Minutes of a Closed Meeting of City of White Rock Council held in the City Hall Board Room May 27 2015

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## 3. WATER UTILITY SERVICE - EPCOR NEGOTIATIONS

[Community Charter Section 90(1) (e), (g), (i), and (k))] Don Lidstone and Paul Hildebrandt of Lidstone and Company Law Corporation Barristers and Solicitors were in attendance to give a full overview in regard to the negotiations taking place for the potential purchase of the water utility – EPCOR including discussion around the parameters of the confidentiality agreement and a public engagement component.

## 2015-IC-051 <u>It was MOVED and SECONDED</u>

THAT Council directs staff to:

- 1. Prepare for an evening public meeting to be held June 16 or 17 to update the community in regard to the potential acquisition of the EPCOR water utility and outline the various options the City is reviewing;
- 2. Prepare a press release, to be issued as soon as possible, to notify there will be a public meeting held in regard to the potential acquisition of the EPCOR water utility;
- 3. Contact the BC Utilities Commission in order to assemble pertinent public information to be utilized to notify the public in regard to valuation and in messaging in regard to the potential acquisition of the EPCOR water utility; and
- 4. Contact the Comptroller of Water Rights to notify the Comptroller of the City of White Rock's intention to acquire the EPCOR water utility, and to determine what approvals are required from the Comptroller of Water Rights.

## AMENDING MOTION It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to hire a communications firm to assist with the successful and thorough dissemination of information in regard to the potential acquisition of the EPCOR water utility.

**CARRIED** 

Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended and it was

**CARRIED** 

2015-IC-052

## SUBSEQUENT MOTION It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to conduct a full resident mail out of information in regard to the potential acquisition of the EPCOR water utility public meeting; and

Include further information, due to timing, in regard to the Official Community Plan Visioning Process / Survey informing as well that there will be a one (1) week extension to the original deadline for submissions of this survey.

**CARRIED** 

2015-IC-053