Front Cover: (clockwise from top left)
Iona Island, Tivoli Gardens, Burnaby Lake Regional Park, Tunnel construction, Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.
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Message from the Chair

It’s no secret Metro Vancouver is growing: we see it daily through increased residential construction and the massive infrastructure projects needed to deliver critical services across the region.

With a million more residents expected here by 2040, we must make sound decisions if we are to maintain a high quality of life, protect nature and support the region’s prosperity well into the future.

Metro Vancouver’s Board Strategic Plan 2019 to 2022 builds on our strong foundations – the efficient delivery of core services and collaborative regional decision making – to address the challenges presented by climate change, a limited land base and uncertainties around funding for necessary infrastructure projects.

Over the next four years, we will focus on boosting the capacity and resilience of our drinking water and liquid waste infrastructure while remaining financially sustainable. We’re exploring opportunities to conserve our precious drinking water, partnering with the private sector to provide affordable housing projects, and maximizing the recovery of materials and energy from the waste system.

At the same time, we will continue to build stronger relationships with other orders of government, including First Nations, as well as TransLink and other agencies toward achieving our shared goals. This includes collaborating to establish new greenways and parks, and aligning planning processes to encourage the creation of complete, transit-oriented communities.

Underpinning all this work is our commitment to addressing climate change, as we make a major push toward region-wide carbon neutrality by 2050. This is a bold objective that will need all of us – citizens, businesses and governments – to be united in our resolve to take other actions to combat climate change.

I am excited by the opportunities that lie ahead and believe that through our willingness to work together, we can build on our strong foundations and achieve our shared vision of a livable, prosperous, and sustainable region.

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Chair, Board of Directors
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Metro Vancouver Members

Metro Vancouver comprises 23 members: 21 municipalities, one treaty First Nation and one electoral area.

Village of Anmore  
Village of Belcarra  
Bowen Island Municipality  
City of Burnaby  
City of Coquitlam  
City of Delta  
Electoral Area A  
City of Langley  
Township of Langley  
Village of Lions Bay  
City of Maple Ridge  
City of New Westminster  
City of North Vancouver  
District of North Vancouver  
City of Pitt Meadows  
City of Port Coquitlam  
City of Port Moody  
City of Richmond  
City of Surrey  
Tsawwassen First Nation  
City of Vancouver  
District of West Vancouver  
City of White Rock
Governance

Metro Vancouver is a regional government that represents residents of the region under four separate legal entities:

- Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD)
- Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD)
- Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District (GVS&DD)
- Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC)

Each entity is governed by a separate Board of Directors composed of elected representatives from the respective member jurisdictions who have chosen to participate in the provision of the service. As established in the Metro Vancouver Regional District’s Letters Patent, the numbers of directors and votes are determined by resident populations of member jurisdictions. This ensures that as the population grows, the Board will continue to have proportional representation on behalf of the residents of the region.
The Board of Directors is the governing body for each Metro Vancouver entity and is informed by discussions and recommendations of its standing Committees. Metro Vancouver staff take Board direction on issues coming to the Board, as well as in defining and implementing plans and other initiatives. Staff prepare reports for Committees that are informed by research, data and analytical tools in addition to input from municipal staff, either directly or through advisory committees.
Planning for the Future

The Board Strategic Plan

The Board Strategic Plan 2019 to 2022 identifies the Board’s key priorities for its four-year mandate. The Board Strategic Plan reflects the regional priorities that will shape Metro Vancouver’s 30-Year Financial Framework. It is the first Board Strategic Plan that examines projected expenditures over a long term planning horizon and provides strategic directions in each of Metro Vancouver’s legislated areas of responsibility, along with providing guidance on near term priorities.

With the adoption of the Board Strategic Plan, annual departmental work plans are prepared for Metro Vancouver’s business areas that respond to the directions of the Board Strategic Plan. These work plans include high level performance indicators that have been developed across the organization to evaluate trends, determine key actions for the coming year, and assist in long-term planning. The departmental work plans are then refined and incorporated into the individual work plans of the Standing Committees of the Board that provide political oversight to these activities.
Vision

Metro Vancouver embraces collaboration and innovation in providing sustainable regional services that contribute to a livable and resilient region and a healthy natural environment for current and future generations.

This word cloud was generated based on the visioning exercise completed by participants of the Board Strategic Planning Workshop.
Mission
Metro Vancouver’s mission is framed around three broad roles.

1. **Serve as Regional Federation**
   Serve as the main political forum for discussion of significant community issues at the regional level, and facilitate the collaboration of members in delivering the services best provided at the regional level.

2. **Deliver Core Services**
   Provide regional utility services related to drinking water, liquid waste and solid waste to members. Provide regional services, including parks and affordable housing, directly to residents and act as the local government for Electoral Area A.

3. **Plan for the Region**
   Carry out planning and regulatory responsibilities related to the three utility services as well as air quality, regional planning, regional parks, Electoral Area A, affordable housing, labour relations, regional economic prosperity, and regional emergency management.

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SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A LIVABLE REGION
Strategic Plan Themes

Planning at Metro Vancouver is built upon five central themes, which guide the development of Metro Vancouver’s long-term plans and budgets.

- **Regional Growth**
  The region’s increasing population, projected to grow by about 35,000 per year, will require core utility services and regional services to expand and optimize to respond to new growth.

- **Environmental Sustainability**
  Our region is dependent on healthy, functioning ecosystems and requires actions to reduce pollutants, including greenhouse gases, to prevent waste and to conserve our natural ecosystems.

- **Financial Sustainability**
  Financial sustainability requires that core utility and regional services are delivered with an adherence to sound fiscal policies that balance the organization’s long-term financial health while maintaining affordability for regional ratepayers.

- **System Stewardship**
  Critical regional infrastructure must be sufficiently maintained or replaced to meet current and future service needs and to be resilient to impacts from seismic events, wildfires, power failures, and natural disasters.

- **Regulatory & Legislative Environment**
  Core utility services and regional services will anticipate and meet regulatory requirements and respond to legislative change.

30-year Financial Planning

Metro Vancouver provides critical services to the region, such as the provision of drinking water and liquid waste processing through infrastructure that is built to last far into the future, in some cases up to 100 years or more. To ensure the long-term serviceability of its assets and funding sources, Metro Vancouver has undertaken a financial planning process to develop a **30-Year Financial Framework**. This, along with the **Board Strategic Plan**, regional management plans, and organizational policies, will guide the Board’s decision-making by including financial sustainability as a central theme along with regional growth, environmental sustainability, system stewardship, and regulatory and legislative environment.

The **30-Year Financial Framework** focuses on required revenues, borrowing, and other funding, along with the expenditures required (operating, capital, debt servicing and reserve contributions) to achieve the service levels to meet the needs of the residents of the region. The work undertaken to develop the **30-Year Financial Framework** will guide the organization in financial planning and service delivery as it adjusts to a changing region and a changing world.
Strategic Directions

This Plan provides strategic directions for all areas of work within Metro Vancouver, with a specific focus on the following eight functional areas:

- Regional Federation
- Water Services
- Liquid Waste Services
- Solid Waste Services
- Regional Parks Services
- Housing Services
- Regional Planning
- Air Quality & Climate Change
METRO VANCOUVER’S TWO MAJOR WATERWAYS, BURRARD INLET AND THE FRASER RIVER
Regional Federation

To be an effective federation, Metro Vancouver must ensure that there is a common understanding and support among its members on stated objectives and that as an organization it is accountable, well managed and fiscally responsible. As a federation of local governments, strong communication between Metro Vancouver and its members as well as with other stakeholders is essential.

Collaboration of members of what constitutes Metro Vancouver precedes the creation of regional districts by the Province of British Columbia in 1965. Since 1886, the communities of Metro Vancouver have cooperated in the development and delivery of services essential to our growing region. Members deliver the services best provided at the local level, as does Metro Vancouver as the local government for Electoral Area A, while Metro Vancouver as a regional government acts as a collaborative platform in areas where there are economies of scale or value in speaking with a collective voice.

1 ADVANCING EFFECTIVE REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

Continue to engage with members on processes and initiatives that contribute to an effective and well functioning organization.

1.1 Ensure that Metro Vancouver decision-making is guided by the value of a regional perspective.

1.2 Provide long range projections on population, housing, employment, and land use, and their geographical distributions, to support effective decision-making for the provision of core utilities, transit and other infrastructure projects important to the region.

2 STRENGTHENING OUR LIVABLE REGION

Build resilience in communities to prepare for and adapt to changing physical and environmental conditions.

2.1 Continue Metro Vancouver’s leadership on environmental stewardship.

- Balance plans for managing anticipated population growth with measures to maintain the livability of the region.
- Continue to promote a regional approach on climate action to all Metro Vancouver functions, including both mitigation and adaptation, through Climate 2050.
- Facilitate collaboration with member jurisdictions to create efficiencies and improve alignment between local government policies and actions with those of Metro Vancouver.
- Advance initiatives aligned with a transformation to a circular economy.

2.2 Maintain Metro Vancouver’s regional role in emergency preparedness through continued delivery of services, including:

- Contribute to the coordination of emergency response within the region.
- Identify new threats due to climate change, including wildfires and flooding, and assess the value of proactive measures.
3 ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Develop and implement financial plans and policies that reflect a commitment to sound financial management and long-term planning, in consideration of current and future ratepayers.

3.1 Develop and implement a 30-year financial framework that serves as the foundation for affordable service provision.

- Continue to develop and implement asset management plans for each Metro Vancouver function that build and maintain regional infrastructure.
- Continue to use household impact and debt service ratio as indicators of financial sustainability.
- Align new capital expenditures to Metro Vancouver’s five central themes – regional growth, environmental sustainability, financial sustainability, system stewardship, and regulatory and legislative environment.
- Incorporate consideration of climate change mitigation into options analyses for all projects and initiatives through the use of a carbon price in life cycle costing.

3.2 Explore sustainable sources of new revenues.

- Explore new mechanisms to implement the “growth pays for growth” principle.
- Maintain and create venues for sharing information on funding applications and the consideration of regional priorities.

4 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT

Enhance relationships between Metro Vancouver and other orders of government, First Nations, adjacent regional districts, and key stakeholders.

4.1 Improve public and media understanding of the role of local government.

4.2 Strengthen relationships with First Nations.

- Explore new opportunities to build relationships, including a recurring event involving the Metro Vancouver Board and First Nations of the region.

4.3 Continue to build effective working relationships with key stakeholders.

4.4 Promote a regional approach to advancing economic prosperity that complements the economic development work of members.
Water Services

1 MANAGING OUR DRINKING WATER
Maintain Metro Vancouver’s world-class water system that provides clean, safe drinking water and ensure its capacity to meet future needs.

1.1 Provide guidance on implementing residential water metering in the region as a best management practice.
1.2 Explore options for reduced per capita water use through water use efficiency, conservation, and reuse.
1.3 Continue to develop and secure additional long-term water supply capacity from the Coquitlam source.
1.4 Complete the long-term water supply plan to ensure Metro Vancouver continues to supply high-quality drinking water to a growing region into the next century.

2 BUILDING RESILIENCE
Ensure the long-term resilience of the regional drinking water system to withstand natural hazards, climate change and other significant disruptions.

2.1 Continue to prioritize the seismic upgrading of infrastructure using a risk management approach.
2.2 Integrate climate change adaptation measures into regional water system planning and management.
   • Continue with the implementation of back-up power at regional water facilities.
   • Ensure water treatment is resilient to potential changes in source water quality resulting from climate change.
2.3 Take action to adapt to the impacts of higher intensity storms and potential wildfires within the source watersheds.

3 ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
Develop and implement financial plans and policies that reflect a commitment to sound financial management and long-term planning, in consideration of current and future ratepayers.

3.1 Explore the potential application of development cost charges (DCCs) to fund growth-driven regional water infrastructure.
3.2 Pursue opportunities for energy recovery projects in the regional water system with a positive business case.
3.3 Develop and implement a 30-year financial framework, providing members with financial projections associated with the regional water system.

4 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT
Strengthen awareness and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and key stakeholders on a range of initiatives that will ensure the delivery of clean, safe drinking water, now and into the future.

4.1 Continue to promote water conservation through public education and stakeholder engagement using messaging that conveys that drinking water is a precious resource.
4.2 Work with members to promote sustainable indoor and outdoor water use to reduce water demand through seasonal watering restrictions, rainwater collection and other initiatives.
4.3 Work with industry groups and regulatory authorities to explore opportunities for greywater reuse.
4.4 Work with First Nations and fisheries agencies in supporting the restoration of fish populations in the watersheds while maintaining the delivery of clean, safe drinking water.
4.5 Expand public awareness of the unique characteristics of the regional drinking water system.
Liquid Waste Services

1 MANAGING OUR LIQUID WASTE
Enhance the management of the liquid waste system with a commitment to innovative approaches to protect the health of the public and the environment.

