METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Finance and Intergovernment Committee held at 1:07 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Vice Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster (arrived at 1:14 p.m.)
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby
Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey (arrived at 1:09 p.m.)
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver

STAFF PRESENT:
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
   1.1 February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

   It was MOVED and SECONDED
   That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2020 as circulated.

   CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
   2.1 October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

   It was MOVED and SECONDED
   That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held October 16, 2019 as circulated.

   CARRIED
3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

1:09 p.m. Mayor McCallum arrived at the meeting.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Bob Purdy, Director, External Relations and Corporate Development, and Theresa Fresco, Regional Manager, Greater Vancouver-Sea to Sky, Fraser Basin Council
Bob Purdy and Theresa Fresco, Fraser Basin Council (FBC), provided members with an annual report on FBC activities for 2019 highlighting FBC’s mission and roles, actions and investments related to climate change including Plug-In BC and the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy.

1:14 p.m. Mayor Coté arrived at the meeting.

Also highlighted were Salmon-Safe BC, ECHO Program: Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery, FBC Legacy Initiatives and how Metro Vancouver funding continues to leverage other funds to support FBC activities.

Presentation material titled “Highlights: 2019 Fraser Basin Council outcomes and 2020 Priorities Report” is retained with the February 12, 2020 agenda.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Fraser Basin Council – Annual Report to Metro Vancouver
Report dated February 4, 2020 from Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment, providing the Fraser Basin Council’s annual report.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 4, 2020, titled “Fraser Basin Council – Annual Report to Metro Vancouver”.

CARRIED

5.2 2020 Finance and Intergovernment Committee Priorities and Work Plan
Report dated December 16, 2019 from Jerry Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, providing the Finance and Intergovernment Committee with the Committee’s priorities and work plan for the year 2020.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated December 16, 2019 titled “2020 Finance and Intergovernment Committee Priorities and Work Plan”.

CARRIED
5.3 Authorization to Attend 2020 Standing Committee Events  
Report dated December 19, 2019 from Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer, seeking the Finance and Intergovernment Committee’s approval of the 2020 events and conferences, that were identified as part of the Board approved budget.

It was MOVED and SECONDED  
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee approve attendance at the following events within the 2020 Leadership and Engagement program budget:
- Adaptation Canada 2020
- APA National Planning Conference 2020
- AWWA Annual Conference 2020
- AWWA – Sustainable Water Management Conference 2020
- BioCycle Connect West 2020 Conference
- BC Recreation and Parks Association Symposium 2020
- Canadian Housing and Renewal Association National Congress 2020
- Canadian Odour Conference 2020
- City Age 2020
- Electric Mobility Canada “EV 2020”
- Housing Central Conference 2020
- Indigenous Relations Seminar 2020
- International Economic Development Council 2020 Annual Conference
- National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference 2020
- Special Parks District Forum 2020
- Rail~Volution 2020
- Recycling Council of Alberta 2020 Waste Reduction Conference
- Recycling Council of BC 2020 Conference and Trade Show
- Utility Management Conference 2020
- Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference 2020
- Additional events approved by the Board Chair that align with the priorities of the appropriate standing committee

CARRIED

5.4 Authorization to Attend 2020 International Events  
Report dated January 2, 2020 from Heather Schoemaker, General Manager, External Relations, seeking the Finance and Intergovernment Committee’s approval and recommendations to the Board Chair for attendance and remuneration of board members to attend events that are within the mandate of Metro Vancouver’s international engagement objectives.

It was MOVED and SECONDED  
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee approve attendance at the following international events within the 2020 Leadership and Engagement program budget:
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Council Meeting
- ICLEI Resilient Cities 2020

CARRIED
- World Urban Forum 10
- 2020 Study Tour
- Additional international conferences identified by the Chair that align with the priorities of the Leadership and Engagement Program

CARRIED

5.5 MVRD Procedure Amending Bylaw No. 1297, 2020

Report dated December 16, 2019 from Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer, seeking MVRD Board approval of Metro Vancouver Regional District Procedure Amending Bylaw Number 1297, 2020, a bylaw to provide for an exemption to the requirement that a committee be composed of a majority of directors.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board:

a) give first, second and third reading to Metro Vancouver Regional District Procedure Amending Bylaw Number 1297, 2020; and

b) pass and finally adopt Metro Vancouver Regional District Procedure Amending Bylaw Number 1297, 2020.

CARRIED

5.6 Federal Gas Tax Fund Expenditures Policy Amendments

Report dated December 18, 2019 from James Stiver, Division Manager, Growth Management and Transportation, Regional Planning and Housing Services and Conor Reynolds, Division Manager, Air Quality and Climate Change Policy, Parks and Environment, seeking MVRD Board approval of the updated Federal Gas Tax Fund Expenditures Policy and associated Application Guide.

