!



Construction has now commenced on Avra, a new 17 storey residential development in White Rock's town centre. In April, Mayor Catherine Ferguson, along with Councillors Al Campbell and Lynne Sinclair, participated in a ground breaking ceremony.

NEXT WEEK

June 13

Governance and Legislative Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Land Use and Planning Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.

June 16

Cultural Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m.

All meetings held at City Hall,
15322 Buena Vista Avenue
unless otherwise noted

PROPERTY TAXES DUE JULY 4, 2011

The 2011 property tax notices have now been mailed. If you have not received your tax notice, please contact the Finance Department at White Rock City Hall at (604) 541-2107 as soon as possible.

If you are a **new homeowner**, please note that you are responsible for payment of 2011 property taxes before the due date to avoid penalty.

All property owners are responsible for payment of property taxes regardless of whether or not a tax notice is received.

How to Pay

Property taxes and Home Owner Grant applications* are due on or before July 4, 2011. Payments can be made in one of three ways:

Through your bank

Pay your taxes online or by phone using your financial institution's electronic bill payment system. Use "City of White Rock" as the payee and enter your nine-digit property tax roll number as your account number. You can also pay in person at your branch.

By mail

Save time. Send a postdated cheque and your completed Home Owner Grant application* to City Hall by mail. Please ensure your envelope is postmarked no later than July 4, 2011 to avoid penalty.

At City Hall

Pay with cash, cheque or debit card during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or use the convenient mail drop at the front entrance. Please note that City Hall will be closed Friday, July 1, 2011.

***Claim your Home Owner Grant Online**

You can claim your Home Owner Grant online through the City's website. You will need your nine-digit property tax roll number and your access code from the top right corner of your tax notice. Note that Home Owner Grant applications are due on or before July 4, 2011.

Late Payments

A 5% penalty will be added to any 2011 property taxes remaining unpaid after July 4, 2011. A further 5% will be added to taxes unpaid after August 15, 2011. Unclaimed Home Owner Grants are considered unpaid taxes and also subject to penalty.

ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Section 98 of the Community Charter, White Rock Council invites the public to provide comment(s) in person or by written submission on the 2010 Draft Annual Report for the Corporation of the City of White Rock at the Regular Council Meeting.

Meeting Date: Monday, June 27, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 15322 Buena Vista Avenue

The 2010 Annual Report includes audited financial statements, a schedule of 2010 tax exemptions, information on services, Council's Strategic Goals / Priorities / Activities and measures used to determine White Rock's success in meeting these objectives.

Copies of the 2010 Draft Annual Report are available for public inspection on the City website at www.city.whiterock.bc.ca or at any of the City's facilities including City Hall located at 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, during regular business hours.

