

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
FLOOD RESILIENCY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Flood Resiliency Committee held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 3, 2023 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Councillor Dylan Kruger, Delta
Vice Chair, Mayor Nicole MacDonald, Pitt Meadows (arrived at 1:07 pm)
Councillor Mike Bose, Surrey
Chief Laura Cassidy*, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Steve Ferguson, Langley Township
Mayor Patrick Johnstone*, New Westminster
Director, Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Councillor Bill McNulty, Richmond
Mayor Brad West*, Port Coquitlam

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment
Natalia Melnikov, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 March 3, 2023 Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for March 3, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

*denoted electronic meeting participation as authorized by section 3.6.2 of the *Procedure Bylaw*

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 October 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Committee receive for information the minutes of its regular meeting held on October 26, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Chief Tyrone McNeil, Chair, Emergency Planning Secretariat

Chair Kruger laid this item on the table until Chief Tyrone McNeil was able to join the meeting.

4.2 Steve Litke, Director, Water Programs, Fraser Basin Council

Steve Litke, Director, Water Programs, Fraser Basin Council, provided the Flood Resiliency Committee with a presentation on the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy Update highlighting the role of the Fraser Basin Council in flood management, and outlining its strategies to the risk reduction and resilience. He also provided updates on the dike infrastructure assessment, the framework for disaster risk reduction, the purposes behind the Pathways to Action Report, and outlined the next steps.

1:07 pm Vice Chair MacDonald arrived at the meeting.

Members commented on the frequency of the atmospheric river events, their impacts on the region, and the need to take collaborative approach on the flood mitigation management with all levels of governments.

Presentation material titled "Pathways to Action on Flood Resiliency" is retained with the March 3, 2023 Flood Resiliency Committee agenda.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2023 Flood Resiliency Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

Report dated February 23, 2023, from Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment, providing the Flood Resiliency Committee with the 2023 Work Plan, its Terms of Reference, and the 2023 Annual Meeting Schedule.

Members expressed their interest in having a tour of a diking system and other flood management infrastructure.

Request of Staff

Staff were requested to look at the opportunity to schedule a tour of a regional diking system.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Committee:

- a) receive for information the Flood Resiliency Committee Terms of Reference and the 2023 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated February 23, 2023, titled “2023 Flood Resiliency Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”; and
- b) endorse the 2023 Work Plan, as presented in the report dated February 23, 2023, titled “2023 Flood Resiliency Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”.

CARRIED

5.2 Metro Vancouver – Fraser River Freshet Response 2022

Brant Arnold-Smith provided the Flood Resiliency Committee with a presentation on the 2022 Fraser River Freshet Response with the focus on the Barnston Island emergency preparation, highlighting the Metro Vancouver Emergency Management Plans and Emergency Response Plans, identifying proactive measures to protect residents and critical infrastructure, and outlining the next steps.

Members commented on the impacts of the 2021 atmospheric river event and 2022 Fraser River freshet.

Request of Staff

Staff were requested to report back to the Committee with the Fraser River levels at the Mission Gauge during the November 2021 flood event.

Presentation material titled “Metro Vancouver – Fraser River Freshet Response 2022” is retained with the March 3, 2023 Flood Resiliency Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Committee receive for information the verbal report on the 2022 Fraser River Freshet response.

CARRIED

Agenda Order Varied

The order of the agenda varied to consider Item 4.1 at this point with Chief Tyrone McNeil joining the meeting.

4.1 Chief Tyrone McNeil, Chair, Emergency Planning Secretariat

Chief Tyrone McNeil, Chair, Emergency Planning Secretariat, spoke to the Flood Resiliency Committee on Hilekw Sq’eq’o (Coast Salish Regional Action Plan) and Build Back Better Together, outlining the Emergency Planning Secretariat challenges responding to the climate change and highlighting the need to invest in resiliency

and to collaborate and work together with all levels of government. He emphasized the need to proactively identify and protect essential services and transportation infrastructure.

Agenda Order Reconvened

The order of the agenda resumed with Item 5.3 before the Committee.

5.3 Manager's Report

Report dated February 23, 2023, from Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment, providing the Flood Resiliency Committee with the updates on the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy, the Dike Vulnerability Assessment, The Build Back Better Together Collaborative group, Hílek'w Sq'eq'ó, Disaster Resilience Regional Action Plan, and BC Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Flood Resiliency Committee receive for information the report dated February 23, 2023, 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 Committee conclude its meeting of March 3, 2023.

CARRIED

(Time: 2:02 pm)

Natalia Melnikov,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Dylan Kruger,
Chair

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