

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
MAYORS COMMITTEE**

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

1:00PM

**Meeting conducted electronically pursuant to the Procedure Bylaw
28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia
Webstream available at <http://www.metrovancouver.org>**

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OPENING REMARKS

Director Sav Dhaliwal, Board Chair

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda

That the Mayors Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 2, 2022 as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

That the Mayors Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held November 18, 2021 as circulated.

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3. DELEGATIONS

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

That the Mayors Committee:

- a) receive for information the Mayors Committee Terms of Reference and the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022, titled "2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan"; and
- b) endorse the 2022 work plan, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022 titled "2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan".

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¹ Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.

- 5.2 Board Meeting Start Time** pg. 15
That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 24, 2022, titled "Board Meeting Start Time".

- 5.3 Manager's Report** pg. 17
That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated January 5, 2022, titled "Manager's Report".

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 COVID-19 Roundtable of Issues by Members

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.

That the Mayors Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for February 2, 2022 pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, 90 (2) (b) as follows:

- "90 (2) A part of a meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party."

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

That the Mayors Committee adjourn/conclude its regular meeting of February 2, 2022.

Membership:

West, Brad (C) – Port Coquitlam	Dingwall, Bill – Pitt Meadows	McLaughlin, Ron – Lions Bay
Booth, Mary-Ann (VC) – West Vancouver	Froese, Jack – Langley Township	Morden, Mike – Maple Ridge
Ander, Gary – Bowen Island	Harvie, George – Delta	Ross, Jamie – Belcarra
Baird, Ken – Tsawwassen First Nation	Hurley, Mike – Burnaby	Stewart, Kennedy – Vancouver
Brodie, Malcolm – Richmond	Little, Mike – North Vancouver District	Stewart, Richard – Coquitlam
Buchanan, Linda – North Vancouver City	McCallum, Doug – Surrey	Vagramov, Rob – Port Moody
Coté, Jonathan – New Westminster	McCutcheon, Jen – Electoral Area A	van den Broek, Val – Langley City
Dhaliwal, Sav – Burnaby	McEwen, John – Anmore	Walker, Darryl – White Rock

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
MAYORS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Mayors Committee held at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Mayor Brad West*, Port Coquitlam
 Mayor Gary Ander*, Bowen Island (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)
 Mayor Malcolm Brodie*, Richmond
 Mayor Linda Buchanan*, North Vancouver City
 Mayor Jonathan Côté*, New Westminster
 Councillor Sav Dhaliwal*, Burnaby
 Mayor Bill Dingwall*, Pitt Meadows
 Mayor Jack Froese*, Langley Township
 Mayor George Harvie*, Delta
 Mayor Mike Hurley*, Burnaby (arrived at 9:22 a.m.)
 Mayor Mike Little*, North Vancouver District
 Mayor Doug McCallum*, Surrey
 Director Jen McCutcheon*, Electoral Area A
 Mayor John McEwen*, Anmore
 Mayor Ron McLaughlin*, Lions Bay
 Mayor Mike Morden*, Maple Ridge
 Mayor Jamie Ross*, Belcarra
 Mayor Richard Stewart*, Coquitlam
 Mayor Rob Vagramov*, Port Moody
 Mayor Val van den Broek*, Langley City
 Mayor Darryl Walker*, White Rock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice Chair, Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver
 Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen
 Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Manveer Atwal, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee:

- a) amend the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021 by adding under section 7 Other Business:
 - i) Item 7.1 Letter of Support for Communities Impacted by Extreme Rainfall Emergency;
 - ii) Item 7.2 Letter of Support for Provincial Consultation with Local Governments on Use of Emergency Alert System; and
- b) adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 October 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held October 1, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

9:04 a.m. Mayor Ander arrived at the meeting.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Les Hagen, M.S.M. Executive Director, and Eva Habib, BC Policy Specialist (Vancouver), Action of Smoking and Health Canada; Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer, Richmond, and Randall Ash, Regional Manager, Health Protection, Vancouver Coastal Health; Dr. Ariella Zbar, Medical Health Officer – Medical Director, and Gwenyth Dwyn, Acting Project Lead, Legal Substances, Fraser Health Authority

Les Hagen, M.S.M. Executive Director, and Eva Habib, BC Policy Specialist (Vancouver), Action of Smoking and Health Canada; Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer, Richmond, and Randall Ash, Regional Manager, Health Protection, Vancouver Coastal Health; Dr. Ariella Zbar, Medical Health Officer – Medical Director, and Gwenyth Dwyn, Acting Project Lead, Legal Substances, Fraser Health Authority, provided the Mayors Committee with a presentation on vaping and smoking highlighting the need for a uniform smoking and vaping bylaw for the Metro Vancouver Regional District.

