

Minutes of a Closed Meeting of
City of White Rock Council held in the
City Hall Board Room
October 24, 2016

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4. WATER UTILITY – MEDIA RELEASE TO EPCOR

[Community Charter Section 90(1) (g), (i), and (k)]

Mr. Hildebrand, City Solicitor provided an update regarding Council's September 12, 2016 request for a media release with respect to this matter.

The following resolution was carried at the September 12, 2016 Closed Council meeting:

THAT Council directs staff to draft a media release clearly stating the status of the negotiation / arbitration for the final purchase price for the water utility service, including information that the City has been in a position of waiting on several occasions for responses / information in order to complete the purchase.

Mr. Hildebrand advised against a media release at this time, stating it would further slow the negotiation process down. Although it appears to be taking a long time, this process is still faster than what an expropriation process would have been.

It was noted that Council are hearing from the public who do not understand the process and due to the signed confidentiality agreement are not able to clarify some misquotes and misunderstandings.

Mr. Hildebrand went through the progress made to date and stated he would follow up with Epcor by drafting an update that can be made public. This would be done following research of any information or reference that has already been made public (example: required public processes for the City's budget). He will forward a statement to Epcor and discuss Council's situation being a public body and that the expectation is to report out on the matter. Following this he will get back to the Chief Administrative Officer.