1.1 Assess the value of moving to advanced levels of treatment, including tertiary treatment, at each of the wastewater treatment plants
• Understand the impacts of contaminants on the ecosystem, and consider options for advanced levels of treatment.
• Explore the role of new source controls/incentives that would prevent the release of contaminants into the liquid waste system.

1.2 Incorporate innovation into building and operating the system.
• Continue to explore energy, resource recovery, water reuse, and greenhouse gas reduction opportunities, and implement options where feasible.
• Adopt technologies that will increase the efficiency of the system.

1.3 Ensure that system capacity is “right-sized” to keep pace with population growth.

2 BUILDING RESILIENCE
Ensure the long-term resilience of the regional sewage and drainage system to withstand natural hazards, climate change and other significant disruptions.

2.1 Develop a long-term strategy for seismic upgrades, including identifying priority projects, to enhance the liquid waste system’s resilience using a risk management approach.

2.2 Ensure that all facilities and the sewerage network can withstand projected increases in sea levels, severe storms, and extreme precipitation events.

3 ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
Develop and implement financial plans and policies that reflect a commitment to sound financial management and long-term planning, in consideration of current and future ratepayers.

3.1 Evaluate the implications of moving to a single sewerage area over the long term.

3.2 Pursue partnership funding for large infrastructure projects with regional benefit.

3.3 Continue the review of industry discharge fees to ensure appropriate cost recovery.

3.4 Develop and implement a 30-year financial framework, providing members with financial projections associated with the regional liquid waste system.

4 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT
Strengthen awareness and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and key stakeholders on a range of initiatives that will ensure that the regional liquid waste system protects public health and the environment, now and into the future.

4.1 Work with members and the federal and provincial governments to eliminate combined sewer overflows.

4.2 Work with members on the implementation of effective inflow and infiltration reduction strategies, including incentives and regulation related to management of private property connections.

4.3 Expand public awareness of the value of the liquid waste management.
Solid Waste Services

1 MANAGING OUR SOLID WASTE
Reduce waste, increase recycling, and increase recovery of materials and energy from remaining waste. Dispose of residuals in a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable manner.

1.1 Expand actions that will reduce the amount of litter and waste that members manage.
- Work with members, the provincial government, and the federal government on strategies to reduce single use items and other consumer products.

1.2 Continue to develop programs and related communication campaigns that increase diversion rates of materials that can be reused, repurposed or recycled.
- Continue to expand and enhance the disposal ban program.
- Identify upstream and recycling solutions with the region that will reduce the volume of solid waste generated in the region.
- Focus on the multi-family residential and commercial/institutional sectors where recycling rates are lower.
- Continue to expand recycling options at regional transfer stations.

1.3 Research opportunities to close the gaps and ensure sufficient capacity in the regional recycling and waste diversion system.
- Work with the private sector to innovate in the provision of recycling solutions, including micro-solutions.
- Assess Metro Vancouver’s role in processing organics and wood.

1.4 Identify future disposal alternatives and develop analysis for each, providing life cycle and full cost analysis including greenhouse gas emission estimates.

2 ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
Develop and implement financial plans and policies that reflect a commitment to sound financial management and long-term planning, in consideration of current and future ratepayers.

2.1 Ensure Metro Vancouver is maximizing the recovery of materials and energy from the management of the regional solid waste system.
- Assess the viability of implementing district heating at the waste-to-energy facility.
- Seek out public and private partnerships to facilitate the recovery of materials and energy.

2.2 Perform on-going analysis of the impact of the tipping fee structure, both in terms of its ability to fund the system and to change behaviour.

2.3 Develop and implement a 30-year financial framework, providing members with financial projections associated with the regional solid waste system.
3 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT

Strengthen awareness and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and key stakeholders on a range of initiatives that will reduce waste generated in the region.

3.1 Utilize the potential of the National Zero Waste Council and the annual Zero Waste Conference to promote the importance of waste prevention and the value of transitioning to a circular economy.

- Facilitate cross-sector collaboration to design waste out of products and packaging and to harmonize policies across Canadian jurisdictions that will both reduce waste and create economies of scale in remanufacturing opportunities.

3.2 Work with the provincial government and key stakeholders to expand the products included in extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs.

3.3 Continue to expand public education and behaviour change campaigns consistent with the objectives of zero waste.
Regional Parks Services

1 ADVANCING OUR MISSION TO “PROTECT & CONNECT”
Provide opportunities for residents and visitors to explore and enjoy a diversity of natural spaces, from beaches to mountains, from bogs to lakes, in the region. The regional parks system also protects green spaces.

1.1 Pursue the acquisition of new lands for regional parks and greenways to provide more opportunities for access to green space as the population grows and to respond to increasing demands on existing parks.

1.2 Develop individual park plans that provide public access to parks and protect important ecosystems and habitats.

1.3 Maintain the primary purpose of regional parks as providing public access for recreational use.

2 ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
Develop and implement financial plans and policies that reflect a commitment to sound financial management and long-term planning, in consideration of current and future ratepayers.

2.1 Explore and evaluate potential new revenue sources and their impacts, including:
• Development cost charges
• Park fees and parking fees
• Increased private donations
• Revenue opportunities and development opportunities associated with greenways

2.2 Develop and implement a 30-year financial framework, providing members with financial projections associated with the regional parks system.

3 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS
Strengthen awareness and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and key stakeholders on a range of initiatives regarding the role and value of regional parks.

3.1 Explore opportunities with First Nations including co-management, cultural planning and co-operation for the provision of park services.

3.2 Pursue collaboration opportunities and synergies among members, other organizations with utility corridors, and TransLink to create urban greenways and park space.
• Position potential greenways as an opportunity to engage more people in active transportation including biking and walking.
• Leverage the tourism value of a regional greenway/blueway network that could contribute to economic development opportunities.

3.3 Explore opportunities to increase access through public transit and active transportation modes to regional parks.

3.4 Expand community involvement in stewardship programs with a special focus on youth.
Housing Services

1 DEVELOPING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN
Develop and implement a Metro Vancouver affordable housing plan to support affordable housing in the region.

1.1 Advance Metro Vancouver’s role in providing affordable housing, including:
• Identifying target tenant groups.
• Establishing opportunities for partnerships to expand the number of housing units.
• Working with member jurisdictions to distribute Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation services across the region.

1.2 Define Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation rental unit affordability, including consideration of subsidized/low-end market, market, and the “missing middle”.

2 ENSURING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
Develop and implement financial plans and policies that reflect a commitment to sound financial management and long-term planning, in consideration of current and future residents.

2.1 Evaluate opportunities for increasing the number of Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation rental units.
• Increase the density of existing MVHC sites through redevelopment of aging rental units.
• Consider land swaps to secure land where the number of rental units can be increased.
• Create partnerships to enable the expansion of rental units: with members to secure more lands; and with the private sector for existing sites where there are opportunities to increase the number of affordable rental units.
• Explore introducing market units to generate revenue to provide subsidized rental units.

2.2 Consider the feasibility of establishing a tax requisition to support partnerships with members in the development of new housing supply.

3 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT
Strengthen awareness and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and key stakeholders on a range of initiatives regarding the role and value of Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation.

3.1 Exercise Metro Vancouver’s role as convener to bring government (local and other orders of government), businesses and their associations, community, and academic experts together to share ideas on how to expand the amount of affordable housing.

3.2 Work with tenant communities to help ensure tenants are engaged and connected to the places they live.

3.3 Continue to work with the provincial and federal governments to access programs that will generate new affordable housing and support upgrading existing rental units to be more energy efficient.

3.4 Work with the private sector to explore opportunities for partnerships to increase the supply of Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation’s rental units.
Regional Planning

1 ADVANCING THE REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY
Continue to develop and implement effective and adaptive tools and processes for achieving the goals articulated in Metro 2040, the regional growth strategy.

1.1 Continue to refine and update the population, housing, employment, and land use projections, and their expected geographical density distributions, to support the long range planning of utilities, members, and TransLink.

1.2 Undertake a comprehensive update to Metro 2040 to prioritize climate change, align with the update to the Regional Transportation Strategy, and extend the timeframe to 2050.

2 ENSURING COMPLETE & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES
Support the efforts of members in developing complete, livable and healthy communities.

2.1 Work with members and TransLink to increase transit-oriented development and for the provision of a mix of housing types and tenures within those corridors.

- Encourage and protect affordable housing, specifically rentals, in transit-oriented locations.

