

Elections in White Rock

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The following is a list of dates of civic elections in White Rock along with mayors and councillors elected, as well as information such as by-elections, resignations, appointments and other significant events defining the terms of office of politicians in White Rock.

1956 December 15

Referendum was held Surrey-wide to determine if White Rock should secede and incorporate.

Surrey voters

Yes – 3,565

No – 3,188

White Rock voters

Yes – 755

No - 595

1957 January 5

Provisional Council established by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Provisional Council Chairman

Defieux, Charles Morris

Provisional Council Members

Hodgson, William Tickner

Mitchell, Alexander Malcolm

Offer, William Ralph

Parker, Leonard

Shields, William C.

White, Charles Edward

1957 April 15

12:01 am White Rock officially became a city.

1957 April 17

Provisional Mayor and Aldermen sworn in.

Provisional Mayor

Defieux, Charles Morris

Provisional Aldermen

Hodgson, William Tickner

Offer, William Ralph

Mitchell, Alexander Malcolm

Parker, Leonard

Shields, William C.

White, Charles Edward

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1957 June 13

Special meeting of White Rock Council appointed William Hodgson as Acting Mayor after Charles Defieux resigned on June 12. Also, Alderman C. E. White had become ineligible by this time as he no longer owned property within the City of White Rock.

1957 July 29

Provincial Cabinet approved appointment of William Hodgson as Provisional Mayor, and Sidney Charles Fennell as Provisional Alderman.

1957 September 19 – Election

1957 October 1 – Sworn in

Note – The Mayor was elected to a 2 year term. The Aldermen who placed first, second and third in number of votes were elected to 2 year terms, and Aldermen who place fourth, fifth and sixth were elected to 1 year terms. Elections were scheduled once a year to replace those whose term was ending.

Elected Mayor

Hodgson, William Tickner

Elected Aldermen – 2 year term

Fennell, Sidney Charles
Lee, Jessie Isabel
Mitchell, Alexander Malcolm

Elected Aldermen – 1 year term

Browne, Lilian Edith
Offer, William Ralph
Zack, Max

1958 December 11 – Election

1959 January – Sworn in

Note – From this point on, the terms "Sitting Mayor" and "Sitting Aldermen" refers to Mayors or Aldermen who were already in office, and not running for a seat, at the time of this election.

Sitting Mayor

Hodgson, William Tickner

Elected Aldermen

Hynds, John (Jack)
Irwin, Ed
Zack, Max

Sitting Aldermen

Fennell, Sidney Charles

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Lee, Jessie Isabel
Mitchell, Alexander Malcolm

1959 December 17 – Election

1960 January 4 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Graham, John Edward
Hall, Bruce Woolfred
Lee, Jessie Isabel

Sitting Aldermen

Hynds, John (Jack)
Irwin, Ed
Zack, Max

1960 October 5 - By-election *

1960 October 11 - Sworn in

Note – This by-election was held to fill the seat of Alderman Bruce Hall who had resigned on September 6, 1960.

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Alderman

Taylor, William Henry

Sitting Aldermen

Graham, John Edward
Hynds, John (Jack)
Irwin, Ed
Lee, Jessie Isabel
Zack, Max

1960 December 8 – Election

1961 January 3 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Bleakley, Tom
Hynds, John (Jack)
Irwin, Ed

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Sitting Aldermen

Graham, John Edward
Lee, Jessie Isabel
Taylor, William Henry

1961 December 7 – Election

1962 January 8 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Graham, John Edward
Lee, Jessie Isabel
Taylor, William Henry

Sitting Aldermen

Bleakley, Tom
Hynds, John (Jack)
Irwin, Ed

1962 December 6 – Election

1963 January 7 - Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Bleakley, Tom
Holt, Gerry
Hynds, John (Jack)

Sitting Aldermen

Graham, John Edward
Lee, Jessie Isabel
Taylor, William Henry

1963 December 5 – Election

1964 January 6 – Sworn in

Note – This election was for Aldermen only. As the only candidate for Mayor, Harry Douglass was declared elected by acclamation when nominations closed on November 25, 1963.

Elected Mayor – (by acclamation)

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

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Campbell, Ron
Graham, John Edward
Taylor, William Henry

Sitting Aldermen

Bleakley, Tom
Holt, Gerry
Hynds, John (Jack)

1964 May 28 – By-election *

1964 May 29 – Sworn in

Note – *Tom Bleakley resigned on April 1st 1964, forcing this by-election.

