

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Finance Committee held at 1:01 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby  
Mayor Malcolm Brodie\*, Richmond  
Councillor Adriane Carr\*, Vancouver  
Mayor Bill Dingwall\*, Pitt Meadows  
Mayor Jack Froese\*, Langley Township  
Mayor George Harvie\*, Delta  
Mayor Mike Hurley\*, Burnaby (arrived at 1:07 p.m.)  
Director Jen McCutcheon\*, Electoral Area A  
Mayor John McEwen\*, Anmore  
Mayor Brad West\*, Port Coquitlam

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice Chair, Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City  
Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver  
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster  
Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey  
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Natalia Melnikov, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 October 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for October 13, 2022 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 September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held September 8, 2022 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **3. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

## **4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 Olga Kuznetsova, Vice President, Finance, TransLink**

Olga Kuznetsova, Vice President, Finance, TransLink, Ralf Nielsen, Director, Enterprise Sustainability, TransLink, provided an overview of the 2023 Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund, highlighting the greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, the time required to build the electric fleet infrastructure, and the rationale for the Compressed Natural Gas fleet choice.

Members commented on the need to speed up the electrification of the transit fleet and infrastructure process.

Presentation material titled “2023 Application for Canada Community-Building Funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund” is retained with the October 13, 2022 Finance Committee agenda.

## **5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

### **5.1 TransLink Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding for 2023 Fleet Replacement**

Report dated October 5, 2022, from Mark Seinen, Senior Planner, Regional Land Use Policy and Planning, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Finance Committee with an update on the TransLink’s application for funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund under Metro Vancouver’s *Federal Gas Tax Fund Expenditures Policy* for the MVRD Board’s consideration.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board approve \$475.84 million in funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund for the following transit projects proposed by TransLink in its Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding as attached to the report dated October 5, 2022, titled “TransLink Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding for 2023 Fleet Replacement”:

- a) 188 Conventional Trolley Bus Replacements; and
- b) 84 Conventional Renewable Natural Gas Bus Replacements.

Discussion ensued regarding the source of the Renewable Natural Gas for the diesel buses, the timing of the full electrification of the transit fleet and infrastructure. Members commented on the opportunity to bring this forward to the MVRD Board in early 2023.

#### **Referral Motion**

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee refer the following Motion back to staff to report back on the source of renewal natural gas for diesel buses:

*That the MVRD Board approve \$475.84 million in funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund for the following transit projects proposed by TransLink in its Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding as attached to the report dated October 5, 2022, titled "TransLink Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding for 2023 Fleet Replacement":*

- a) 188 Conventional Trolley Bus Replacements; and*
- b) 84 Conventional Renewable Natural Gas Bus Replacements.*

**DEFEATED**

At the request of a member, the Main Motion was separated into distinct propositions by considering part a) separately from part b).

The first proposition was before the Committee at this point, as follows:

*That the MVRD Board approve \$400.6 million in funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund for the following transit projects proposed by TransLink in its Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding as attached to the report dated October 5, 2022, titled "TransLink Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding for 2023 Fleet Replacement":*

- a) 188 Conventional Trolley Bus Replacements.*

Question was called on proposition a) and it was

**CARRIED**

Members discussed the need for additional information on the source for Renewable Natural Gas.

At the request of a member, consideration of the part b) was referred back to staff.

### **Referral Motion**

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee request staff to report back to the Committee with information on the source of Renewable Natural Gas TransLink intends to use for the 84 diesel buses in the application for Federal Gas Tax Funding as attached to the report dated October 5, 2022, titled "TransLink Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding for 2023 Fleet Replacement", the timing of the full electrification of the transit fleet, and the anticipated greenhouse gas emissions reduction rate due to the fleet replacement.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.2 2023-2027 Financial Plan Overview**

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, and Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, provided a verbal overview of the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan, highlighting the overall household impact, strategic priorities and goals, and the projected operating and capital budgets.

Presentation material titled "2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Overview" is retained with the October 13, 2022 Finance Committee agenda.

#### **5.3 2023-2027 Financial Plan – Allocated Programs**

Report dated October 5, 2022, from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, and Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, providing an overview of the 2023 - 2027 Financial Plans for the allocated programs - Centralized Support - including Corporate Services, External Relations, Financial Services, Human Resources, Indigenous Relations, Legislative Services, Procurement & Real Estate Services and Project Delivery for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Members were provided a presentation on the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan for the allocated programs, highlighting the continuous improvement, operating budget and expenditures.

Presentation material titled "2023 – 2027 Financial Plan – Allocated Programs" is retained with the October 13, 2022 Finance Committee agenda.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee endorse the 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan for the Allocated Programs as presented in the report dated October 5, 2022, titled "2023 - 2027 Financial Plan – Allocated Programs", and forward it to the Metro Vancouver Board Budget Workshop on October 19, 2022 for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 2023-2027 Financial Plan – Regional District Service Areas**

Report dated October 5, 2022, from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, and Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, providing the Finance Committee with the 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan for Regional District Service Areas of E911 Emergency Telephone Service, General Government Administration, General Government Zero Waste Collaboration Initiatives, Invest Vancouver, Regional Emergency Management, Regional Employers Services, Regional Global Positioning System (Regional GPS), and Sasamat Fire Protection Service for the Committee's consideration.

Presentation material titled "2023 – 2027 Financial Plan – Other Regional District Services" is retained with the October 13, 2022 Finance Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee endorse the 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan for the Regional District Service Areas as presented in the report dated October 5, 2022, titled "2023 - 2027 Financial Plan – Regional District Service Areas", and forward it to the Metro Vancouver Board Budget Workshop on October 19, 2022 for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Manager's Report**

Report dated September 21, 2022, from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, providing the Finance Committee with an update on the economic opportunities and 2022 Finance Committee Work Plan.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Finance Committee receive for information the report dated September 21, 2022 titled "Manager's Report."

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

No items presented.

**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 Finance Committee conclude its regular meeting of October 13, 2022.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 2:09 p.m.)

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Natalia Melnikov,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

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