

## **For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, May 24, 2019**

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## **Metro Vancouver Regional District**

### **E 1.1 Regional Long-Range Growth and Transportation Scenarios – Final Summary Report** **RECEIVED APPROVED**

The Board received for information the final Summary Report for the Regional Long-Range Growth and Transportation Scenarios project. It also endorsed the use of the Long Range Growth and Transportation Scenarios to review and update Metro 2040 and directed staff to distribute the Final Summary Report to organizations with an interest in long-range regional planning, including member jurisdictions, health authorities, and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

The Long-Range Growth and Transportation Scenarios have been developed to help consider multiple possible futures and to better incorporate uncertainty into the regional planning framework.

### **E 2.1 MVRD Park Land Acquisition Agreement with the City of Abbotsford** **APPROVED**

The Board approved the Abbotsford Disposition of the Eastern Portion of Aldergrove Park Land Agreement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the City of Abbotsford for the sale and transfer of certain lands to the Metro Vancouver Regional District. It also authorized the Director of Properties, on behalf of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, to enter into, execute and deliver the MVRD Land Acquisition Agreement.

In May 2018, the MVRD sold and transferred all of its park land interests within the municipal boundary of Abbotsford to the City of Abbotsford, including the eastern portion of the Aldergrove Regional Park in order to facilitate the City of Abbotsford's withdrawal from the MVRD Regional Parks function. Metro Vancouver continues to own and operate the western portion of the Aldergrove Regional Park.

The Provincial Government has indicated that as a result of the unique circumstances that originally led to Aldergrove Regional Park stretching over two different regional districts, a targeted exception to section 334(4) of the Local Government Act may be feasible to enable the MVRD to own and operate that portion of Aldergrove Park located within the municipal boundary of Abbotsford and without the City of Abbotsford having to be a participant in MVRD's Regional Parks service.

Approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council is required to enable MVRD to own and operate the east portion of Aldergrove Park located within the municipal boundary of Abbotsford without the City of Abbotsford having to be a participant in MVRD's Regional Parks service.

### **E 3.1 Board Remuneration Review Findings and Recommendations**

**APPROVED**

The Board endorsed the findings of the Board Remuneration Independent Review Panel as presented and directed staff to bring forward proposed amendments to the Remuneration Bylaw for the Board's consideration.

The Board established an Independent Review Panel to study the Board's remuneration policies set out in the Remuneration Bylaw. The Independent Review Panel found the current model was fair and appropriate, and should not be changed, except in two areas: an adjustment to the Electoral Area Director stipend, and a one-time adjustment in 2020 to offset the 2019 change in CRA taxation policy.

### **E 3.2 2019 Budget - Status of Reserves**

**APPROVED**

With the year-end process complete, operating, discretionary and statutory reserves projected for 2019 have been updated after including 2018 operating surpluses. Reserve applications have also been updated and are presented in Schedule 1. These applications are consistent with Board direction on the use of reserves through the adopted reserve policy. The Board approved the application and transfer of reserves related to the expenditures and provisions as presented.

### **E 3.3 2018 Statement of Financial Information**

**APPROVED**

Board approved the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Financial Information Act is provincial legislation that requires local governments to prepare the following statements and schedules annually:

- Statement of assets and liabilities
- Statement of operations
- Schedule of debt
- Schedule of guarantee and indemnity agreements
- Schedule showing remuneration and expenses paid to or on behalf of each employee that exceeds \$75,000 and amounts paid to or on behalf of elected officials
- Schedule showing the payments for each supplier of goods or services that exceeds \$25,000

### **E 3.4 Lions Bay – Support for Rural Designation for Grant Eligibility**

**APPROVED**

The Board resolved to write a letter in support of designating Lions Bay as an eligible rural community for the purposes of provincial and federal rural grant programs. The letter will be sent to:

- The Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, with respect to the BC Rural Dividend Program
- The Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, with respect to the Island Coastal Economic Trust
- The federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, with respect to Community Futures funding

**E 4.1 Expanded Consultation on a Potential Cannabis Production Emission Regulation for Metro Vancouver** **APPROVED**

The Board endorsed the engagement plan attached to a report titled *Expanded Consultation on a Potential Cannabis Production Emission Regulation for Metro Vancouver*, and directed staff to proceed with engagement and consultation on the proposed approach to regulating air emissions from cannabis production and processing.

The initial phase of engagement will be conducted between June and September 2019, followed by the second phase between January and March 2020. It will involve the public, the agricultural sector, cannabis producers and associations, businesses providing services to the cannabis industry, and municipal agricultural advisory committees, as well as staff from government agencies with responsibility for agriculture, the Agricultural Land Reserve, health and the environment at the federal, provincial and local levels.

The production of cannabis has increased substantially in the Metro Vancouver region since the legalization of recreational cannabis in October 2018. At the March 29 Board meeting, Board members expressed concerns about regulating odours from agricultural sources.

**E 4.2 Consultation on Proposed Changes to Metro Vancouver’s Ambient Air Quality Objectives** **APPROVED**

The Board directed staff to proceed with consultation on the proposed changes to Metro Vancouver’s ambient air quality objectives.

To align with federal standards and provincial objectives, Metro Vancouver is proposing changes to its ambient air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide, ground-level ozone and carbon monoxide, to better protect human health and the environment. Engagement with the public, member jurisdictions, local First Nations, businesses, health authorities and other stakeholders is intended to provide interested parties who may be affected with sufficient opportunity to learn about the proposed changes and provide feedback.

**E 4.3 Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Sub-Regional Profiles and Assessment of Ecosystem Loss** **RECEIVED APPROVED**

The Board received for information a report titled *Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Sub-Regional Profiles and Assessment of Ecosystem Loss*, and resolved to distribute the report to member jurisdiction councils for information.

The Metro Vancouver Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory update provides key insights into the state of the region’s most important ecological areas and changes over a five-year period. Causes of loss observed in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory update, including logging, clearing, mowing, agriculture, and residential development, were assessed and quantified.

## **E 5.1 Metro Vancouver External Agency Activities Status Report – May 2019**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information the reports from Metro Vancouver representatives to external organizations:

- Board of Trustees of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department
- Delta Heritage Airpark Management Committee
- Fraser Basin Council – Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy Leadership Committee
- Municipal Finance Authority
- Pacific Parklands Foundation
- Union of BC Municipalities
- Western Transportation Advisory Council

## **G 1.1 Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements**

**INITIATED**

The Board initiated the Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future amendment process for a Type 3 Minor Amendment to the regional growth strategy to incorporate regional land use designation changes, the expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary, and the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas stemming from accepted regional context statements.

The Board then gave first, second, and third readings of the Amendment Bylaw, and directed staff to notify affected local governments and appropriate agencies as per Section 6.4.2 of Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future.

Type 3 minor amendments have been used in the past as a means to amend the regional growth strategy to reflect mapping changes made through accepted regional context statements. Since the adoption in July 2011 of Metro 2040, 21 Regional Context Statements have been accepted by the MVRD Board. Since the last such amendment in July 2017, four updated RCSs have been accepted by the MVRD Board and three RCSs have been submitted for reacceptance without amendment and subsequently accepted by the MVRD Board.

## **G 1.2 Metro 2040 Land Use Designation Amendment Request from the City of Delta – MK Delta Lands**

**INITIATED**

The Board initiated the regional growth strategy amendment process for the City of Delta to change the regional land use designation of a property located at 7969 Highway 91 Connector from agricultural to Industrial, and to include the lands within the Urban Containment Boundary.

The Board also gave first and second readings to the Amending Bylaw; directed staff to notify affected governments as per Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future Section 6.4.2; and, directed staff to request additional information from City of Delta staff as laid out in the report.

Staff concluded that the proposed amendment will result in a net benefit by increasing the supply of industrial lands in the region; increasing land in the ALR and providing funds to improve the productivity of other agricultural lands; and increasing the protection of ecologically important lands contiguous with Burns Bog by eliminating the potential for permitted industrial extraction activities on three additional parcels by

transferring them to public ownership. The property owner also committed to transfer three lots totalling 132 ha (328 ac), that are located adjacent to the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area, to the City of Delta for protection from future development.

## I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

RECEIVED

The Board received delegation summaries and information items from Standing Committee meetings.

### Housing Committee – May 1, 2019

Information Items:

- **5.2 Regional Affordable Housing Strategy – Progress Report Work Plan**

The Regional Affordable Housing Strategy was adopted by the Metro Vancouver Regional District in 2016. Developed with input from member municipalities and housing stakeholders, it provides a shared vision, goals and strategies for tackling the housing affordability challenge of Metro Vancouver. This report provides the Housing Committee with the work plan for preparing a progress report on the Regional Affordable Housing Strategy (2016).

### Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force – May 2, 2019

Delegation Summaries:

- **3.1 Marcy Sangret, City of Delta**

### Aboriginal Relations Committee – May 2, 2019

Information Items:

- **5.1 2019 Community to Community Forum Draft Proposal**

This report presented the proposed 2019 Community to Community Forum with Musqueam Indian Band for information. A Community to Community Forum provides an opportunity for bringing together First Nations and local governments to foster positive relationships between communities.

Given that one of the priorities for the Aboriginal Relations Committee is engagement in initiatives and activities that strengthen relationships between Metro Vancouver and First Nations within the region, the proposed Community to Community Forum is intended to meet the Committee's objectives.

- **5.2 Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities**

The report provided a quarterly update on reconciliation activities involving Metro Vancouver and local governments as per the Committee's recommendation and for members' information.

### Regional Planning Committee – May 3, 2019

Delegation Summaries:

- **3.1 Sarah Ross, TransLink**

Information Items:

- **5.3 Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study Phase 3 – Scoping**

With the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study (TOAH), it is important to distribute the key findings and learnings to practitioners and policymakers in the Metro Vancouver region. In February 2019, the MVRD Board allocated funding from the Sustainability Innovation Fund for TOAH Phase 3, which is intended to assemble the research findings and communicate them in a manner that encourages learning by doing.

With an expanded knowledge base, practitioners and decision-makers can advance more effective policies and actions to encourage new affordable rental housing development in locations close to rapid transit and along frequent bus corridors. The general scope of Phase 3 comprises three elements: an Integrated TOAH Implementation Calculator; practitioners workshops; and an equitable transit-oriented communities summit. The exact scoping and timing of the practitioner workshops and regional summit will depend on the level of interest of the targeted participants, as well as related events that may be occurring in 2019 and 2020. Depending on the scoping outcomes, financial contributions from partner agencies may be sought.

- **5.4 Equity in Regional Growth Management – Project Initiation**

This report provided information on the scope for the Equity in Regional Growth Management project being initiated to inform the update to Metro 2040. The research project will advance Regional Planning’s understanding of equity considerations as they relate to land use and transportation planning and policy, with a focus on growth management. The research findings will help identify gaps and opportunities for Metro Vancouver to better incorporate equity (including Indigenous perspectives and interests) into its regional growth management practices, and form an important foundational piece to the update to Metro 2040.

- **5.6 Expanded Consultation on a Potential Cannabis Production Emission Regulation for Metro Vancouver**

The attachment to this report is a staff report to the Climate Action Committee that responds to the Board’s March 29, 2019 referral motion, including a proposed bylaw development discussion paper outlining a possible approach for regulating air emissions from cannabis production as well as an engagement plan to obtain input from potentially affected parties. The engagement plan has been expanded based on discussion at the March 29, 2019 Board meeting.

## **Regional Parks Committee – May 15, 2019**

Delegation Summaries:

- **3.1 Marcy Sangret, City of Delta**

Information Items:

- **5.3 Regional Parks 2018 Annual Report**

This report presented the Regional Parks 2018 Annual Report for information. It provided an overview of Regional Parks’ visitor and facility use, programming, volunteering, and activities in 2018. The annual report will be used to support ongoing park planning by MVRD and local municipalities for capital planning, future facility development, program delivery, and resource management activities.

## **Zero Waste Committee – May 17, 2019**

Information Items:

- **5.3 Update on Metro Vancouver’s Engagement with the Love Food Hate Waste Canada Campaign**

Metro Vancouver launched a regional Love Food Hate Waste campaign in May 2015. The objective was to prevent avoidable household food waste. Over three years, Metro Vancouver took the campaign to such a level that it became the basis for a national campaign – Love Food Hate Waste Canada – launched in 2018 by the National Zero Waste Council, an initiative of Metro Vancouver. Love Food Hate Waste Canada brings together nine partners: the cities of Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria, Capital Regional District, Metro Vancouver, RECYC-QUÉBEC, Province of British Columbia,

Sobeys, and Walmart. Love Food Hate Waste Canada is a bilingual campaign that uses digital media (including social media), conventional media, and activations in grocery stores and public events in communities across Canada. As a partner to a national campaign, Metro Vancouver's efforts to reduce household food waste will be greatly enhanced by multiple partners. These partners communicate the same messages about the value of reducing food waste and the steps households can take in buying and storing food and in preparing meals that will make a positive difference. As the campaign grows, it will continue to engage more partners across Canada.

## **Climate Action Committee – May 17, 2019**

Delegation Summaries:

- **3.1 Pat Bell, Community Energy Association**

Information Items:

- **5.1 2019 Update on Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects**

This report presented an update on seven projects funded under the Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund. The Sustainability Innovation Funds were created by the Board in 2004 to provide financial support to utility or Regional District projects that contribute to the region's sustainability.

- **5.2 2019 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects**

This report presented an update on six projects funded under the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund. The Sustainability Innovation Funds were created by the Board in 2004 to provide financial support to utility or Regional District projects that contribute to the region's sustainability.

- **5.3 2019 Update on Water Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects**

This report presented an update on four projects funded under the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund. The Sustainability Innovation Funds were created by the Board in 2004 to provide financial support to utility or Regional District projects that contribute to the region's sustainability.

- **5.6 Air Quality and Climate Action Initiatives in the Caring for the Air 2019 Report**

This report presented the 2019 edition of the annual Caring for the Air report and provided information about outreach conducted for the previous edition of the report with the intention of raising awareness about climate change and air quality initiatives in the Lower Fraser Valley air shed.

## **Greater Vancouver Water District**

### **E 1.1 Asset Management for Water Services Policy**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the Asset Management for Water Services Policy as presented.

This Policy outlines GVWD's commitment and methodology to manage water assets in a manner that minimizes asset failure risks and impacts to both residents and member jurisdictions while optimizing the life cycle of assets. It will guide Water Services to meet asset performance targets within a specified budget and enable evidence based decision making with respect to infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement.

## **E 1.2 2019 Budget - Status of Reserves**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the application and transfer of reserves related to the expenditures and provisions as set out in Schedule 1 of the report.

With the year-end process complete, operating, discretionary and statutory reserves projected for 2019 have been updated after including 2018 operating surpluses. Reserve applications have also been updated and are presented in Schedule 1. These applications are consistent with Board direction on the use of reserves through the adopted reserve policy.

## **E 2.1 Agency Requests to Transport Adult Fish Upstream of Seymour Falls Dam**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved a request by the Fisheries and Oceans Canada to transport an annual maximum of 400 returning coho salmon adults upstream of Seymour Falls Dam; and a request by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to transport a maximum of 20 returning steelhead trout adults upstream of Seymour Falls Dam in 2019 and 2020.

These requests do not negatively impact Metro Vancouver operations and are an opportunity for collaboration with the agencies, First Nations and community groups.

## **I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received information items from the Water Committee.

### **Water Committee – May 16, 2019**

Information Items:

- **5.1 BC Hydro Pole Replacement in Capilano Watershed – Project Update**  
BC Hydro will be completing a multi-year project focused on replacing 75 wooden pole structures along two transmission lines that run within the Capilano water supply area. Metro Vancouver staff have worked collaboratively with the BC Hydro project team to review project plans, minimize environmental disturbance and achieve project efficiencies. The project is expected to commence in the summer of 2019 and be completed by the fall of 2021.
- **5.2 Watershed Education Program Update**  
Watershed Education Programs reach over 5,400 residents of Metro Vancouver annually with the aim of providing all citizens with the opportunity to see where their water comes from, understanding the value of this resource, recognizing their connection to it, developing a sense of pride and confidence in the water supply and becoming champions for sustainability.
- **5.4 Fisheries and Oceans Canada Request for Metro Vancouver Water Supply to the Coquitlam Dam Fish Trap**  
Metro Vancouver received a request from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to provide water from an adjacent water main to the Coquitlam Dam fish trap. This request requires an adjustment to Metro Vancouver operations but does not negatively impact the water supply. The provision of

water to the Coquitlam Dam fish trap provides an opportunity for collaboration with the agencies, Kwikwetlem First Nation and ongoing support of the Kwikwetlem Sockeye Restoration Project.

- **5.5 2019 Watering Regulations Communications and Regional Water Conservation Campaign**  
This report contained an update on regional communications to support the 2019 watering regulations and the regional water conservation campaign. Metro Vancouver undertakes communication and engagement initiatives to ensure water resources are conserved and efficiently used throughout the region.
- **5.6 2019 Water Wagon Schedule**  
This report presented the preliminary 2019 event schedule for Metro Vancouver's Water Wagon.

## Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

### **E 1.1 Asset Management for Solid Waste Services Policy**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the Asset Management for Solid Waste Services Policy as presented.

The new Asset Management for Solid Waste Services Policy will improve the ability to manage a broad range of asset data, prioritize maintenance activities and make informed decisions regarding long-term maintenance and capital replacements. The goal of the Asset Management for Solid Waste Services Policy is to balance asset performance, risk and cost.

### **E 1.2 2019 Budget - Status of Reserves**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the application and transfer of reserves related to the expenditures and provisions as set out in Schedule 1 of the report.

With the year-end process complete, operating, discretionary and statutory reserves projected for 2019 have been updated after including 2018 operating surpluses. Reserve applications have also been updated and presented. These applications are consistent with Board direction on the use of reserves through the adopted reserve policy.

### **E 2.1 Award of Contract Resulting from Request for Proposal No. 18-001: Construction Services for the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Project**

**RECEIVED**

The Board approved the award of a contract for an amount of up to \$184,124,380.27 (exclusive of taxes) to Pomerleau Bessac General Partnership, resulting from Request for Proposal No. 18-001: Construction Services for the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Project. Pomerleau Bessac General Partnership was identified as the highest ranked compliant proposal.

**E 2.2 Award of Phase C, Construction Engineering Services Resulting from RFP No. 14-097: Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Transient Mitigation and Outfall Expansion Project** **APPROVED**

The Board approved the award of Phase C, Construction Engineering Services for an amount of up to \$16,989,113.00 (exclusive of taxes) to the Phase A and B consultant, CDM Smith Canada ULC for the Annacis Wastewater Treatment Plant Transient Mitigation and Outfall Project. CDM Smith Canada ULC has completed Phase A (Pre-Design Services) and Phase B (Detailed Design Services).

**E 2.3 Award of Contract Resulting from Tender No. 18-296: Supply and Installation of North Road Trunk Sewer No. 2 – Phase 1A Brunette River to Lougheed Highway** **APPROVED**

The Board approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$5,584,406.51 (exclusive of taxes) to Clearway Construction Inc., resulting from Tender No. 18-296: Supply and Installation of North Road Trunk Sewer No. 2 – Phase 1A Brunette River to Lougheed Highway. Clearway Construction Inc. submitted the lowest compliant bid.

**E 3.1 Solid Waste Energy Policy** **APPROVED**

The Board directed staff to prepare a business case, including a recommended ownership model, for a district energy system using heat from the Waste-to-Energy Facility.

At its May 17, 2019 meeting, the Zero Waste Committee considered a Solid Waste Energy Policy and asked for more clarification on the types of projects that would be subject to it. The Solid Waste Energy Policy would apply to Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Services projects that generate energy or recyclables, particularly projects that generate greenhouse gas emission reductions. District heating from the Waste-to-Energy Facility would increase energy recovery and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries** **RECEIVED**

The Board received a delegation summary and information items from Standing Committee meetings.

**Liquid Waste Committee – May 16, 2019**

Information Items:

- **5.1 Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – Project Definition Update**

The Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Definition technical workshop 3 was held on April 10th and 11th, 2019. This workshop focused on integrating wastewater treatment technology concepts with community integration and resource recovery themes to produce three overall wastewater treatment plant concepts. Stakeholder and First Nations engagement is underway and activities will continue throughout 2019 and 2020.

**Zero Waste Committee – May 17, 2019**

Delegation Summaries:

- **3.1 Sam Scoten, CheckSammy**

Information Items:

- **5.2 2018 Disposal Ban Program Update**

The Disposal Ban Program is a key waste reduction strategy identified in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan. In 2018, 188,135 loads were inspected, 16,707 loads were found to contain banned materials and 3,554 surcharge notices were issued. The Disposal Ban Program remains an effective tool to encourage waste reduction and diversion.

## Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation

### E 1.1 2019 Budget - Status of Reserves

**APPROVED**

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The Board approved the application and transfer of reserves related to the expenditures and provisions as set out in Schedule 1 of the report.

### I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

**APPROVED**

The Board received an information item from the Housing Committee meeting.

#### Housing Committee – May 1, 2019

Information Items:

- **5.3 Spring Flower and Community Garden Programs**

Metro Vancouver Housing is committed to tenant engagement. The Spring Flower and Community Garden Programs are two of a number of initiatives designed to inspire a sense of pride and ownership among tenants living in Metro Vancouver Housing sites. Both the Spring Flower and Community Garden Programs are equally beneficial to both Metro Vancouver Housing and tenants.

Metro Vancouver Housing provides 321 garden plots for housing tenants for their enjoyment and wellbeing. Spring flowers are provided to Tenants Associations to beautify housing sites and create healthy engaged communities.