

METRO VANCOUVER JOINT BOARDS SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD), the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD), the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD), and the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) Board of Directors held at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia, to present for information the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burnaby, Chair, Director Sav Dhaliwal	North Vancouver District, Director Mike Little
North Vancouver City, Vice Chair Director Linda Buchanan (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)	Pitt Meadows, Director Bill Dingwall
Anmore, Alternate Director Paul Weverink for John McEwen	Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West
Belcarra, Director Neil Belenkie	Port Moody, Director Rob Vagramov
Bowen Island, Alternate Director Rob Wynen for David Hocking	Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino	Richmond, Director Harold Steves (arrived at 10:04 a.m.; departed at 12:18 p.m.)
Burnaby, Director Mike Hurley (departed at 1:01 p.m.)	Surrey, Director Doug Elford
Coquitlam, Director Craig Hodge	Surrey, Director Laurie Guerra (departed at 12:28 p.m.)
Coquitlam, Director Richard Stewart	Surrey, Director Jack Singh Hundial
Delta, Director George Harvie (departed at 1:08 p.m.)	Surrey, Director Brenda Locke
Delta, Director Lois Jackson	Surrey, Director Doug McCallum
Electoral Area A, Director Justin LeBlanc	Surrey, Director Steven Pettigrew
Langley City, Alternate Director Gayle Martin for Val van den Broek	Vancouver, Director Christine Boyle (departed at 12:20 p.m.)
Langley Township, Director Jack Froese (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)	Vancouver, Director Adriane Carr
Langley Township, Director Kim Richter	Vancouver, Director Melissa De Genova
Lions Bay, Director Ron McLaughlin	Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato
Maple Ridge, Director Mike Morden	Vancouver, Director Colleen Hardwick
New Westminster, Director Jonathan Coté	Vancouver, Alternate Director Pete Fry for Kennedy Stewart
	Vancouver, Director Michael Wiebe
	West Vancouver, Director Mary-Ann Booth
	White Rock, Director Darryl Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tsawwassen, Director Bryce Williams

STAFF PRESENT:

Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Genevieve Lanz, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer

1. PRESENTATION

10:04 a.m. Vice Chair Buchanan and Directors Froese and Steves arrived at the meeting.

1.1 2019 Budget and Annual Work Plans and 2019-2023 Financial Plan – Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation

Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner introduced the 2019 Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation Budget and 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan, highlighting the distinct legal entities of Metro Vancouver, the consistency with the 2015 - 2018 Board Strategic Plan, the financial planning process, the development of a thirty-year financial plan, and the guiding financial policies.

Phil Trotzuk, Chief Financial Officer, provided members with an overview of the 2019 Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation budget and the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan expenditures, revenues, household impact, and capital expenditure funding models.

Members commented on:

- increases to the total household impact
- population growth projection methodology
- completed and upcoming capital infrastructure projects
- previous financial planning and budgets

In response to questions, members were informed of the potential for a GVWD development cost charge program, the budget review process, and the organization's employee composition.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide the following information to a future meeting of the board or appropriate committee:

- process and methodology of determining population numbers and projected growth
- annual budgets for the previous ten years
- exempt employee list and roles within Metro Vancouver
- list of budgeted and actual costs associated with completed regional capital projects over the last four years
- communication materials to assist member municipalities in explaining the increase in fees and taxes in the context of capital projects, aging infrastructure, upgrades to accommodate climate change initiatives, regulatory requirements, utility system demands, and grants received from senior levels of government
- optimal amortization period versus pay-as-you-go financial approach
- details in the 5-year capital plan for MVHC

- options for pursuing GVWD development cost charges to offset household impact of increasing water rates

Greater Vancouver Water Services

Tim Jervis, General Manager, Water Services, provided members with a presentation on the 2019 Water Services budget and 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan highlighting Water Services major capital projects from 2019 - 2023, key 2019 expenditures, and wholesale water rate comparison with other jurisdictions.

In response to questions, members were informed of the difference between the Growth and Resilience capital projects.

Liquid Waste Services – Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Peter Navratil, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services, provided members with an overview of the 2019 Liquid Waste Services Budget, and 2019 – 2023 Liquid Waste Financial Plans based on sewerage area, debt servicing, and short-term impact in comparison with other jurisdictions.

12:18 p.m. Director Steves departed the meeting.

12:20 p.m. Director Boyle departed the meeting.

In response to questions, members were informed of the potential sale of biomethane to FortisBC and other cost recovery opportunities.

Solid Waste Services – Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, provided members with an overview of the 2019 Solid Waste Services Budget and 2019 – 2023 Solid Waste Financial Plan, highlighting 2019 tipping fees, planned 2020-2023 tipping fees, and operational and capital budget drivers.

12:28 p.m. Director Guerra departed the meeting.

Members commented on population growth and predicted organics processing needs.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide information to a future board meeting or appropriate committee regarding:

- increasing volume of organics in the region versus declining number of processing facilities to handle organics
- comparison of volume of waste diverted relative to population growth

Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation

Ravi Chhina, General Manager, Parks and Housing Services, provided members with an overview of the 2019 MVHC Budget and 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan,

highlighting the development of a MVHC ten-year strategic plan, capital replacement projects, and MVHC tenant rental increases.

12:35 p.m. Chair Dhaliwal left the meeting, Vice Chair Buchanan assumed the Chair.

12:38 p.m. Chair Dhaliwal reassumed the Chair.

Members commented on opportunities to expand Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation's portfolio and to increase rental revenue.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide information to a future board meeting or appropriate committee regarding opportunities to increase Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation revenue.

Metro Vancouver Regional District – Regional Parks

Ravi Chhina, General Manager, and Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Housing Services, provided members with an overview of the 2019 Regional Parks Budget and 2019 – 2023 Regional Parks Capital program.

Metro Vancouver Regional District – Air Quality and Regional Planning

Neal Carley, General Manager, Planning and Environment, provided members with an overview of the Parks, Planning and Environment 2019 Budget and 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan, highlighting the implementation of *Climate 2050*, and the update of regional air quality management plan and the odour management framework.

1:01 p.m. Director Hurley departed the meeting.

Members commented on the *Climate 2050* revision process and the costs associated with the odour management framework.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested provide information to a future board meeting or appropriate committee on:

- the total cost associated with developing the odour management framework and measurement of odour units
- particulate and pollutant data collected at the Vancouver Portside Air Mapping location

Other Regional Services

Phil Trotsuk, General Manager, Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer, concluded the budget presentations.

1:08 p.m. Director Harvie departed the meeting.

Presentation material titled “2019 – 2023 Financial Plan: Special Board Meeting – November 30, 2018” is retained with the November 30, 2018 Metro Vancouver Joint Board Special Meeting agenda.

The meeting had been in session for four hours and pursuant to the *Procedure Bylaw*, members did not extend the meeting to continue the budget discussion, but rather suggested the joint meeting be reconvened during the December 7, 2018 session to consider the remaining business on the agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD, GVWD, GVS&DD, and MVHC Boards adjourn its joint meeting of November 30 2018.

CARRIED

(Time: 1:16 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair