METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2020
9:00 AM
28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   1.1 March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda
       That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting
       scheduled for March 11, 2020, as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

   2.1 February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
       That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held
       February 12, 2020, as circulated.

3. DELEGATIONS

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

   5.1 Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Definition Update
       Verbal Update
       Designated Speakers:
       Fred Nenninger, Director, Policy Planning & Analysis, Liquid Waste Services
       Robin Worcester, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks

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1 Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.
5.2 Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society

*Designated Speaker: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks*

That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the CTS 2019 Youth Society for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, with annual contributions of $75,000 per year.

5.3 Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision

*Designated Speaker: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning & Engineering Services, Regional Parks*

That the MVRD Board approve the *Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy* as presented in the report dated February 20, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revisions”.

5.4 Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area - History and Update

*Verbal Update*

Markus Merkens, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks

5.5 2019 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey

*Verbal Update*

Craig Sobering, Park Planner, Regional Parks

5.6 Manager's Report - Regional Parks

*Designated Speaker: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks*

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated March 4, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events


7. OTHER BUSINESS

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.*
10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn/conclude its regular meeting of March 11, 2020.

Membership:

- McEwen, John (C) - Anmore
- Wiebe, Michael (VC) - Vancouver
- Belenkie, Neil - Belcarra
- Calendino, Pietro - Burnaby
- Dilworth, Diana - Port Moody
- Guerra, Laurie - Surrey
- Harvie, George - Delta
- Hodge, Craig - Coquitlam
- Miyashita, Tracy - Pitt Meadows
- Muri, Lisa - North Vancouver District
- Nicholson, Maureen - Bowen Island
- Penner, Darrell - Port Coquitlam
- Richter, Kim - Langley Township
- Soprovich, Bill - West Vancouver
- Trentadue, Mary - New Westminster
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Neil Belenkie, Belcarra
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Port Moody
Councillor Laurie Guerra, Surrey
Mayor George Harvie, Delta
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island (arrived at 9:38 a.m.)
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Kim Richter, Langley Township
Councillor Bill Soprovich, West Vancouver
Councillor Mary Trentadue, New Westminster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Vice Chair, Councillor Michael Wiebe, Vancouver
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows

STAFF PRESENT:
Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment
Genevieve Lanz, 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 Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2020, as circulated.

**CARRIED**
2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held November 13, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS
No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2020 Regional Parks Committee Priorities and Work Plan
Report dated December 3, 2019 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, providing members with the 2020 Regional Parks Committee Work Plan and Priorities.

Members were provided with a presentation on the 2020 Regional Parks Committee Work Plan and Priorities, highlighting asset management and maintenance, capital planning implementation, and community engagement programs.

Members commented on the timeline of the Widgeon Marsh Regional Park project and the development of public access to the Burns Bog Conservancy Area.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to provide members with a presentation on the Burns Bog Conservancy Area and land transfer from the City of Delta.

9:38 a.m. Councillor Nicholson arrived at the meeting.

Presentation material titled “2020 Priorities & Work Plan – Regional Parks Committee” is retained with the February 12, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated December 3, 2019, titled “2020 Regional Parks Committee Priorities and Work Plan”.

CARRIED
5.2 **Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework**
Report dated January 13, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, seeking endorsement of the *Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework*.

Members were provided with a presentation on the *Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework*, highlighting ecosystem health and long-term resiliency, connecting people and natural areas, and regional parks stewardship opportunities.

Presentation material titled “Natural Resource Management Framework - 2020 Update” is retained with the February 12, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the MVRD Board endorse the *Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework* as presented in the report dated January 13, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework”.

**CARRIED**

5.3 **Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020**
Report dated January 10, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, seeking MVRD Board adoption of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020*.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the MVRD Board:

a) give first, second and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020*; and

b) pass and finally adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020*.

**CARRIED**

5.4 **Manager’s Report – Regional Parks**
Report dated January 24, 2020 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, providing members with an update on *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1290, 2019*, Aldergrove Regional Park Nature Discovery Loop, and attendance at 2020 Standing Committee events.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated January 24, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

**CARRIED**
6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events – February & March 2020

6.2 Check it Out! – Spring 2020 Edition

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 Regional Parks Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2020 pursuant to the Community Charter provisions, Section 90 (1) (e), (g) and (m) 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:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board or committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district; and

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Regional Parks adjourn its regular meeting of February 12, 2020.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:07 a.m.)

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Genevieve Lanz,                                              John McEwen, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator
To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: March 4, 2020  Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

Subject: Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society

RECOMMENDATION
That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, with annual contributions of $75,000 per year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society (CTS) is a newly formed non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors created to assume the governance of the ‘Catching the Spirit’ Youth Program established in 2005 by the Catching the Spirit Youth Society (CTSYS). The CTS’s objectives are to provide opportunities for social and personal development contributing to the self-esteem, empowerment, citizenship, and leadership capabilities of youth, and contribute to the sustainability of regional parks by engaging youth in environmental and social responsibility.

The MVRD had a three-year Contribution Agreement with the former CTSYS for $75,000 annually, which expired at the end of 2019. A new Contribution Agreement (Attachment 1) between the MVRD and the new CTS is proposed for a three-year term, commencing January 1, 2020. This agreement includes status quo annual contribution funding of $75,000 for three years that results in a total contribution of $225,000.

PURPOSE
To seek MVRD Board approval to enter into a new three-year Contribution Agreement with the CTS (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND
The Catching the Spirit Youth Program was established in 2005, to offer region-wide youth programs in Metro Vancouver’s regional parks in cooperation with park partners and the Pacific Parklands Foundation (PPF). Information about the program is available on the program website at www.catchingthespirit.com. Metro Vancouver has provided annual contribution funding to the CTSYS to offset core operating expenses.

The Catching the Spirit Youth Program provides the following services to Metro Vancouver:

- Meaningful and practical stewardship activities in our regional parks and local communities
- Partnership and strong networks with other community- based organizations that support or run youth programs;
• Provides outdoor recreation benefits for youth and supports their health, wellness and social well-being; and
• Educational experiences in regional parks complementing formal education programs.

2019 CTS Program Summary:

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See ‘Snapshots from Catching the Spirit 2019’ (Attachment 2).

Metro Vancouver’s three-year Contribution Agreement with the CTSYS for $75,000 annually expired at the end of 2019.

Metro Vancouver’s alignment with this program is strategic given much of Regional Parks’ current programming focuses on younger children and families. Metro Vancouver’s support of the program helps us towards the Metro Vancouver Board Strategic Plan 2019-2022 goal 3.4 (Regional Parks Services) to “expand community involvement in stewardship programs with a special focus on youth.”

There is much work to do to increase the overall participation and % capacity in future years. Staff feel that a new governance model for the program will provide a more stable framework for program growth.

Catching the Spirit Youth Society – 2017-2019
Metro Vancouver was advised in 2018 that the CTSYS intended to dissolve as a society and that the Society was in negotiations with PPF regarding their potential assumption of governance and program leadership for the Catching the Spirit Youth Program.

At the CTSYS Board of Directors meeting held on September 11, 2018, their board passed a motion of intention to wind down the Society should the PPF agree to assume responsibility for the continuance of the program.

The PPF has since agreed to take on this responsibility, and negotiations with CTSYS continued throughout 2019, while the CTSYS oversaw the summer program under the terms of its Contribution Agreement with Metro Vancouver.

Pacific Parklands Foundation – Creation of CTS 2019 Youth Society
While in negotiations with the CTSYS, PPF board registered a new non-profit society with the Province of BC. This new society was legally named the CTS 2019 Youth Society. With an independent Board of Directors that share some of the same board members as the PPF, the new society has commenced meeting and planning for the assumption of the responsibility for the program in 2020. The new PPF
Executive Director has assumed day-to-day staff responsibility for the program. In the coming months, CTSYS will be dissolved and its assets will transfer to the new CTS to complete this transition that will provide stable leadership for the program going forward.

AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS
The approved agreement template for contribution agreements has been utilized for this new proposed three-year term commencing January 1, 2020.

There is provision for early termination in the event of bankruptcy or if the funds are used in a manner contrary to the agreement or not in the public’s interest.

CTS will submit an annual report to the MVRD as per the terms of the agreement.

ALTERNATIVES
1. That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, with annual contributions of $75,000 per year.

2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 4, 2020, titled “Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society” and provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
If the MVRD Board approves Alternative 1, status quo funding of $75,000 will be payable in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This $75,000 contribution was approved in the 2020 Regional Parks budget. Funding is subject to annual approval by the MVRD Board.

CONCLUSION
The proposed three-year Contribution Agreement and annual funding with the new CTS will allow for the continuation and sustainability of the Catching the Spirit Youth Program. With a new society in place, a stabilized governance model, new efficiencies gained, a new Board of Directors, and new staff to oversee its operations and growth, the Catching the Spirit Youth Program is well positioned to seek new directions to impact even more young people from across the region in the years to come.

Attachments
1. Contribution Agreement 2020 – 2022, Between Metro Vancouver Regional District and the Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society
2. Catching the Spirit Youth Society 2019 Snapshots (37423101)
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made on January 1, 2020.

BETWEEN:

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
4730 Kingsway, 21st Floor
Burnaby, BC
V5H 4G8

("MVRD")

AND:

Catching the Spirit 2019 YOUTH SOCIETY
4730 Kingsway, 21st Floor
Burnaby, BC
V5H 4G8

(the "CTS")

WHEREAS:

A. The CTS is a non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors. One of the objects of the CTS is to develop leadership and social responsibility in youth through environmental awareness and stewardship, outdoor recreation and youth ownership;

B. The CTS has requested to receive, and MVRD has agreed to provide, funds to the CTS for a purpose beneficial to the community or an aspect of the community; and

C. Section 263(1) (c) of the Local Government Act provides that MVRD may provide assistance for the purpose of benefitting the community or any aspect of the community.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises, terms and conditions to be hereinafter contained (the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged), the parties hereto covenant and agree each with the other as follows:
1. **INTERPRETATION**

1.1. In this Agreement the following terms have the following meanings:

   “Agreement” means this agreement and the appended schedules.

   “Proposal” means the proposal put forth by the CTS to MVRD for funds for the specific purpose or service to be carried out by the CTS as set out in Schedule ‘A’ of the Agreement.

   “Services” means the services as set out in the Proposal.

2. **TERM**

2.1. The term of this Agreement will commence on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2022 (the “Term”), unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.

3. **SERVICES**

3.1. The CTS will provide the Services: (i) in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, including the tasks and deliverables set out in Schedule ‘A’; (ii) in compliance with any applicable bylaws of MVRD and applicable legislation and regulations, and (iii) in a manner consistent with any applicable guidelines or policies provided by MVRD.

3.2. The CTS shall, at MVRD’s written request, provide all information and participation opportunities as required to enable MVRD to evaluate, using the criteria set out in Schedule B, the CTS’s provision of the Services.

3.3. MVRD must approve any changes to the Proposal or Services in writing prior to such changes being made during the Term.

4. **FUNDING AND PAYMENT**

4.1. MVRD will provide funds to support the CTS’s provision of the Services in the total amount of $225,000 (the “Funds”), in accordance with this section 4.

4.2. MVRD will pay the Funds, by cheque or such other payment mechanism as agreed to by the parties, in annual instalments by the following dates:

   (a) $75,000 by April 30, 2020;
   
   (b) $75,000 by January 31, 2021; and
   
   (c) $75,000 by January 31, 2022.

4.3. Payment of each instalment of the Funds is subject to MVRD being satisfied that the CTS will
perform the Services in accordance with the Proposal and all other requirements under the Agreement.

4.4. The CTS shall only use the Funds to provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5. REPORTING

5.1. The CTS shall present an annual report to MVRD on or before January 31 of the year following the year in which each instalment of the Funds was received. The annual report shall include at a minimum:

(a) a summary of operating results showing revenues and expenditures to December 31 of the preceding year; and

(b) a brief narrative summary reviewing the goals, objectives and the results achieved for the year; including the challenges, program cancellations, and significant issues addressed.

