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CITY OF WHITE ROCK CLOSED CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: September 14, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration

SUBJECT: Content of Council Closed Meetings from February 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020

and Closed Motion Tracking

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT Council:

- 1. Authorize the public release of Appendix A of this closed corporate report noting the Content of Closed Council Meetings from February 1, 2020 July 31, 2020 at a regular Council meeting; and
- 2. Authorize the public release of this closed corporate report in accordance with *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* legislation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As City practice Council considers a corporate report that outlines the topics of Council closed meetings for release to the public on a quarterly basis (Appendix A).

In response to Council's request to have Closed Motion Tracking brought forward for information, that document is also included as part of the Closed Reporting (Appendix B).

LEGISLATION

The general rule is that meetings must be open to the public, expect as provided in section 90(1) of the Community Charter.

Meetings that may or must be closed to the public

- **90** (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (d) the security of the property of the municipality;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

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- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (h) an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the municipality, other than a hearing to be conducted by the council or a delegate of council;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];
- (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
- (2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

N/A

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Release of Closed Items

From February 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020 there were thirteen (13) closed Council meetings held. In addition there was one (1) closed Intergovernmental Council-to-Council meeting held with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN). Appendix A, attached to and forming part of this closed corporate report, states topics from each of the closed meetings held during the noted period.

Closed Motion Tracking

Appendix B attached to and forming part of this closed corporate report is the Closed Motion Tracking document that gives a summary of all motions requiring action within the closed meetings held from February 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Matters discussed in closed meetings must be released through a resolution of Council prior to being released to the public. Appendix A is an outline of the topics discussed to inform the public in regard to closed Council meetings.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

N/A

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

Council are requested to consider the recommendations of the corporate report as a way to offer pubic transparency.

CONCLUSION

Council are requested to review Appendix A and Appendix B as presented and consider the recommendations noted in the closed corporate report.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracey Arthur,
Director of Corporate Administration

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation(s) of this corporate report.

Guillermo Ferrero

Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Content of Council Closed Meetings from February 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020

Topics of Council Closed Meetings from February 1 to July 31, 2020

DATE	CONTENT
February 13, 2020	Ongoing Negotiations with the Semiahmoo First Nation (SFN) – Intergovernmental Meeting with SFN
March 2, 2020	Negotiations with SFN – Drainage Memorandum of Understanding
	Discussion regarding previous Councillor portrait removal (Councillor election was declared to be invalid and the office held by Mr. Coleridge was deemed to be vacant)
March 10, 2020	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) recruitment – executive search process update
March 17, 2020	 Discussion regarding Acting CAO from April 1 until the new CAO starts. Mr. Bottrill was selected, this information was previously authorized for release.
March 18, 2020	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) recruitment: interviews with all members of Council present
March 30, 2020	Legal Update on Land Expropriation 1510 Johnston Road
(not all items dealt with at the meeting there were some carry over to the next meeting of April 6)	Negotiations with SFN – Drainage Memorandum of Understanding
	CAO Contract Termination / Extension from April 1 until the new CAO starts
	Council authorized staff to release the amount of the settlement for the CAO. This was done for an FOI request. The response is on the website April 2020.
April 6, 2020	Judgement of litigation for 1310 Johnston Road / overview by legal
	Freedom of Information (FOI) request for specified closed records regarding SFN
	Topic Release from closed meetings July 2019 – January 31, 2020. Topics were released on the following regular Council agenda.
April 20, 2020	Land Litigation
	Judgement of litigation for 1310 Johnston Road, if no appeal the city would not seek costs
	FOI request for specified closed records regarding SFN

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DATE	CONTENT
May 4, 2020	 Staff Sergeant White Rock RCMP Update. Council requested the Staff Sergeant to attend a public meeting to review information that the RCMP can publically discuss.
	 Labour discussion working through the COVID-19 global pandemic. A Media Release was issued on this matter Negotiations with SFN – Drainage Memorandum of Understanding
	Legal Update on Land Expropriation 1510 Johnston Road
May 11, 2020	Land Litigation / Negation in relation to a Municipal Service
June 8, 2020	 Marine Drive "hump" repairs Labour discussion working through the COVID-19 global pandemic. Committee Appointments: COVID-19 Recovery Task Force, information & Advisory Design Panel Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Authorized to be released at the next Council meeting. The recruitment report was placed on the City website
June 22, 2020	 Council Strategic Priority Setting or the Annual Report. Two (2) resolutions were adopted on this and the information was placed on the next Council Agenda CAO Review Initial Discussion, this topic was authorized for release and was placed on the next Council agenda
July 7, 2020	Personnel / Labour Relations
July 28, 2020	 Legal Update on Land Expropriation 1510 Johnston Road CAO Review Process continued discussion