

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
FLOOD RESILIENCY TASK FORCE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Flood Resiliency Task Force held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in the 28th Floor Boardroom Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Mayor Bill Dingwall*, Pitt Meadows (arrived at 1:33 p.m.)
Vice Chair, Councillor Craig Hodge*, Coquitlam
Mayor Brad West*, Port Coquitlam (arrived at 1:01 p.m.)
Mayor Mike Morden*, Maple Ridge (arrived at 1:09 p.m.)
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, New Westminster
Councillor Mike Hillman, Burnaby
Councillor Mike Wiebe*, Vancouver
Councillor Harold Steves*, Richmond
Councillor Kim Richter*, Township of Langley
Director Jen McCutcheon*, Electoral Area A

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Laurie Guerra, Surrey
Mayor George Harvie, Delta

STAFF PRESENT:

Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment
Rapinder Khaira, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

In the Chair's absence, Vice Chair Hodge assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 June 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Task Force adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 22, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

1:01 p.m. Mayor West arrived at the meeting.

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 3.6.2 of the *Procedure Bylaw*

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Task Force adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 20, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Linda A. Brown, Mayor, City of Merritt

Linda A. Brown, Mayor, City of Merritt, spoke to members regarding challenges related to the flooding of the Coldwater River, highlighting problems in the local and provincial emergency response system and funding delays from the provincial government and federal government.

1:09 p.m. Councillor Morden arrived at the meeting.

1:33 p.m. Chair Dingwall arrived at the meeting and assumed the Chair.

4.2 Steve Litke, Director, Water Programs, Fraser Basin Council, Lower Mainland Dike Assessment Update

Steve Litke, Director, Water Programs, Fraser Basin Council, Lower Mainland Dike Assessment Update, provided the Flood Resiliency Task Force with a presentation on the Dike Assessment's deliverables, sample results and suggested next steps arising from the Surveyed Dike Crest analysis.

Presentation material titled "Comparison of Surveyed Dike Crests with Modelled Fraser River Freshet Scenarios" is retained with the June 22, 2022 Flood Resiliency Task Force agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Task Force receive for information the presentation from Steve Litke, Director, Water Programs, Fraser Basin Council provided on June 22, 2022, titled "Comparison of Surveyed Dike Crests with Modelled Fraser River Freshet Scenarios".

CARRIED

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Metro Vancouver's Emergency Response – Flood Preparedness

Brant Arnold-Smith, Program Manager, Corporate Services providing the Flood Resiliency Task Force with a verbal presentation on Metro Vancouver's preparedness for Fraser River freshet 2022 and a lower Fraser River forecast.

Discussion ensued regarding the pace of the snowmelt and the environmental impact.

Presentation material titled "Metro Vancouver Emergency Management – Fraser River Freshet 2022" is retained with the June 22, 2022 Flood Resiliency Task Force agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Task Force receive for information the presentation from Brant Arnold-Smith, Program Manager, Corporate Services, provided on June 22, 2022, titled "Metro Vancouver Emergency Management – Fraser River Freshet 2022".

CARRIED

5.2 Task Force Feedback to Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy Leadership Committee

Steve Litke, Director, Water Programs, Fraser Basin Council, and Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment provided the Flood Resiliency Task Force with a verbal presentation on the status and next steps of the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy, challenges identified on the strategies developed to-date and highlighted key roles of the Leadership Committee and Joint Program Committee.

Members discussed providing feedback to Vice Chair Hodge to brief the Leadership Committee of the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy on:

- needing an action plan to address immediate issues;
- needing predictable and reliable provincial and federal funding to meet the needs of all communities facing the threat of flooding;
- needing regional collaboration between member jurisdictions to develop a unified voice;
- creating greater representation from First Nations on the Leadership Committee; and
- imploring the provincial government to reverse the decision to download the dikes and flood infrastructure onto local authorities and to take back the responsibility of diking and flood infrastructure with a system of local government and first nations input.

Presentation material titled “Task Force Feedback to Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy Leadership Committee” is retained with the June 22, 2022 Flood Resiliency Task Force agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Task Force request that Vice Chair Hodge share the feedback from the June 22, 2022 Flood Resiliency Task Force to the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy Leadership Committee to assist in developing the strategic direction.

CARRIED

5.3 Manager’s Report

Report dated June 14, 2022 from Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment providing the Flood Resiliency Task Force with an update on the Dike Vulnerability Assessment, First Nations Engagement with the Task Force and the Task Force Site Tour.

Members were provided with a verbal update on the details of the Build Back Better Together session to be held on July 14, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Task Force receive for information the report dated June 14, 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 Flood Resiliency Task Force conclude its regular meeting of June 22, 2022.

CARRIED

(Time: 2:52 p.m.)

Rapinder Khaira,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Bill Dingwall, Chair

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