2.2 Facilitate the exchange of best practices and experiences among members, researchers, and thought leaders on the subject of creating complete, livable and healthy communities.

3 PROTECTING LANDS WITHIN THE REGION
Guide the development of policies, plans, and tools that lead to creative solutions for managing competing demands on land in the region.

3.1 Work with members to protect industrial and employment lands that support economic activities contributing to regional prosperity.

- Identify actions to address the issues of speculation and zoning changes that are threatening the region’s industrial land supply.
- Analyze the potential for increasing the intensification of industrial lands.

3.2 Work with members and the Agricultural Land Commission to protect and optimize the use of agricultural land.

3.3 Through the protection of agricultural lands, support local food production that could contribute to food security and the long-term resilience to the region.

3.4 Work with members to protect conservation and recreation lands in the region and to support the protection of sensitive ecosystems.
4 FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT

Strengthen awareness and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and key stakeholders on a range of initiatives regarding the role and value of land use planning at the regional scale and the objectives of the regional growth strategy.

4.1 Develop a plan to engage the public and other stakeholders in the update to the regional growth strategy.

4.2 Ensure alignment between the regional growth strategy and TransLink’s Regional Transportation Strategy.
   - Direct development to urban centres and frequent transit corridors.

4.3 Collaborate with the provincial government, members, and adjacent regional districts on how to align regional land use planning and provincial plans for building and expanding transportation infrastructure.
Air Quality & Climate Change

1 TAKING LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH CLIMATE 2050
Guide climate change policy and action for the Metro Vancouver region for the next 30 years with Metro Vancouver’s Climate 2050 strategy.

1.1 Update Metro Vancouver’s greenhouse gas emission targets.
   • Revise the target for 2050 to reflect current science, capturing the need to move to carbon neutrality by 2050.
   • Support long-term targets with interim targets, and report progress towards meeting those targets.

1.2 Develop and advocate for actions fundamental to meeting regional greenhouse gas emission targets and ensuring our region is resilient to the impacts of climate change.
   • Implement actions that will lead to emission reductions, specifically focusing on the Climate 2050 issue area roadmaps of nature and ecosystems, infrastructure, human health and well-being, buildings, transportation, industry, energy, land-use and growth management, agriculture, and waste.
   • Include actions that will facilitate the transition to clean, renewable sources of fuel in transportation and in energy provision.
   • Advocate for changes in provincial and federal legislation that will enable the meeting of greenhouse gas reduction targets across all sectors.
   • Explore opportunities for creating carbon sinks to sequester carbon, including through ecosystem restoration projects and by increasing urban and rural forest canopies.

1.3 Undertake corporate climate action that supports regional climate change mitigation and adaptation goals and targets and demonstrates leadership.
   • Continue to explore options for generating clean, renewable sources of energy from Metro Vancouver utilities.
   • Expand opportunities for greater use of zero-emission vehicles in the corporate fleet.
   • Ensure that Metro Vancouver asset management policies incorporate climate change adaptation actions.

2 IMPROVING AIR QUALITY
Improve air quality by mitigating threats to public health and the environment.

2.1 Improve understanding of air quality issues in the region by expanding air monitoring capacity.
2.2 Continue to identify air contaminants in the region, identify priorities and pursue effective actions to reduce pollutants.
2.3 Explore solutions for mitigating health impacts of diminished air quality due to wildfires.
FOSTERING COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT

Strengthen awareness among and engagement with the public, members, other orders of government, and other stakeholders in the implementation of Climate 2050, and foster regional coordination to help implement effective adaptation measures and achieve the long-term targets in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

3.1 Monitor evolving science and technology related to climate change, and provide the public with more information on the science of climate change, its implications for the Metro Vancouver region, and the scope of actions required to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the changes already triggered by climate change.

3.2 Engage members, industry and business associations, community and non-governmental organizations, utilities, post-secondary institutions, and youth in the implementation of Climate 2050.

3.3 Engage with provincial and federal governments and First Nations on specific actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

• Pursue partnerships with other orders of government to fund innovative projects that will generate clean, renewable sources of energy from Metro Vancouver utilities.

• Work with the provincial government to address the changing conditions for farming in the region, including consideration of new irrigation infrastructure and changes in farming techniques.

3.4 Develop partnerships with member jurisdictions and industry to replace fossil fuels with clean, renewable energy that can be generated from Metro Vancouver utilities.
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