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Alderman

Wall, Arthur Etienne*

Sitting Aldermen

Campbell, Ron
Graham, John Edward
Holt, Gerry
Hynds, John (Jack)
Taylor, William Henry

1964 December 12 – Election

1965 January 4 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Holt, Gerry
Maggs, Percy
Wall, Arthur Etienne

Sitting Aldermen

Campbell, Ron
Graham, John Edward
Taylor, William Henry

1965 July 3 – By-election*

1965 July 6 – Sworn in

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*Note – By-election called due to the death of Ald. William Henry Taylor. John (Jack) Hynds as the only candidate running, won by acclamation.

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Alderman (by acclamation)

Hynds, John (Jack)*

Sitting Aldermen

Campbell, Ron
Graham, John Edward
Holt, Gerry
Maggs, Percy
Wall, Arthur Etienne

1965 December 11 – Election

1966 January 3 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Carmichael, Tom
Graham, John Edward
Hynds, John (Jack)

Sitting Aldermen

Holt, Gerry
Maggs, Percy
Wall, Arthur Etienne

1966 December 10 – Election

1967 January 3 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Feedham, Weldon Burnaby
Maggs, Percy
Wall, Arthur Etienne

Sitting Aldermen

Carmichael, Tom
Graham, John
Hynds, John (Jack)

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1967 December 9 – Election

1968 January 8 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Hynds, John (Jack)

Sutherland, Bill

Sitting Aldermen

Feedham, Weldon Burnaby

Maggs, Percy

Wall, Arthur Etienne

1968 December 7 - Election

1969 January 6 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Douglass, Harry Thorburn

Elected Aldermen

Feedham, Weldon Burnaby

Maggs, Percy

Wall, Arthur Etienne

Sitting Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Hynds, John (Jack)

Sutherland, Bill

1969 December 6 – Election

1970 January 5 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Hynds, John (Jack)

Elected Aldermen

Colby, Larry

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Sutherland, Bill

Sitting Aldermen

Feedham, Weldon Burnaby

Maggs, Percy

Wall, Arthur Etienne

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1970 December 12 – Election

1971 January 4 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Hynds, John (Jack)

Elected Aldermen

Feedham, Weldon Burnaby

James, Milton George

Wall, Arthur Etienne

Sitting Aldermen

Colby, Larry

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Sutherland, Bill

1971 December 11 – Election

1972 January 3 – Sworn in

Note – *A vacant seat for Alderman, 1 year term, had to be filled when Art Wall resigned his seat on council to run for Mayor in this election.

Elected Mayor

Wall, Arthur Etienne

Elected Aldermen – 2 year term

Colby, Larry

Ginther, J. Lorne

Sutherland, Bill

Elected Alderman – 1 year term

Clements, John A. (Scotty)*

Sitting Aldermen

Feedham, Weldon Burnaby

James, Milton George

1972 December 9 – Election

1973 January 8 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Wall, Arthur Etienne

Elected Aldermen

Clements, John A. (Scotty)

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Thompson, Derrald

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Sitting Aldermen

Colby, Larry
Ginther, J. Lorne
Sutherland, Bill

1973 November 17 – Election

1974 January 7 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

McDonald, Don

Elected Aldermen

Clifford, Gerry
Ginther, J. Lorne
Jones, Ken
Pearson, Don

Sitting Aldermen

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)
Thompson, Derrald

1974 November 16 – Election

1975 January 6 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

McDonald, Don

Elected Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Hogg, Gordon
Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Sitting Aldermen

Ginther, J. Lorne
Jones, Ken
Pearson, Don

1975 November 15 – Election

1976 January 6 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

McDonald, Don

Elected Aldermen

Ginther, J. Lorne

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Jones, Ken
Pearson, Don

Sitting Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Hogg, Gordon
Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

1976 November 20 – Election

1977 January 3 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

McDonald, Don

Elected Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Hogg, Gordon
Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Sitting Aldermen

Ginther, J. Lorne
Jones, Ken
Pearson, Don

1977 November 19 – Election

1977 December 5 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

McDonald, Don

Elected Aldermen

Blewett, John
Lower, Margaret
Pearson, Don

Sitting Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Hogg, Gordon
Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

1978 November 18 – Election

1978 December 4 – Sworn in

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Note - *an additional Aldermanic seat was open when Ald. Don Pearson said he would be moving away for work reasons. He announced his resignation on April 24, but remained on Council until the November election.

Sitting Mayor

McDonald, Don

Elected Aldermen *

Hogg, Gordon

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Kirstein, Tom

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Sitting Aldermen

Blewett, John

Lower, Margaret

1979 November 17 – Election

1979 December 3 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Kirstein, Tom

Elected Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen

Lower, Margaret

Thompson, Derrald

Sitting Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Hogg, Gordon

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

1980 November 15 – Election

1980 December 3 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Kirstein, Tom

Elected Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Hogg, Gordon

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

Sitting Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen

Lower, Margaret

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Thompson, Derrald

1981 November 21 – Election 1981 December 7 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Kirstein, Tom

Elected Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen

Brett, Brian

Lower, Margaret

Sitting Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Hogg, Gordon

Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal)

1982 November 20 – Election 1982 December 6 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Kirstein, Tom

Elected Aldermen

Blewett, John

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

Hogg, Gordon

Sitting Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen

Brett, Brian

Lower, Margaret

1983 November 19 – Election 1983 December 5 – Sworn in

Note - * One-year-term for James Coleridge, filling seat vacated by Gordon Hogg, who stepped down to run for Mayor. The other three aldermen were elected for two-year terms.

Elected Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

Elected Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen

Brett, Brian

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Coleridge, James*
Webb, David

Sitting Aldermen

Blewett, John
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

1984 November 17 – Election **1984 December 6 – Sworn in**

Sitting Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

Elected Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Coleridge, James
Lower, Margaret

Sitting Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen
Brett, Brian
Webb, David

1985 November 16 – Election **1985 December 2 – Sworn in**

Elected Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

Elected Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen
Hutchinson, Louise
Webb, David

Sitting Aldermen

Coleridge, James
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Lower, Margaret

1986 November 15 – Election **1986 December 8 – Sworn in**

Sitting Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

Elected Aldermen

Coleridge, James
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)

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Lower, Margaret

Sitting Aldermen

Beuhler, Carmen
Hutchinson, Louise
Webb, David

1987 November 21 – Election 1987 December 7 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Hogg, Gordon (by acclamation)

Elected Aldermen

Hutchinson, Louise
Staub, Hardy
Webb, David

Sitting Aldermen

Coleridge, James
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Lower, Margaret

1988 November 19 – Election 1988 December 5 – Sworn in

Sitting Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

Elected Aldermen

Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Ginther, J. Lorne
Lower, Margaret

Sitting Aldermen

Hutchinson, Louise
Staub, Hardy
Webb, David

1990 November 17 – Election 1990 December 3 – Sworn in

Note - All elections from this point on were 3-year terms for Mayor and Council. Staggered terms were abolished.

Elected Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

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Elected Aldermen

Charles, Sharon
Coleridge, James
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Forster, Judy
Staub, Hardy
Webb, David

1991 June 15 – By-election

1991 June 24 – Sworn in

Note - * Sharon Charles had stepped down two months earlier and then ran in the by-election.

Sitting Mayor

Hogg, Gordon

Elected Alderman

Charles, Sharon*

Sitting Aldermen

Coleridge, James
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Forster, Judy
Staub, Hardy
Webb, David

1993 November 20 – Election

1993 December 6 – Sworn in

Note - From this point on, the term "Alderman" was replaced with "Councillor" to reflect gender diversity of Councils.

Elected Mayor

Staub, Hardy

Elected Councillors

Coleridge, James
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin)
Forster, Judy
Hutchinson, Louise
McLean, Doug
Webb, David

1996 November 16 – Election

1996 December 1 – Sworn in

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Elected Mayor

Staub, Hardy

Elected Councillors

Coleridge, James

Forster, Judy

McLean, Doug

Mikelson, Mary

Peddemors, Stewart

Webb, David

1998 September 12 – By-election

1998 September 28 – Sworn in

* Note - By-election called after David Webb stepped down, due to health issues.

Sitting Mayor

Staub, Hardy

Elected Councillor

Foster, Caroline *

Sitting Councillors

Coleridge, James

Forster, Judy

McLean, Doug

Mikelson, Mary

Peddemors, Stewart

1999 November 20 – Election

1999 December 6 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Staub, Hardy

Elected Councillors

Anderson, Mary-Wade

Coleridge, James

Forster, Judy

McLean, Doug

Mikelson, Mary

Peddemors, Stewart

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2002 November 16 – Election 2002 December 2 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Forster, Judy

Elected Councillors

Anderson, Mary-Wade
Annable, Cliff
McLean, Doug
Peddemors, Stewart
Todd, Matt
Woods, Margaret

2005 November 19 – Election 2005 December 5 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Forster, Judy

Elected Councillors

Anderson, Mary-Wade
Coleridge, James
Ferguson, Catherine
McLean, Doug
Peddemors, Stewart
Todd, Matt

2008 November 17 – Election 2008 December 5 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Ferguson, Catherine

Elected Councillors

Anderson, Mary-Wade
Campbell, Al
Coleridge, James
Fathers, Helen
McLean, Doug
Sinclair, Lynne

2009 September 12 – By-election * 2009 October 5 – Sworn in

Note - By-election held after James Coleridge unseated by court decision.

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Sitting Mayor

Ferguson, Catherine

Elected Councillor

Meyer, Grant*

Sitting Councillors

Anderson, Mary-Wade
Campbell, Al
Fathers, Helen
McLean, Doug
Sinclair, Lynne

2011 November 19 – Election

2011 December 5 – Sworn in

Elected Mayor

Baldwin, Wayne

Elected Councillors

Anderson, Mary-Wade
Campbell, Al
Fathers, Helen
Hutchinson, Louise
Meyer, Grant
Robinson, Larry

2012 November 3 – By-election

2012 November 19 – Sworn in

* Note - By-election called due to death of Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson.

Sitting Mayor

Baldwin, Wayne

Elected Councillor

Lawrence, Bill*

Sitting Councillors

Campbell, Al
Fathers, Helen
Hutchinson, Louise
Meyer, Grant
Robinson, Larry

2014 November 15 – Election

2014 December 1 - Sworn In

Elections in White Rock

Elected Mayor

Baldwin, Wayne

Elected Councillors

Chesney, David

Fathers, Helen

Knight, Megan

Lawrence, Bill

Meyer, Grant

Sinclair, Lynne

List of names of people elected as Mayor, Alderman or Councillor

{**M** = Mayor}

Anderson, Mary-Wade {1999 - 2012}
Annable, Cliff {2002 - 2005}
Baldwin, Wayne {2011 - 2015 **M**}
Beuhler, Carmen {1979 - 1987}
Bleakley, Tom {1961 - 1964}
Blewett, John {1977 - 1979} {1982 - 1984}
Brett, Brian {1981 - 1985}
Browne, Lilian Edith {1957 - 1959}
Campbell, Al {2008 - 2014}
Campbell, Ron {1964 - 1966}
Carmichael, Tom {1966 - 1968}
Charles, Sharon {1990 - 1993}
Chesney, David {2014 - present}
Clements, John A. (Scotty) {1972 - 1974}
Clifford, Gerry {1973 - 1975}
Colby, Larry {1970 - 1974}
Coleridge, James {1983 - 1988} {1990 - 2002} {2005 - 2009}
Coyne, Vincent E. (Vin) {1968 - 1970} {1975 - 1996}
Defieux, Charles Morris {1957 **M**}
Douglass, Harry Thorburn {1960 - 1970 **M**}
Fathers, Helen {2008 - present}
Feedham, Weldon Burnaby {1967 - 1973}
Fennell, Sidney Charles {1957 - 1960}
Ferguson, Catherine {2005 - 2008} {2008 - 2011 **M**}
Forster, Judy {1990 - 2002} {2002 - 2008 **M**}
Foster, Caroline {1998 - 1999}
Ginther, J. Lorne {1972 - 1977} {1988 - 1990}
Graham, John Edward {1960 - 1967}
Hall, Bruce Woolfred {1960}

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Hodgson, William Tickner {1957} {1957-1960 **M**}
Hogg, Gordon {1975 - 1983} {1983 - 1993 **M**}
Holt, Gerry {1963 - 1967}
Hutchinson, Louise {1985 - 1990} {1993 - 1996} {2011 - 2014}
Hynds, John {Jack} {1959 - 1970} {1970 - 1972 **M**}
Irwin, Ed {1959 - 1963}
James, Milton George {1971 - 1973}
Jones, Ken {1974 - 1977}
Kirstein, Tom {1978 - 1979} {1979 - 1983 **M**}
Knight, Megan {2014 - present}
Lawrence, William Edward (Bill) {2012 - present}
Lee, Jessie Isabel {1957 - 1964}
Lower, Margaret {1977 - 1983} {1984 - 1990}
Maggs, Percy {1965 - 1971}
McDonald, Don {1974 - 1979 **M**}
McLean, Doug {1993 - 2011}
Meyer, Grant {2009 - present}
Mikelson, Mary {1996 - 2002}
Mitchell, Alexander Malcolm {1957 - 1960}
Offer, William Ralph {1957 - 1959}
Parker, Leonard {1957}
Pearson, Don {1974 - 1978}
Peddemors, Stewart {1996 - 2008}
Robinson, Larry {2011 - 2014}
Shields, William C. {1957}
Sinclair, Harold Murray (Hal) {1970 - 1972} {1973 - 1982}
Sinclair, Lynne {2008 - 2011} {2014 - present}
Staub, Hardy {1987 - 1993} {1993 - 2002 **M**}
Sutherland, William Thomas (Bill) {1968 - 1974}
Taylor, William Henry {1960 - 1965}
Thompson, Derrald {1973 - 1975} {1979 - 1981}
Todd, Matt {2002 - 2008}
Wall, Arthur Etienne {1964 - 1972} {1972 - 1974 **M**}
Webb, David {1983 - 1998}
White, Charles Edward {1957}
Woods, Margaret {2002 - 2005}
Zack, Max {1957 - 1961}