

## METRO VANCOUVER BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP

Minutes of the Regular 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) Boards of Directors held at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burnaby, Chair, Director Sav Dhaliwal  
North Vancouver City, Vice Chair Director  
Linda Buchanan\*  
Anmore, Director John McEwen  
Belcarra, Director Carolina Clark  
Bowen Island, Director David Hocking\*  
Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino\*  
Burnaby, Director Mike Hurley  
Coquitlam, Director Craig Hodge\*  
Coquitlam, Director Richard Stewart\*  
Delta, Alternate Director Dylan Kruger for  
George Harvie\*  
Delta, Director Bruce McDonald\*  
Electoral Area A, Director Jen McCutcheon\*  
Langley City, Director Val van den Broek\*  
Langley Township, Director Jack Froese\*  
Langley Township, Director Kim Richter\*  
(arrived at 10:07 a.m.)  
Lions Bay, Director Ron McLaughlin\*  
Maple Ridge, Director Mike Morden\*  
New Westminster, Director Jonathan Coté\*  
North Vancouver District, Director Lisa Muri\*  
Pitt Meadows, Director Bill Dingwall\*  
Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West  
Port Moody, Director Rob Vagramov\* (arrived  
at 9:09 a.m.)  
Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie\*  
Richmond, Director Harold Steves\*  
Surrey, Director Linda Annis\*  
Surrey, Director Doug Elford\*  
Surrey, Director Laurie Guerra  
Surrey, Director Doug McCallum\*  
Surrey, Alternate Director Brenda Locke for  
Mandeep Nagra\*  
Surrey, Director Allison Patton  
Tsawwassen, Director Ken Baird\*  
Vancouver, Director Christine Boyle\*  
Vancouver, Director Adriane Carr\*  
Vancouver, Director Melissa De Genova\* (arrived  
at 9:35 a.m.)  
Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato\* (arrived  
at 9:13 a.m., and departed at 11:56 a.m.)  
Vancouver, Director Colleen Hardwick\* (arrived  
at 9:51 a.m.)  
Vancouver, Alternate Director Pete Fry for  
Kennedy Stewart\*  
Vancouver, Director Michael Wiebe\*  
West Vancouver, Director Mary-Ann Booth\*  
(arrived at 9:12 a.m.)  
White Rock, Director Darryl Walker\*

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

### STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lauren Cichon, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services  
Klara Kutakova, Deputy Corporate Officer

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

## 1. PRESENTATION

### 1.1 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan – Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation

Jerry Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner and Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services Department, introduced the 2021 Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation Budget and 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan highlighting overall household impacts for 2021 – 2025, historic and projected population growth, and operating and capital budget expenditures and revenues.

9:09 a.m. Director Vagramov arrived at the meeting.

9:12 a.m. Director Booth arrived at the meeting.

9:13 a.m. Director Dominato arrived at the meeting.

Presentation material titled “2021-2025 Financial Plan Overview” is retained with the October 21, 2020 Board Budget Workshop agenda.

9:35 a.m. Director De Genova arrived at the meeting.

9:51 a.m. Director Hardwick arrived at the meeting.

10:07 a.m. Director Richter arrived at the meeting.

Members discussed a temporary relaxation of the amortization period as outlined in the *Financial Management Policy* by temporarily changing it from 15 years to 30 years.

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

That the MVRD Board direct staff to adopt a 30-year amortization for borrowing for 2021 and 2022 only and then return to a 15-year amortization period as per the *Financial Management Policy*.

#### **Recorded Vote**

At the request of the Chair, a recorded vote was conducted.

Director	Number of Votes	
	For	Against
Linda Annis		4
Ken Baird	1	
Mary-Ann Booth	3	
Christine Boyle	5	
Malcolm Brodie		5
Linda Buchanan	3	
Pietro Calendino	4	
Adriane Carr		5

Carolina Clark	1	
Jonathan Côté	4	
Melissa De Genova	5	
Sav Dhaliwal	4	
Bill Dingwall		1
Lisa Dominato		4
Doug Elford	5	
Jack Froese		3
Laurie Guerra		4
Colleen Hardwick		4
Dylan Kruger	3	
David Hocking		1
Craig Hodge		3
Mike Hurley	4	
Doug McCallum		5
Jen McCutcheon	1	
Bruce McDonald	3	
John McEwen	1	
Ron McLaughlin	1	
Mike Morden	5	
Lisa Muri		5
Brenda Locke		4
Allison Patton		4
Kim Ritcher		3
Harold Steves		5
Pete Fry		5
Richard Stewart		4
Rob Vagramov		2
Val van den Broek	2	
Darryl Walker		1
Brad West	3	
Michael Wiebe		4
	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Total Votes	58	76

**DEFEATED**

### **Liquid Waste Services**

Members were provided an overview of the 2021 Liquid Waste Services Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan, highlighting performance metrics, continuous improvement, operating and capital expenditures, 2021 – 2025 major projects, financial plan summaries, and concerns about the Ministry of Environment increase of wastewater treatment plant fee in 2021.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVS&DD Board:

- a) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for Liquid Waste Services, as presented; and
- b) direct staff to prepare the necessary budget information to be presented at the October 30, 2020 GVS&DD Board meeting for consideration.

That the GVS&DD Board Chair write a letter to the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, requesting that the Minister consider the deferral or graduated application of the \$2,479,807 fee increase in 2021 for Metro Vancouver's five wastewater treatment plant authorizations.

**CARRIED**

Director Richter voted in the negative.

**Water Services**

Members were provided with an overview of the 2021 Water Services Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan, highlighting performance metrics, continuous improvement, 2021 – 2025 major projects, 2021-2025 financial plan summary, and proposed adjusted pricing approach.

Members requested additional information on the proposed adjusted pricing approach of the peak and non-peak water rates to be provided before the October 30, 2020 Board Meeting.

11:56 a.m. Director Dominato departed the meeting.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVWD Board:

- a) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for Water Services, as presented;
- b) direct staff to calculate the water rates applying the 2021 increase wholly to the peak rate; and,
- c) direct staff to prepare the necessary budget information to be presented at the October 30, 2020 GVWD Board meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**

Director Richter voted in the negative.

**Solid Waste Services**

Members were provided with an overview of the 2021 Solid Waste Services Budget and 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan, highlighting performance metrics, continuous improvement, tipping fees, and capital program highlights.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVS&DD Board:

- a) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for Solid Waste Services, as presented; and
- b) direct staff to prepare the necessary budget information to be presented at the October 30, 2020 GVS&DD Board meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation**

Members were provided an overview of the 2021 MVHC Budget and 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan, outlining performance metrics, and operating and capital highlights.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVHC Board:

- a) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation, as presented; and
- b) direct staff to prepare the necessary budget information to be presented at the October 30, 2020 MVHC Board meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Metro Vancouver Regional District Services**

Members were provided an overview of the MVRD 2021 Budget, highlighting MVRD functions and the financial plan summary.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board:

- a) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for the Regional District Service Areas, as presented;
- b) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for the Electoral Area A Service Area, as presented;
- c) endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for the Sasamat Fire Protection Service, as presented; and
- d) direct staff to prepare the necessary budget information to be presented at the October 30, 2020 Metro Vancouver Regional District Board meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORTS**

**2.1 2021-2025 Financial Plan – Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation**

Report dated October 14, 2020 from Jerry Dobrovlny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer and Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager – Financial Services Department, presenting the 2021 Budget and 2021-2025 Financial Plan for the Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation for consideration.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Board endorse the 2021 Budget and 2021 - 2025 Financial Plan for the Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation, as presented, and direct staff to prepare the necessary budget information to be presented at the October 30, 2020 Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation Board meetings for consideration.

**Motion Withdrawn**

The aforementioned motion was deemed unnecessary in light of the endorsement motions passed earlier in the meeting; consequently, withdrawal of the motion was in order. With consent of the Board, the aforementioned motion was withdrawn.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD, GVWD, GVS&DD, and MVHC Boards receive the report titled “2021-2025 Financial Plan – Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation” dated October 14, 2020 for information.

**CARRIED**

**3. REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**3.1 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan – Standing Committee Reports**

**4. Q&A/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chair Dhaliwal asked three times if there were any members of the public wishing to speak to the proposed Metro Vancouver Districts and Housing Corporation Budgets. No persons stepped forward.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

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Klara Kutakova, Deputy Corporate Officer

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Sav Dhaliwal, Chair