6. TAXES

6.1. It is the CTS’s responsibility to determine whether or not it has to be registered for GST and/or PST purposes. The Funds include any GST and/or PST which may be payable by MVRD. Any liability for GST and/or PST required in respect of this Agreement will be the responsibility of the CTS.

7. SEPARATE FUNDS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7.1. The books of account of the CTS shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, and must be retained for six (6) years after the completion of the provision of the Services.

8. RIGHT OF AUDIT

8.1. At any time, MVRD may give to the CTS written notice that it desires its representative to examine the books of account of the CTS, and the CTS shall produce for examination to such representative within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice, its books of account, and the said representative shall have a right of access to all records, documents, books, accounts and vouchers of the CTS and shall be entitled to require from the directors and officers of the CTS such information and explanations as, in his/her opinion, may be necessary to enable MVRD’s staff to report to the MVRD Board on the financial position of the CTS.
9. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

9.1. The CTS represents and warrants that:

(a) it has or will have secured all funding required to provide the Services;
(b) all information, statements, documents and reports furnished or submitted to MVRD in connection with this Agreement are and will remain materially true and correct;
(c) each of its employees and any contractors carrying out work in connection with the Services has the proper skill and training to perform the work in a competent and professional manner in accordance with industry standards;
(d) it is not in breach of any applicable laws and it has or will have, prior to commencing the Services, obtained all necessary licenses, permits, and approvals required for the Services by applicable laws;
(e) it is and will remain duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized; and
(f) it has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform its obligations hereunder.

10. INDEMNITY AND RELEASE

10.1. The CTS shall indemnify and save harmless MVRD and its elected officials, employees, directors, officers, agents and contractors from and against all actions, causes of action, claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, legal fees, fees, fines, charges or expenses which MVRD may incur, be threatened by or be required to pay by reason of or arising out of the provision of the Services by the CTS, the CTS’s use of any facility where the Services are provided, the breach by the CTS of any term of this Agreement, or by the CTS’s contravention of any law, enactment or regulation of a federal, provincial or local government.

10.2. The CTS releases MVRD, its elected officials, directors, officers, employees, agents and contractors from and waives any claim, right, remedy, action, cause of action, loss, damage, expense, fee or liability which the CTS may have against any or all of them in respect of an act of MVRD in relation to this Agreement except insofar as such claim, right, remedy, action, cause of action, loss, damage, expense, fee or liability arises from the negligence of MVRD, its elected officials, directors, officers, employees, agents or contractors. MVRD’s liability under this Agreement will in no event exceed an amount equal to the Funds.

10.3. This section shall survive the expiry or early termination of this Agreement.

11. PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

11.1. Except as specifically permitted under Section 11.2, neither party will use the logos or name of the other party, or the names of the other party’s staff, with respect to the Services or anything arising therefrom without the prior written consent of the other party, which
consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

11.2. The CTS will acknowledge the funding support and assistance of MVRD towards the Services in all publications, public announcements, presentations and other forms of release or communications relating to the Services, using the following statement or such other modified statement as provided or agreed to by MVRD:

“This program was funded with assistance from the Metro Vancouver Regional District”

12. INSURANCE

12.1. The CTS will obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the Services and will maintain such insurance coverage in full force and effect until the Services have been completed, and will provide evidence of such insurance coverage at MVRD’s request.

13. TERMINATION

13.1. MVRD may terminate this Agreement immediately without notice to the CTS should:

(a) the CTS makes changes to the Proposal or the Services without the prior approval of MVRD pursuant to Section 3.3;

(b) the CTS fail to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement and such failure continues beyond thirty (30) days from delivery by MVRD to the CTS of written notice specifying the failure and requiring remedy thereof;

(c) the CTS make an assignment in bankruptcy or is declared bankrupt; or

(d) MVRD, in its sole discretion, determine that any of the Funds are being used in a manner contrary to the Proposal or the public interest.

13.2. MVRD may terminate this Agreement upon giving six (6) months’ written notice to the CTS.

13.3. The CTS may terminate this Agreement upon giving thirty (30) days’ written notice to MVRD should the CTS, for any reason, be unable to meet its obligations with respect to the provision of the Services as set forth in this Agreement.

13.4. Upon early termination of this Agreement for any reason, the CTS shall immediately return any Funds that have not been spent on providing the Services and provide a full accounting of all Funds not returned.

14. NOTICE

14.1. Any notice required to be given under this Agreement will be deemed to be sufficiently given:

(a) if delivered at the time of delivery; and
(b) if mailed from any government post in the Province of British Columbia by prepaid registered mail addressed as follows:

**To MVRD:**

Director, Regional Parks  
Metro Vancouver  
4730 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4G8

**To the CTS:**

Board President  
CTS 2019 Youth Society  
c/o Pacific Parklands Foundation  
4730 Kingsway, 21st Floor  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4G8

14.2. Unless otherwise specified herein, any notice required to be given under this Agreement by any party will be deemed to have been given if mailed by prepaid registered mail or delivered to the address of the other party set forth above or at such other address as the other party may from time to time direct in writing, and any such notice will be deemed to have been received if mailed, seventy-two (72) hours after the time of mailing and if delivered, upon the date of delivery. If normal mail service is interrupted by strike, slow down, force majeure or other cause, then a notice sent by the impaired means of communication will not be deemed to be received until actually received, and the party sending the notice must utilize any other such services which have not been so interrupted or must deliver such notice in order to ensure prompt receipt thereof.

15. **TIME**

15.1. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

16. **BINDING**

16.1. In consideration of being granted the Funds, the CTS agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and if the CTS represents a group or organization, the CTS agrees to inform all responsible persons associated with the group or organization of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

17. **ASSIGNMENT**

17.1. The CTS may not assign this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent
18. **ENSEMBLENT**

18.1. This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and permitted assignees.

19. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

19.1. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership or joint venture relationship, an employer-employee relationship, a landlord-tenant, or a principal-agent relationship.

20. **WAIVER**

20.1. The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement is not to be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.

21. **AMENDMENTS**

21.1. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by the written agreement of the parties.

22. **WHOLE AGREEMENT**

22.1. The whole agreement between the parties is set forth in this document and no representations, warranties or conditions, express or implied, have been made other than those expressed.

23. **INTERPRETATION**

23.1. In the interpretation of this Agreement: (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing persons include individuals and entities; (b) the words “include” and “including are to be construed as meaning “including, without limitation”; and (c) the division of this Agreement into sections and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and will not affect the construction or interpretation of the Agreement.

24. **CUMULATIVE REMEDIES**

24.1. No remedy under this Agreement is to be deemed exclusive but will, where possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.
25. **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

25.1. This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia and the parties’ attorney to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of British Columbia.

26. **COUNTERPARTS**

26.1. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and both of which taken together will be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Agreement by a party by electronic transmission will be as effective as delivery of a manually executed copy of this Agreement by such party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**For the METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

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Jerry W. Dobrovolny, P. Eng., MBA  
Chief Administrative Officer

**For CTS 2019 YOUTH SOCIETY**

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Adam Heffey, President
GOAL

To offer a region-wide Catching the Spirit youth program based in up to four or more regional parks over a three-year period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

OBJECTIVE

• Provide opportunities for social and personal development contributing to self-esteem, empowerment, citizenship, and leadership capabilities of youth; and
• Contribute to sustaining regional parks and to regional sustainability by engaging youth in environmental and social responsibility.