Presentation material titled “Create a Uniform Smoking and Vaping Bylaw for the Metro Vancouver Regional District” is retained with in the November 18, 2021 Mayors Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee receive for information the November 18, 2021 delegation presentation titled "Create a Uniform Smoking and Vaping Bylaw for the Metro Vancouver Regional District."

CARRIED

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Manager's Report

Report dated October 27, 2021 from Jerry Dobrovolsky, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, updating the Mayors Committee on the possibility of adjusting the start time of Board meeting and the Mayors Committee work plan.

Members discussed the need to limit the meeting length and to canvas members directly regarding the feasibility of altering the start time of board meetings.

Request of Staff

Staff were requested to consult with the Board members regarding the possibility of altering the Board start time for the 2022 meetings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated October 27, 2021, titled "Manager's Report."

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence dated November 3, 2021 to Chair Dhaliwal from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs re Regional District Board Appointment Process

7. OTHER BUSINESS

9:22 a.m. Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting.

7.1 Letter of Support for Communities Impacted by Extreme Rainfall Emergency

Members discussed the need to send a letter of support to the communities affected by the recent atmospheric river.

Suspension of Rules

Members requested that an emergency exception be made to allow the Board Chair to write a letter of support on behalf of the Mayor's Committee without the MVRD Board's authorization.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee, pursuant to Section 1.5 of the Procedure Bylaw, suspend the rules, at its November 18, 2021 regular meeting, by allowing the Standing Committee to authorize the Board Chair to write a letter on behalf of the Mayor's Committee.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayor's Committee authorize the Board Chair to write a letter of support to the Fraser Valley Regional District, including the local governments and electoral areas, regarding the current flooding disaster in the Fraser Valley region.

CARRIED

7.2 Letter of Support for Provincial Consultation with Local Governments on Use of Emergency Alert System

Members expressed the need to send a letter to the Province and the City of Abbotsford to support the Provincial decision to initiate the *Emergency Program Act*.

Suspension of Rules

Members requested that an emergency exception be made to allow the Board Chair to write a letter of support on behalf of the Mayor's Committee without the MVRD Board's authorization.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee, pursuant to Section 1.5 of the Procedure Bylaw, suspend the rules, at its November 18, 2021 regular meeting, by allowing the Standing Committee to authorize the Board Chair to write a letter on behalf of the Mayor's Committee.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayor's Committee authorize the Board Chair to write a letter to the Provincial Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Honourable Mike Farnworth, and the Mayor of Abbotsford, Mayor Henry Braun, expressing support for initiating the Emergency Program Act to allow local governments and mayors to make decisions in relation to actions taken due to localized emergencies.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021 pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1) (c) and 90 (2) (b) as follows:

- “90 (1) A part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations.
- 90 (2) A part of a meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Committee adjourn its regular meeting of November 18, 2021.

CARRIED

(Time: 9:45 a.m.)

Manveer Atwal,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Brad West, Chair

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To: Mayors Committee

From: Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Office, Metro Vancouver

Date: January 5, 2022

Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

Subject: **2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayors Committee:

- a) receive for information the Mayors Committee Terms of Reference and the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022, titled “2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”; and
 - b) endorse the 2022 work plan, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022 titled “2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The terms of reference for the Mayors Committee sets out the committee responsibilities in the areas of governance, operations of the MVRD, MVHC, GVS&DD and GVWD, and Metro Vancouver’s strategic relationships, which provides guidance and oversight on the implementation of the annual work plan. Work plan priorities for 2022 include: addressing pan municipal topics; advancing advocacy efforts; strategic relationships; intergovernmental relationships; and issues pertaining to health emergency, climate, and the pandemic, and are consistent with the endorsed 2022 Budget. Pursuant to the terms of reference, the meeting schedule proposes 5 meetings, which unless otherwise determined, will be held virtually.

