

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Climate Action Committee held at 1:02 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021 in the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (arrived at 1:02 p.m.)  
Councillor David Hocking\*, Bowen Island  
Councillor Jessica McIlroy\*, North Vancouver City  
Mayor Ron McLaughlin\*, Lions Bay  
Councillor Allison Patton\*, Surrey (arrived at 1:04 p.m.)  
Councillor Zoe Royer\*, Port Moody  
Councillor Harold Steves\*, Richmond  
Councillor Ahmed Yousef\*, Maple Ridge

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Dylan Kruger, Delta  
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change, Parks and Environment  
Katie Karn, Deputy Corporate Officer

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 July 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 2021 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 June 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held June 11, 2021 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

1:02 p.m. Chief Baird arrived at the meeting.

1:04 p.m. Councillor Patton arrived at the meeting.

**5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

**5.1 Metro Vancouver's Achievement of Carbon Neutrality in 2020**

Report dated June 22, 2021 from Nav Hundle, Policy Analyst, Parks and Environment, informing the Climate Action Committee of Metro Vancouver's achievement of carbon neutrality as an organization in 2020, as well as the implications for meeting the goal of a carbon neutral region by 2050.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report titled "Metro Vancouver's Achievement of Carbon Neutrality in 2020", dated June 22, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Modelling a Carbon Neutral Region: Project Report**

Report dated June 24, 2021 from Morgan Braglewicz, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst, Parks and Environment, providing the Climate Action Committee with the final report from the Modelling a Carbon Neutral Region Project.

Members were provided a presentation on the modelling of a carbon neutral region, highlighting Metro Vancouver's target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030, and being a carbon neutral region by 2050, and were provided with a summary of the modelling project and its final results, key findings, challenges to deeper emissions reductions, and next steps.

Presentation material titled "Modeling a Carbon Neutral Region" is retained with the July 16, 2021 Climate Action Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated June 24, 2021, titled “Modelling a Carbon Neutral Region: Project Report”.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Highlights from Engagement on Draft *Clean Air Plan***

Report dated June 24, 2021 from Lucy Duso, Policy Coordinator, External Relations and Laura Taylor, Public Engagement Coordinator, Parks and Environment, providing the Climate Action Committee highlights of the engagement on the draft *Clean Air Plan*, and summarizing feedback received.

Members were provided a presentation on the draft *Clean Air Plan* engagement outcomes highlighting the engagement objectives, audience, overview of engagement events that were held, highlights of feedback on targets, goals and actions, feedback themes and next steps.

Presentation material titled “Draft *Clean Air Plan* Engagement Outcomes” is retained with the July 16, 2021 Climate Action Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated June 24, 2021, titled “Highlights from Engagement on Draft *Clean Air Plan*”.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 2021 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects**

Report dated May 31, 2021 from Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change and Megan Gerrits, Senior Advisor, Regional Economic Prosperity Service, updating the Climate Action Committee on projects funded under the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund.

Members were provided a presentation providing a 2021 update on the Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects, highlighting a review of completed, discontinued, and in-progress projects, as well as additional projects in regional parks, air quality, and housing.

Presentation material titled “2021 Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects” is retained with the July 16, 2021 Climate Action Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated May 31, 2021, titled “2021 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects.”

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Proposed Updates to the Sustainability Innovation Fund Policies**

Report dated June 25, 2021 from Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change and Megan Gerryts, Senior Advisor, Regional Economic Prosperity Service, seeking MVRD, GVS&DD and GVWD Board approval of revised policies related to Sustainability Innovation Funds for the respective districts.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board approve the proposed updates to the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund as presented in the report dated June 25, 2021, titled “Proposed Updates to the Sustainability Innovation Fund Policies”;

That the GVS&DD Board approve the proposed updates to the Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund as presented in the report dated June 25, 2021, titled “Proposed Updates to the Sustainability Innovation Fund Policies”; and

That the GVWD Board approve the proposed updates to the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund as presented in the report dated June 25, 2021, titled “Proposed Updates to the Sustainability Innovation Fund Policies”.

**CARRIED**

**5.6 Next Phase of Engagement on a Cannabis Production and Processing Emission Regulation**

Report dated June 22, 2021 from Arvind Saraswat, Senior Project Engineer, Esther Bérubé, Division Manager, Air Quality Bylaw and Regulation Development, and Laura Taylor, Public Engagement Coordinator, Parks and Environment, presenting feedback received during additional engagement on the proposed approach to regulate air emissions from cannabis production and processing, and seeking MVRD Board authorization to proceed with the next phase of engagement.

Members were provided a presentation on managing emissions from cannabis production and processing, highlighting health and environmental impacts, the regulation development process, modifications based on engagement, scope of the proposed regulation, and requirements, which include an Emission Management Plan, emission control requirements, and a Complaints and Officer Observation Response Plan.

Presentation material titled “Managing Emissions from Cannabis Projection and Processing” is retained with the July 16, 2021 Climate Action Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board authorize staff to proceed with the next phase of engagement on the proposed approach to regulating air emissions from cannabis production and processing using the draft discussion paper attached to the report titled “Next Phase of Engagement on a Cannabis Production and Processing Emission Regulation”, dated June 22, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**5.7 Lower Fraser Valley Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network Review 2021**

Report dated June 22, 2021 from Ken Reid, Superintendent, Environmental Sampling and Monitoring and Kyle Howe, Air Quality Analyst, Parks and Environment, providing the Climate Action Committee with the findings of a consultant study, the Lower Fraser Valley Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network Review, and outlining the future directions for the network and Metro Vancouver's air quality monitoring capabilities.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated June 22, 2021, titled "Lower Fraser Valley Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network Review 2021".

**CARRIED**

**5.8 Old Growth in the Metro Vancouver Region**

Report dated June 29, 2021 from Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change and Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment, providing the Climate Action Committee with information on old growth forest within the Metro Vancouver region, and actions and initiatives to track and conserve old growth and associated climate benefits within the region.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated June 29, 2021, titled "Old Growth in the Metro Vancouver Region", and refer the matter to the Mayors Committee for further assessment of advocacy on the part of Metro Vancouver, and the implications of the Metro Vancouver organization taking a position of opposition to old growth logging.

**CARRIED**

**5.9 Board Appointment of Enforcement Officers**

Report dated June 18, 2021 from Kathy Preston, Program Manager, Environmental Regulation and Enforcement, Parks and Environment, seeking the MVRD Board to appoint Metro Vancouver employees as Board-designated officers pursuant to the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008* and the *Environmental Management 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 employees Eugene Lee and Rei Van as officers;  
and
- b) pursuant to section 28 of the *Offence Act*:
  - i. appoint Metro Vancouver employees Eugene Lee and Rei Van 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**

**5.10 Manager's Report**

Report dated July 5, 2021 from Roger Quan, Director, Air Quality and Climate Change, Parks and Environment, updating the Climate Action Committee on: the Committee's 2021 Work Plan; developing an approach to setting greenhouse gas emissions limits for existing large buildings in Metro Vancouver; BC Lung Association State of the Air 2021 Report; provincial air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide; ground-level ozone air quality advisory during June heat wave; and Metro Vancouver's 2021 PNE activation "Together We Make Our Region Strong".

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated July 5, 2021, titled "Manager's Report".

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1 Correspondence dated June 7, 2021 addressed to Sav Dhaliwal, Metro Vancouver Board, from Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy re Help Cities Lead Campaign**

**6.2 Report from Edward Nichol, Regional Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services re Metro Vancouver Tree Regulations Toolkit dated May 14, 2021**  
Report dated May 14, 2021 from Edward Nichol, Regional Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, presented to the Regional Planning Committee at its meeting of June 9, 2021 and the MVRD Board at its meeting of June 25, 2021, regarding the completed Metro Vancouver Tree Regulations Toolkit.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

No items presented.

**11. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Climate Action Committee conclude its regular meeting of July 16, 2021.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 2:55 p.m.)

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Katie Karn, Deputy Corporate Officer

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Adriane Carr, Chair