METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF COUNCILS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Council of Councils Committee held at 9:08 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia Street in New Westminster, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Councillor Polly Krier, Anmore
Councillor Timothy Laidler, Anmore
Councillor Paul Weverink, Anmore

Mayor Neil Belenkie, Belcarra
Councillor Robert Begg, Belcarra
Councillor Carolina Clark, Belcarra
Councillor Bruce Drake, Belcarra

Councillor Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island
Councillor David Hocking, Bowen Island
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island

Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Councillor Colleen Jordan, Burnaby
Councillor Joe Keithley, Burnaby
Councillor Paul McDonell, Burnaby
Councillor James Wang, Burnaby

Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
Councillor Steve Kim, Coquitlam
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Coquitlam
Councillor Dennis Marsden, Coquitlam
Councillor Teri Towner, Coquitlam
Councillor Chris Wilson, Coquitlam
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam

Mayor George Harvie, Delta
Councillor Alicia Guichon, Delta
Councillor Jeannie Kanakos, Delta
Councillor Dylan Kruger, Delta

Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Langley City
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):
Councillor Gayle Martin Langley, City
Councillor Nathan Pachal, Langley City
Councillor Rudy Storteboom, Langley City
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Langley City

Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Councillor Petrina Arnason, Langley Township
Councillor Steve Ferguson, Langley Township
Councillor Margaret Kunst, Langley Township
Councillor Bob Long, Langley Township
Councillor Kim Richter, Langley Township
Councillor Blair Whitmarsh, Langley Township
Councillor Eric Woodward, Langley Township

Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay
Councillor Fred Bain, Lions Bay

Mayor Mike Morden, Maple Ridge
Councillor Judy Dueck, Maple Ridge
Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Maple Ridge
Councillor Chelsa Meadus, Maple Ridge
Councillor Ryan Svendsen, Maple Ridge
Councillor Ahmed Yousef, Maple Ridge

Councillor Chinu Das, New Westminster
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, New Westminster
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, New Westminster
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa, New Westminster
Councillor Mary Trentadue, New Westminster

Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Councillor Holly Back, North Vancouver City
Councillor Don Bell, North Vancouver City
Councillor Angela Girard, North Vancouver City
Councillor Tina Hu, North Vancouver City
Councillor Jessica McIlroy, North Vancouver City

Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District
Councillor Jordan Back, North Vancouver District
Councillor Mathew Bond, North Vancouver District
Councillor Betty Forbes, North Vancouver District
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):
Mayor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Mike Hayes, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Nicole MacDonald, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Bob Meachen, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Gwen O’Connell, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Anena Simpson, Pitt Meadows

Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Steve Darling, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam

Mayor Robert Vagramov, Port Moody
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Port Moody
Councillor Amy Lubik, Port Moody
Councillor Hunter Madsen, Port Moody
Councillor Steve Milani, Port Moody
Councillor Zoe Royer, Port Moody

Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Councillor Kelly Greene, Richmond
Councillor Alexa Loo, Richmond
Councillor Bill McNulty, Richmond
Councillor Linda McPhail, Richmond
Councillor Michael Wolfe, Richmond

Councillor Linda Annis, Surrey
Councillor Doug Elford, Surrey
Councillor Laurie Guerra, Surrey
Councillor Brenda Locke, Surrey
Councillor Allison Patton, Surrey

Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Steve Stark, Tsawwassen First Nation

Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Vancouver
Councillor Pete Fry, Vancouver
Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Vancouver
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vancouver
Councillor Jean Swanson, Vancouver
Councillor Michael Wiebe, Vancouver

Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver
Councillor Peter Lambur, West Vancouver
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):
Councillor Bill Soprovich, West Vancouver
Councillor Sharon Thompson, West Vancouver
Councillor Marcus Wong, West Vancouver

Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock
Councillor Helen Fathers, White Rock
Councillor Scott Kristjanson, White Rock
Councillor Anthony Manning, White Rock
Councillor Christopher Trevelyan, White Rock

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Councillor Kim Trowbridge, Anmore

Councillor Liisa Wilder, Belcarra

Mayor Gary Ander, Bowen Island
Councillor Michael Kaile, Bowen Island
Councillor Alison Morse, Bowen Island
Councillor Robert Wynen, Bowen Island

Councillor Dan Johnston, Burnaby
Councillor Nick Volkow, Burnaby

Councillor Brent Asmundson, Coquitlam

Councillor Dan Copeland, Delta
Councillor Lois Jackson, Delta
Councillor Bruce McDonald, Delta

Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Alternate Director Michael Feeley, Electoral Area A *

Councillor Teri James, Langley City

Councillor David Davis, Langley Township

Councillor Neville Abbott, Lions Bay
Councillor Norman Barmeier, Lions Bay
Councillor Jaime Cunliffe, Lions Bay

Councillor Gordy Robson, Maple Ridge

Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster

* Note: Electoral Area A Alternate Director is appointed and therefore does not constitute quorum.
MEMBERS ABSENT (Continued):
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, New Westminster

Councillor Tony Valente, North Vancouver City

Councillor Megan Curren, North Vancouver District

Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Nancy McCurrach, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Glenn Pollock, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Dean Washington, Port Coquitlam

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Port Moody

Councillor Chak Au, Richmond
Councillor Carol Day, Richmond
Councillor Harold Steves, Richmond

Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey
Councillor Jack Hundial, Surrey
Councillor Mandeep Nagra, Surrey
Councillor Steven Pettigrew, Surrey

Councillor Louise Ahlm, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Laura Cassidy, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Valerie Cross-Blackett, Tsawwassen First Nation

Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver
Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver
Councillor Christine Boyle, Vancouver
Councillor Lisa Dominato, Vancouver

Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver
Councillor Nora Gambioli, West Vancouver

Councillor David Chesney, White Rock
Councillor Erika Johanson, White Rock

STAFF:
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Klara Kutakova, Deputy Corporate Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Welcoming Remarks
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, welcomed members, introduced the meeting format and highlighted the signing of the historic Belcarra Regional Park Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement between Metro Vancouver and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Mayor Linda Buchannan, Vice Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, spoke to members about the importance of providing feedback to Metro Vancouver on agenda topics, about the recent Metro Vancouver recent networking event, and about Metro Vancouver major capital program over the next five years highlighting investments, growth projections, and engaging senior governments on cost-sharing models to support the capital plan.

Councillor Chinu Das, Acting Mayor, City of New Westminster, welcomed members to the City of New Westminster, highlighting significant changes in the City’s downtown core over the years. Members were encouraged to visit city attractions following the meeting.

Jerry Dobrovolny, Commissioner and CAO, Metro Vancouver, spoke about the significance of Metro Vancouver’s service delivery and environmental stewardship efforts, staff expertise, the importance of collaborating with member jurisdictions, and about topics planned for the May and October Council of Council (COC) meetings in response to feedback provided through previous COC meetings.

Metro 2050 – Update to Metro 2040 Regional Growth Strategy
Jack Froese, Vice-Chair, Regional Planning Committee and Heather McNell, General Manager, Planning and Housing Services, informed members about the process for updating the Regional Growth Strategy highlighting growth management in the region, Metro 2040, update rationale, effective tools, Metro 2050 scope, timeline and engagement.

In response to questions regarding the regional growth strategy (RGS), members were informed about:
- staff efforts to work with the Agricultural Land Commission to align agricultural designations in the RGS with the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the current plan being 90% aligned
- the flexible amendment process in the RGS intended to allow for land change over time
- regional context statements identifying growth projections and the RGS identifying population targets
- Board direction to update RGS targets to reflect targets established by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- engagement efforts with RGS signatories and study efforts to define ‘social equity’ to help build equity into the RGS update
- First Nations engagement on the RGS at both the local and regional levels

A member suggested consideration be given to including the SeaBus in map presented.
Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan

Mike Hurley, Chair, Housing Committee and Heather McNell, General Manager, Planning and Housing Services, provided members with an overview of the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation’s housing function and the Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan highlighting goals, targets, funding and partnerships, implementation, expanding and redevelopment, efforts to partner with member municipalities, and next steps.

In response to questions, members were informed about:
- annual income reviews conducted by the MVHC, housing assessments to address over-housing and efforts to rehouse tenants within existing stock, where appropriate
- collaborative efforts with the Vancouver Community Foundation to encourage volunteers to participate in the annual homeless count event, and collaborative efforts with BC Housing (BCH) to provide housing through the BCH Registry
- ongoing engagement efforts through 29 tenant associations on 49 sites regarding onsite programs, policy decisions, and redevelopment opportunities, where applicable
- short-term rental matters being under local government jurisdiction
- BC Housing defining affordable housing as 80% of median income within the region

Regional Industrial Lands Strategy

George Harvie, Chair, Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force and Heather McNell, General Manager, Planning and Housing Services, updated members on Regional Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force efforts to develop a Regional Industrial Lands Strategy for the Metro Vancouver region highlighting industrial land growth, supply and demand, economic activities, future trends, the Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force, development and status of a draft strategy, challenges facing industrial lands, defining ‘industrial’, stakeholder engagement, priority actions and draft strategy recommendations.

In response to questions, members were informed about:
- the possibility of developing guidelines to present to the federal government regarding health and air quality concerns related to railways adjacent to residential areas, and to propose the idea of rail electrification as one option
- a recommendation within the strategy focused on improving transit access to industrial areas where lower ridership cannot justify increased bus service
- a statement to be included in the final strategy stating that agricultural land is not the solution to a shortage of industrial land
- a proposed change in the voting threshold for a Type 3 amendment (currently 50% + 1), to a Type 2 amendment requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote and public hearing

Comments were offered about the need to consider the MVRD Board requesting the Province make changes to the BC Assessment Act to:
- address affordability issues for businesses resulting from assessment on highest-best use
- prevent companies who pollute their land from seeking lower land valuation through appeal
Members provided feedback on draft recommendations using a live web-based tool. Responses are not retained with the agenda.

Members were informed about timing and next steps.

**Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update**
Richard Stewart, Chair, Liquid Waste Committee and Peter Navratil, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services, updated members on project definition for the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Project highlighting timeline, geography, existing plant layout, goals, comparison of treatment options, analysis summary, staged implementation of Concept 2, habitat enhancement and park integration, ecological priorities, salmon migration, resource recovery opportunities including effluent heat recovery opportunities, and next steps.

In response to questions, members were informed about:
- consideration of sea level rise and other climate related issues when planning flood construction levels and mitigation plans as part of major capital projects
- Metro Vancouver’s biosolids strategy focusing on land application, efforts underway to increase beneficial uses such as fertilizer and fuel through new technology
- 98% of biosolids from regional operations currently being for beneficial use

**Intergovernment Relations – Metro Vancouver Networking Event**
Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors and Linda Buchanan, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, updated members on the Metro Vancouver Networking Event attended by Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, Members of Parliament and TransLink.

In response to questions, members were informed about:
- how Metro Vancouver engages with First Nations and efforts by Metro Vancouver’s Indigenous Relations Committee to strengthen relationships with First Nations in the region
- cultural competency training for key Metro Vancouver staff with consideration being given to extending training to committee and board members in the future
- Metro Vancouver standing committee appointments in terms of Board policy and consideration given to gender, diversity and geographic representation
- Metro Vancouver’s dedication to diversity through recruitment efforts
- Metro Vancouver’s role in regulating air quality, environmental stewardship, habitat protection, and efforts to collect and analyze scientific data in river and ocean habitats

Members commented on:
- Efforts to develop a Womens’ Mayors Caucus
- consideration being given to gender diversity in relation to washroom facilities, improving accessibility in local and regional spaces, and making efforts to increase diversity among elected officials
Presentation material titled “Council of Councils” is retained with February 22, 2020 Council of Councils Committee agenda. Video presentations are not retained with the agenda.

**Roundtable and Closing Remarks**
Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, and Linda Buchanan, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors offered closing remarks.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was declared concluded at 11:29 a.m.

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Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator  Sav Dhaliwal, Chair