Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) COVID-19 Response Task Force held at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Board Chair Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Vice Chair, Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City*
Mayor Neil Belenkie, Belcarra*
Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver*
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond*
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster*
Mayor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows*
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township*
Mayor George Harvie, Delta*
Councillor David Hocking, Bowen Island*
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby*
Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District*
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore*
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay*
Mayor Mike Morden, Maple Ridge*
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam* (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody*
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City*
Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock*
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam*

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen
Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver

STAFF PRESENT:
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 3.6.2 of the Procedure Bylaw
1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for July 8, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

9:05 a.m. Mayor R. Stewart arrived at the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held June 17, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS
No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Update on the Status of Property Tax Payments
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer updated members on the status of collection of property taxes by member jurisdictions.

In response to comments, members were informed staff will work with the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee to discuss how to communicate with the Province about financial implications for local government in relation to the deadline established for commercial property tax payments.

On-table “Regional Information Sharing – Property Tax Collection Experience” was distributed to members and is retained with the July 8, 2020 agenda.

5.2 CAO’s Update
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer updated members on the status of Metro Vancouver’s request to the Province to establish a Local Government Sectoral Table, and on discussion with the federal government on funding for Metro Vancouver capital projects and local government impacts from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
6. INFORMATION ITEMS
No items presented.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 COVID-19 Response Roundtable of Issues by Members
Members discussed the:
- inappropriate disposal of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as face masks, gloves and sanitary wipes throughout the region, including impacts to regional liquid and solid waste operations
- Province’s position on the use of face masks in public places
- visible presence of US-residents traveling in Metro Vancouver and the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the US
- importance for a continued closure of the Canada-US border prioritizing public health with consideration given to potential implications from a second wave of COVID-19
- importance of border access for only essential services, supply chain needs, and for repatriation of Canadian-residents
- public concerns in relation to airlines not allowing for physical distancing measures when seating passengers

Members were informed staff will explore opportunities to increase public education campaigns in response to inappropriate disposal of PPE.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force request the Board Chair write a letter to the Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau and the Honourable Premier of British Columbia, John Horgan, requesting they continue to follow the advice of the Provincial and Federal Medical Health Officers in relation to the ongoing closure of the Canada-US border.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force close its regular meeting scheduled for July 8, 2020 pursuant to the Community Charter provisions, Section 90 (2) (b) as follows:

“90 (2) A part of a 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 regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

CARRIED
(Time: 9:49 a.m.)

Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair