METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
COVID-19 RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) COVID-19 Response Task Force held at 1:02 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 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*
Councillor David Hocking, Bowen Island*
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby*
Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District*
Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey*
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A*
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore*
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay*
Mayor Mike Morden, Maple Ridge* (arrived at 1:07 p.m.)
Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver*
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam*
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City*
Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock*
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam* (arrived at 1:06 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen
Mayor George Harvie, Delta

STAFF PRESENT:
Jerry W. Dobrovolsky, 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

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

1.1 **June 3, 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 June 3, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

1:06 p.m. Mayor West arrived at the meeting.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

2.1 **May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held May 20, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

1:07 p.m. Mayor Morden arrived at the meeting.

4. **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **Larry Beasley, Distinguished Practice Professor of Planning, University of British Columbia and Jennifer Keesmaat, Former Chief Planner, City of Toronto**

Larry Beasley, Distinguished Practice Professor of Planning, University of British Columbia and Jennifer Keesmaat, Former Chief Planner, City of Toronto, introduced members to the Urban Declaration as an opportunity for local governments to move forward from impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, by committing to accelerate change through a greener, cleaner, decarbonized economy through responsible land use, decarbonizing transportation systems, and embracing sustainability in built and natural environments.

Members were informed about how the Declaration can be shaped to support local planning decisions and inform policy, and about the establishment of a coalition of Canadian organizations whose purpose is to facilitate dialogue around actions and implementation, to strike task forces to create action plans and tools to support implementation of individual actions, and to develop research, analysis and resources to support implementation.
Metro Vancouver was requested to participate in the coalition and to explore how actions may align with regional management plans.

Members suggested consideration be given to:
- local governments engaging residents in discussion on the Declaration
- potential advocacy and facilitation roles for Metro Vancouver
- including more actions related to the natural environment
- including advocacy to senior government to change how local governments are funded and banking practices as part of economic recovery efforts
- including more actions related to sustainability and the natural environment

In response to questions, the presenters informed members there is interest to include actions to advocate for sustainable transit funding, and local government funding is not included as each Province has different funding arrangements.

Members were informed staff will engage the Regional Planning Advisory Committee, Climate Action and Regional Planning Committees and TransLink and report back with recommendations for consideration by the Task Force and Board.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force refer the 2020 Declaration for Resilience in Canadian Cities to the Regional Planning Committee to:

a) consider how best to participate in the national planning dialogue underway to advance the 2020 Declaration,

b) engage with member jurisdictions and TransLink to set the actions in the 2020 Declaration in a regional context and consider how to integrate the actions through supportive regional policies in Metro 2050, Climate 2050 and Transport 2050,

CARRIED

c) report back to the Task Force with a recommendation regarding endorsement.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 COVID-19 Response Task Force – Future Meetings
Members discussed scheduling future Task Force meetings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the COVID-19 Response Task Force direct staff to schedule a Task Force meeting in July and September 2020.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS
No items presented.
7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 COVID-19 Response Roundtable of Issues by Members
A member inquired about whether Metro Vancouver could coordinate provincial health orders and commented on the availability of data related to antibody testing to determine immunity to the current strain of the coronavirus.

Members were informed that staff can reach out to the Province and share health information with members.

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 June 3, 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:  2:09 p.m.)

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Janis Knaupp,      Sav Dhaliwal, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator