Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Climate Action Committee held at 1:02 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver
Vice Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby*
Councillor Petrina Arnason, Langley Township*
Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen*
Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam
Councillor David Hocking, Bowen Island
Councillor Dylan Kruger, Delta*
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A*
Councillor Jessica McIlroy, North Vancouver City*
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay
Councillor Allison Patton, Surrey* (arrived at 1:20 p.m.)
Councillor Harold Steves, Richmond*
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City*
Councillor Ahmed Yousef, Maple Ridge*

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None.

STAFF PRESENT:
Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change, Parks and Environment
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Genevieve Lanz, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 June 19, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Climate Action Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 19, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

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

2.1 May 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Climate Action Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held May 15, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS
No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Caring for the Air 2020 Report
Report dated May 11, 2020 from Amy Thai, Environmental Technician II and Julie Saxton, Acting Division Manager, Bylaw and Regulation Development, Parks and Environment, presenting the 2020 Caring for the Air report.

Members were provided with a presentation on the Caring for the Air 2020 report, highlighting updated key initiatives, air quality trends and data summary, and promotional activity.

1:20 p.m. Councillor Patton arrived at the meeting.

Presentation material titled “Caring for the Air 2020” is retained with the June 19, 2020 Climate Action Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

CARRIED

5.2 Annual Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions for the Metro Vancouver Region
Report dated May 22, 2020 from Shelina Sidi, Senior Project Engineer and Derek Jennejohn, Lead Senior Engineer, Parks and Environment, informing members on the proposed implementation of annual greenhouse gas emissions reporting from 2020 onwards.

Members considered an alternative motion related to annual reporting on greenhouse gas emissions.
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board:

a) receive for information the report dated May 22, 2020, titled “Annual Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions for the Metro Vancouver Region”; and

b) direct staff to work with member jurisdictions, the Province and other relevant agencies to implement annual greenhouse gas reporting in incremental fashion, beginning with the most significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

CARRIED

5.3 2020 Declaration for Resilience in Canadian Cities
Erin Rennie, Senior Planner and Alex Taylor, Senior Planner, Growth Management and Transportation, Regional Planning and Housing Services, provided members with a presentation on the 2020 Declaration for Resilience in Canadian Cities, highlighting recommended actions and broad categories, alignment with policies and planning, and next steps.

Members commented on connectivity of natural environments, resilience, affordable housing and food security, and movement toward decentralized renewable energy sources.

Members considered directing staff to provide a summary of feedback and support for the Regional Planning Committee’s information.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Climate Action Committee direct staff to provide a report to the Regional Planning Committee indicating the Climate Action Committee’s support in principle and feedback on the 2020 Declaration for Resilience in Canadian Cities.

CARRIED

Presentation material titled “2020 Declaration for Resilience in Canadian Cities – National Dialogue and Regional Context” is retained with the June 19, 2020 Climate Action Committee agenda.

5.4 Climate 2050 and Clean Air Plan Discussion Paper on Waste Management
Report dated May 22, 2020 from Karen Storry, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Services, Lillian Zaremba, Program Manager Utility Residuals Management, Liquid Waste Services and John Lindner, Air Quality Planner, Parks and Environment, providing members with information on the waste management discussion paper to support development of the Climate 2050 Roadmaps and the Clean Air Plan.
It was MOVED and SECONDED  
That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated May 22, 2020, titled “Climate 2050 and Clean Air Plan Discussion Paper on Waste Management”.

CARRIED

5.5 2020 Update on Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects  
Report dated June 1, 2020 from Paul Kadota, Program Manager, Utility Research and Innovation, Policy Planning and Analysis, Liquid Waste Services providing an update on the Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund projects.

Members were provided with a presentation on the ongoing Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund projects, highlighting project purpose, status and next steps.

Presentation material titled “2020 Update on Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects – Liquid Waste Services” is retained with the June 19, 2020 Climate Action Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED  
That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated June 1, 2020, titled “2020 Update on Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects.”

CARRIED

5.6 Ecological Health Framework 2019 Progress Report  
Report dated May 20, 2020 from Laurie Bates-Frymel, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with information on Metro Vancouver’s corporate initiatives to enhance ecological health and support the Ecological Health Framework.

Members were provided with a presentation on the 2019 Ecological Health Framework progress report, highlighting framework initiatives, goals and activities.

Request of Staff  
Staff was requested to report back to a future meeting of the Climate Action Committee on the impact of microplastics and Metro Vancouver initiatives related to microplastics.

Presentation material titled “Metro Vancouver’s Ecological Health Framework – 2019 Progress Report” is retained with the June 19, 2020 Climate Action Committee agenda.
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated May 20, 2020, titled “Ecological Health Framework 2019 Progress Report”.
CARRIED

5.7 Best Management Practices for Invasive Species: Purple Loosestrife, Reed Canarygrass, Wild Chervil, and Yellow Flag Iris
Report dated May 22, 2020 from Laurie Bates-Frymel, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the best management practices for four new invasive species.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board:
a) receive for information the report dated May 22, 2020, titled “Best Management Practices for Invasive Species: Purple Loosestrife, Reed Canarygrass, Wild Chervil, and Yellow Flag Iris”; and
b) direct staff to forward the Best Management Practices to member jurisdictions for information.
CARRIED

5.8 Board Appointment of Enforcement Officer
Report dated May 15, 2020 from Kathy Preston, Program Manager, Enforcement and Regulation, Parks and Environment, seeking MVRD Board appointment of an officer pursuant to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008, the Environmental Management Act, and the Offence Act.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board:
a) pursuant to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008 and the Environmental Management Act:
   i. appoint Metro Vancouver employee Ana Nic Lochlainn as an officer; and
b) pursuant to section 28 of the Offence Act:
   i. appoint Metro Vancouver employee Ana Nic Lochlainn for the purpose of serving summons under section 28 of the Offence Act for alleged violations under the Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008.
CARRIED

5.9 Manager’s Report
Report dated May 20, 2020 from Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change, Parks and Environment, providing members with an update on the Climate Action Committee 2020 Work Plan, Metro Vancouver’s 2019 climate action and carbon neutral progress, and greenhouse gas emissions estimate for the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant project.


It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated May 20, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report”.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Final 2020 Declaration for Resilience in Canadian Cities

6.2 Correspondence related to the greenhouse gas intensity of buildings:
   a) Letter from Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, dated June 8, 2020
   b) Letter from Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated April 21, 2020

7. OTHER BUSINESS
No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING
No items presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Climate Action Committee conclude its regular meeting of June 19, 2020.

CARRIED
(Time: 3:37 p.m.)

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Genevieve Lanz,                  Adriane Carr, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator  

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