PURPOSE

To provide the Mayors Committee with its Terms of Reference, the 2022 Work Plan, and the Annual Meeting Schedule.

BACKGROUND

Annually, following the Board Inaugural meeting in November, the Board Chair establishes the committee structure and the terms of reference for each committee, for the new year. To support the Committee in its work, this report brings forward the committee’s Work Plan and the Schedule of Meetings for 2022.

2022 WORK PLAN

The work plan presented in this report is consistent with the Mayors Committee’s Terms of Reference (Attachment 2) and with the *Board Strategic Plan* and is being brought forward for the Committee’s information, review and endorsement.

Key actions in the 2022 Work Plan for the Committee are described below and listed according to the Committee responsibilities in its Terms of Reference.

- Providing, within its scope of responsibility, a regional forum for the discussion of pan municipal issues;
- Advancing advocacy efforts by presenting a unified, regional voice to other orders of government on regional issues;
- Developing, for consideration by the Board, Metro Vancouver's positions on initiatives taken by other governments and agencies;
- Reviewing senior government policy and legislative initiatives that affect, or that may affect, governance of the region;
- Overseeing the development and implementation of communications strategies, intergovernmental relations strategies, and other strategies to manage relations with other orders of governments, and with other agencies; and
- Considering issues related to the impact, response and recovery related to pandemic, emergency, health, climate and other events.

The Committee will be updated on the status of the actions and projects in this Work Plan on a quarterly basis per the Committee's schedule.

2022 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The MVRD *Procedure Bylaw* requires the Corporate Officer to provide the Committee with an Annual Meeting Schedule for the upcoming year, including the date, time and place of the meetings (Attachment 3).

Meeting Place – Electronic and In-Person Meetings

The MVRD *Procedure Bylaw* authorizes a flexible model for meeting attendance. Most meetings will be electronic meetings: essentially hybrid meetings at which a member may attend in-person or by electronic facilities at their discretion (e.g. Zoom); however, certain meetings throughout the year may be deemed to require in-person attendance when: 1) carried by resolution of the committee; or 2) the Chair determines in-person attendance as a requirement, subject to committee members being provided with seven (7) days of advance notice of the requirement to attend in person. The Committee may wish to consider if in-person attendance would benefit any of the meeting dates on the schedule.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the Mayors Committee:
 - a) receive for information the Mayors Committee Terms of Reference and the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022, titled "2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan"; and
 - b) endorse the 2022 work plan, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022, titled "2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan".
2. That the Mayors Committee:
 - a) receive for information the Mayors Committee Terms of Reference and the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated January 5, 2022, titled "2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan"; and

- b) endorse the 2022 work plan, as presented in the report dated January 5, titled “2022 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”, incorporating the requested changes from the Mayors Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The priorities in the 2022 Work Plan of the Mayors Committee are consistent with the 2022 Budget approved by the MVRD Board on October 29, 2021.

Committee meeting expenses and remuneration associated with meeting attendance have been allocated in the annual budget.

CONCLUSION

The work plan presented in this report identifies the priorities for the Mayors Committee in 2022 and is consistent with its terms of reference and the 2022 Budget. To assist the Committee, the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule has been established to guide the Committee’s success in completing the business of the work plan. Staff recommends that Alternative 1 be approved.

Attachments

1. Mayors Committee 2022 Work Plan
2. Mayors Committee Terms of Reference
3. Mayors Committee 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule

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Mayors Committee 2022 Work Plan

Report Date: January 5, 2022

Priorities

1st Quarter	Status
Metro Vancouver Intergovernment Relations Update	In Progress
Mayors Committee Work Plan and Schedule	In Progress
Attendance at 2022 Standing Committee Events	In Progress
Board Meeting Start Time	In Progress
Regional Mutual Aid Agreement	Pending
911 Call Answer Service Update	Pending
Pan Municipal Topics (As Applicable)	Pending
2nd Quarter	
COVID-19 in Metro Vancouver – Regional Impacts	Pending
Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management Update	Pending
Municipal Finance Reform	Pending
Invest Vancouver Joint Meeting with European Union Consul Generals	Pending
Regional Employer Services Update	Pending
911 Call Answer Service Update	Pending
Pan Municipal Topics (As Applicable)	Pending
3rd Quarter	
Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions	Pending
YVR Annual Update	Pending
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Annual Update	Pending
911 Call Answer Service Update	Pending
Metro Vancouver Intergovernment Relations Update	Pending
Pan Municipal Topics (As Applicable)	Pending
4th Quarter	
Establishment of a Task Force to Consider a Holistic Model of Collaborative Environmental Management for the Burrard Inlet, Fraser River Estuary and Boundary Bay	Pending
911 Call Answer Service Update	Pending
Pan Municipal Topics (As Applicable)	Pending

Mayors Committee

Terms of Reference

The Committee of Metro Vancouver Mayors is the standing committee of the Metro Vancouver Board that provides advice and recommendations on issues related to the governance and operations of the MVRD, MVHC, GVS&DD and GVWD, and Metro Vancouver's strategic relationships with other governments, agencies, and communities.

Committee Responsibilities

Within the scope of the *Board Strategic Plan*, Board policies, and the *Metro Vancouver Financial Plan*, the Committee provides input, advice and recommendations to the Board on issues referred to the Committee by the Board, and development of strategies and positions to manage inter-governmental relations and address specific initiatives that are undertaken by other agencies. Specific Committee responsibilities include:

- Providing, within its scope of responsibility, a regional forum for the discussion of pan-municipal issues;
- Advancing advocacy efforts by presenting a unified, regional voice to other orders of government on regional issues;
- Developing, for consideration by the Board, Metro Vancouver's positions on initiatives taken by other governments and agencies;
- Reviewing senior government policy and legislative initiatives that affect, or that may affect, governance of the region;
- Overseeing the development and implementation of communications strategies, intergovernmental relations strategies, and other strategies to manage relations with other orders of governments, and with other agencies; and
- Considering issues related to the impact, response and recovery related to pandemic, emergency, health, climate and other events.

Committee Membership and Meetings

The Chair, Vice Chair and members are appointed annually by the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board. Committee membership includes all mayors of Metro Vancouver's member municipalities, the Chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation, the Director of Electoral Area A, and the Board Chair. The Committee meets every 2 months, and holds special meetings as required. A quorum of 50% plus one of the Committee membership is required to conduct Committee business.

Committee Management

The Committee Chair, or in the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair, is the chief spokesperson on matters of public interest within the Committee's purview. For high profile issues the role of spokesperson rests with the Metro Vancouver Board Chair or Vice Chair. On technical matters or in cases where an initiative is still at the staff proposal level, the Chief Administrative Officer or designate is the appropriate spokesperson. Where necessary and practical, the Board Chair,

Committee Chair and Chief Administrative Officer will confer to determine the most appropriate representative to speak.

The Chief Administrative Officer assigns a Committee Manager for the Committee. The Committee Manager is responsible for coordinating agendas and is the principal point of contact for Committee members.

Mayors Committee 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule

- **Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 1:00pm..... Electronic Meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00pm Electronic Meeting**
- **Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1:00pm Electronic Meeting**
- **Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 1:00pm..... Electronic Meeting**
- **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 1:00pm..... Electronic Meeting**

To: Mayors Committee

From: Jerry Dobrovlny, Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner

Date: January 24, 2022

Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

Subject: **Board Meeting Start Time**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 24, 2022, titled "Board Meeting Start Time".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board Directors were surveyed as to their preferences for regular board meeting start times: keeping the status quo of 9:00 a.m. or deviating from it. Of the 39 respondents, 11 preferred that board meetings continue to start at 9:00 a.m., 17 preferred a later start time, and 11 expressed no preference. If a change is required, a motion to that effect would be necessary.

PURPOSE

To update the board on survey results regarding the start time for board meetings.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held November 18, 2021, the Mayors Committee considered options regarding the start time for board meetings, in response to comments that had been expressed about potentially changing it to accommodate family obligations. Arising from that discussion, staff were requested to consult with board members regarding the feasibility of altering the start time of board meetings.

This report brings forward the results of that consultation with board members.

SURVEY FINDINGS

Board Directors were surveyed on December 6, 2021 with 39 of 40 Directors responding. The results of that survey show the following preferences:

9:00 a.m.	11 Directors preferred this time
9:00 or 9:15 a.m.	6 Directors preferred either time
9:15 or 9:30 a.m.	11 Directors preferred either time
No preference	11 Directors expressed no preference

Based on these findings, 17 Directors (6 + 11 = 17) expressed a preference to start board meetings later than the current 9:00 a.m., with an additional 11 Directors expressing no preference. On that basis, 28 Directors (70%) would likely accept board meetings starting at 9:15 a.m. In contrast, 11 Directors preferred the status quo, with those same additional 11 Directors expressing no preference, suggesting that 22 Directors (56%) would likely accept the status quo.

Options for Consideration

The MVRD Board confirmed by resolution the 2022 Schedule of Regular Meetings at its meeting held October 29, 2021. If the Board concludes that it wishes to deviate from the status quo: that is, a start time different than 9:00 a.m., then two options are suggested for consideration:

Option 1 -- The Board may wish to effect this change immediately, by resolving to change the meeting start time to 9:15 a.m. for the remainder of 2022 board meetings. A board motion would be required to make this change to the existing schedule.

Option 2 -- The Board may wish to introduce this change to 9:15 a.m. when the Corporate Officer is required to bring forward the Schedule of Regular Meetings for 2023 (which will be presented to the Board at its Fall 2022 meeting).

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Changing the starting time for board meetings has no impact on the budget. The costs of holding a board meeting remain the same.

CONCLUSION

According to the 2022 Schedule of Board Meetings, approved in October 2021, regular board meetings are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. Directors were consulted as their preferences for board meeting start times: continuing with a 9:00 a.m. start time or deviating from it. Of the 39 respondents, 11 preferred 9:00 a.m., 17 preferred a later time, and 11 expressed no preference. This information is brought forward for the Board's consideration.

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To: Mayors Committee

From: Jerry Dobrovlny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer

Date: January 5, 2022 Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

Subject: **Manager's Report**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated January 5, 2022, titled "Manager's Report".

Attendance at 2022 Standing Committee Events

Participation at external events provides important learning and networking opportunities. The following events that fall under the purview of the Mayors Committee were included in the 2022 Leadership and Engagement budget. Both in-person and virtual attendance will be considered depending on any restrictions due to under the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Event: GLOBE Forum 2022
Date and Place: March 29-31, 2022, Vancouver British Columbia
Number of attendee(s): 1
Description: The forum brings together Canada's sustainability and climate leaders, change makers and practitioners in order to connect with a world-class network of partners and investors, gain insights into the latest trends and best practices across sectors and regions, and learn from speakers and innovators who are leaders in their fields. Themes include: innovation and adoption; policy, regulation and corporate governance; finance and investment; just transition; beyond net zero; and local solutions to net zero.
- Event: CityAge "The Natural City"
Date and Place: February 24, 2022, Digital Event
Number of attendee(s): 1
Description: CityAge, the Natural City, intends to make a new kind of city possible through advancements in design, technology, and human attitudes in collaboration with nature to benefit the planet and enhance our own wellness. Focus areas include: the devices and system designs that will integrate natural resources into cities; new materials that will make buildings sustainable; the breakthroughs in renewable energy and the transition to clean energy that Natural Cities will rely on; and how the electrification of cities' cars, public transit support Natural Cities.

Please notify the Committee Chair or Committee Manager as soon as possible, but no later than February 14, 2022, if you are interested in attending any of the above-noted events. While these events were included in the approved budget, final approval on attendance rests with the Board Chair.

Joint Meeting with Invest Vancouver and European Union Consul Generals

Provided that that in-person events and meetings may safely resume, Invest Vancouver is planning an event with the European Union Consul Generals and Mayors Committee at our next meeting date of April 6, 2022. A catered lunch will be offered prior to the Committee meeting at 1:00pm, followed by an invited presentation during the meeting from the designated European Union representatives to highlight potential partnership, employment and engagement opportunities. After their presentation, the Mayors Committee meeting will resume while Invest Vancouver holds an interactive networking function with the Consul Generals and economic development representatives from Metro Vancouver's member jurisdictions.