Members were informed about a correction to be made to the report.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to correct the report dated December 18, 2019 titled “Federal Gas Tax Fund Expenditures Policy Amendments”, on page 3, first paragraph, by replacing the phrase “recent adoption of the Regional Greenways Plan” with the phrase “Regional Greenways Plan currently under development”, prior to being forwarded to the February 28, 2020 Board meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board approve the revised Federal Gas Tax Fund Expenditures Policy and the associated Application Guide as presented in the report dated December 18, 2019, titled “Federal Gas Tax Fund Expenditures Policy Amendments”.

CARRIED
5.7 Metro Vancouver’s 2019 Zero Waste Conference

Members were provided with a video presentation on Metro Vancouver’s 2019 Zero Waste Conference which is not retained with the agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee receive for information the report dated December 13, 2019 and titled “Metro Vancouver’s 2019 Zero Waste Conference.”

CARRIED

5.8 2019 International Events
Report dated January 2, 2020 from Heather Schoemaker, General Manager, External Relations, providing an update on 2019 International Events undertaken as part of the Leadership and Engagement program.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee receive for information the report dated January 2, 2020, titled, “2019 International Events”.

CARRIED

5.9 National Zero Waste Council Update
Report dated January 27, 2020 from Heather Schoemaker, General Manager and Ann Rowan, Division Manager, Collaboration and Engagement, External Relations, providing an update on the work of the National Zero Waste Council over the past year.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 27, 2020 titled “National Zero Waste Council Update.”

CARRIED

5.10 Metro Vancouver Signing Officers Amending Bylaws – MVRD, GVS&DD and GVWD
Report dated January 29, 2020 from Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, seeking GVWD, GVS&DD and MVRD Board adoption of the Signing Officers Bylaws providing revised language for modern banking practices, amending signing authority positions, and for financial matters relating to Metro Vancouver’s Districts.
Members were informed about a correction to be made to each bylaw prior to being forwarded to the Board meeting.

**Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to correct the GVWD, GVS&DD and MVRD Bylaws attached to the January 29, 2020 report titled “Metro Vancouver Signing Officers Amending Bylaws – MVRD, GVS&DD and GVWD”, on page 2 of each, in the last paragraph, by replacing “Section 3” with “Section 4”, prior to being forwarded to the February 28, 2020 Board meeting.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board:

a) give first, second and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Financial Services Administration and Signing Authority Amending Bylaw No. 1302, 2020*; and

b) pass and finally adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Financial Services Administration and Signing Authority Amending Bylaw No. 1302, 2020*.

That the GVS&DD Board:

a) give first, second and third reading to *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Financial Services Administration and Signing Authority Amending Bylaw No. 334, 2020*;

b) pass and finally adopt *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Financial Services Administration and Signing Authority Amending Bylaw No. 334, 2020*.

That the GVWD Board:

a) give first, second and third reading to *Greater Vancouver Water District Financial Services Administration and Signing Authority Amending Bylaw No. 252, 2020*; and

b) pass and finally adopt *Greater Vancouver Water District Financial Services Administration and Signing Authority Amending Bylaw No. 252, 2020*.

**CARRIED**

**5.11 Manager’s Report**

Report dated February 3, 2020 from Jerry Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, updating the Finance and Intergovernment Committee on attendance at 2020 standing committee events, 2020 Board appointment to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and Metro Vancouver networking event.

Members were informed to notify the Committee Chair by February 28, 2019 if interested in attending *City Age 2020* or *International Economic Development Council 2020 Annual Conference*. 
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee receive for information the report dated February 3, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report”.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence dated November 21, 2019 regarding the Regional Economic Prosperity Service from Minister Ralston
Correspondence dated November 21, 2019 from the Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, addressed to Sav Dhaliwal, Metro Vancouver Board Chair, and Linda Buchanan, Metro Vancouver Board Vice Chair, regarding the Regional Economic Prosperity Service.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee receive for information the following Information Item:
6.1 Correspondence dated November 21, 2019 regarding the Regional Economic Prosperity Service from Minister Ralston

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS
No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2020 pursuant to the Community Charter provisions, Section 90 (1) (a) and (g) as follows:

“90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district; and
(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district.”

CARRIED
10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Finance and Intergovernment Committee adjourn its regular meeting of February 12, 2020.

CARRIED
(Time: 1:41 p.m.)

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Janis Knaupp,      Linda Buchanan, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator