

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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POLICY TITLE: EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES

POLICY NUMBER: FINANCE - 322

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<i>Originating Department: Finance</i>	<i>Date last reviewed by Governance and Legislation Committee: September 28, 2020</i>

Definition:

An **emergency expenditure** is any expenditure which is not in the financial plan and that is incurred to provide prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety, welfare or the best interests of the people of the City of White Rock; or to limit damage to property within the City limits.

An **Emergency** is defined as a present or imminent event that is caused by accident, fire, explosion or technical failure or by the forces of nature and requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property.

Policy:

1. Where an emergency arises requiring the expenditure of City funds, approval of such expenditure may be provided by the Chief Administrative Officer or the Director of Financial Services in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer.
2. At the next Council meeting following the emergency, the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, will report to Council on the nature of the emergency and the funds expended.
3. As soon thereafter as practicable, the Director of Financial Services will put forward a bylaw to amend the City's Financial Plan to reflect the emergency expenditure if necessary.

Rationale:

The Community Charter requires the establishment of a process to authorize emergency expenditures that are not included in the financial plan.