THE PLAN

• Summer youth camps and year round stewardship programs based in regional parks, with up to 500 youth participants drawn from across region;
• Program is available at no cost to all regional youth age 12-18 years; however, to reduce program cancellations, the CTS may consider implementing a registration fee or commitment fee; fees for other programs developed by the CTS; and potentially administration fees for completion of forms or other administration as requested by participants.
• Ongoing program focus of the Catching the Spirit program by youth, for youth

THE SERVICES

• Meaningful and practical stewardship activities in our regional parks and local communities
• Partnership and strong networks with other community-based organizations that support or run youth programs;
• Provide outdoor recreation benefits for youth and supports their health, wellness and social well-being; and
• Educational experiences in regional parks complementing formal education programs.
SCHEDULE ‘B’

Evaluation

- **Oversight**: MVRD staff participate as representatives (ex-officio) on the board of directors for the CTS, providing oversight as well as advice and guidance on Youth Society projects.

- **Reporting**: The CTS will submit an Annual Report to MVRD Board in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Agreement.

- **Assessment**: MVRD staff may conduct ongoing assessments showing youth participation rates and other metrics highlighting the effectiveness of the Services.
Snapshots from Catching the Spirit 2019

This year Catching the Spirit (CTS) made many positive strides including partnering with a variety of different community organizations, increasing Peer Leader involvement, implementing more interpretive workshops to connect young people with their local wild space, and of course, removing lots of invasive plants from our Regional Parks.

In our 2019 season (June-August) CTS saw 207 participants at our 22 camps with 44.6% returning for multiple camps. We saw 76 participants attending to fulfill their Duke of Edinburgh award.

Our Peer Leaders went the extra mile this season putting in 3647 volunteer hours to facilitate CTS camps and outreach. This is a 7% increase in volunteer hours from our 2018 season. We also saw an increase in the number of Peer Leaders overall seeing 28% more young people volunteering to take on the leadership role at CTS this year.

CTS had the opportunity to partner 11 different local organizations to facilitate our Saturday Stewardship projects. CTS engaged in a total of 19 work parties over the course of our season seeing 2 different days that brought together multiple camps at Boundary Bay Regional Park and Belcarra Regional Park. This year CTS assisted in the planting of 1 Wildflower Garden, 9 invasive plant removals, 2 aquatic invertebrate counts in salmon bearing streams, 3 Operations assisted projects, 2 creative projects, and 2 workshops on nature connectivity.

Some highlights from our season included the return of Youth Council, a group of Peer Leaders that volunteer with CTS throughout the year to take on local initiatives and raise program visibility overall. CTS also had the opportunity to tour the LSCR watershed this year learning about water security and stewardship of our important regional resources. A participant at our Capilano camp said “I feel like I know more about why I need to be careful with water. It was really cool to see where it all comes from.” Another highlight included creating the space for Peer Leaders to start writing thoughtful land acknowledgements for each camp and have them research the specific areas they were in to lend more meaningful context to their land acknowledgments. This has prompted one Peer Leader, Sylvie Son, to start working on a broader project on reconciliation building paper boats to represent missing and murdered indigenous women in Canada. She said, “What I learned this summer through my land acknowledgments, was how much I didn’t know about where I grew up. I live by UBC and I feel like I know so much more now about the history here”.

Based on our workshops on nature connectivity, 70% of participants in a survey said, “I feel more knowledgeable and aware of my environment”, 68% said “I feel more empowered to reduce my harmful impact on the environment”. After an in-depth discussion about human impacts on the environment one participant said, “…human impact isn’t black and white, but grey”.


2 Fence Building at Pacific Spirit, Gravel lay at Capilano, and trail upgrades in the LSCR

3 Mural Project the Invasive Council of BC at Pacific Spirit, and painting fish with Stream of Dreams at Burnaby Lake
At the CTS season end barbeque, some Peer Leaders that are aging out of the program had the opportunity to talk about what the program means to them. Follows is a testimonial from Miku Yamada who has been with the program of four years and has been a Peer Leader for two.

Catching the Spirit. Three short words, yet they hold so much power…my name is Miku Yamada and I am a PL (Peer Leader) who has had the blessing to have been [a part] of CTS for the last 4 years.

My experience with the CTS community has been one that is nothing short of wonderful, but to describe my experience it would take hours and many fumbling words that wouldn’t perhaps ever be able to encompass what CTS truly means to me. So, for this talk I have decided to try to touch upon why the three short yet power words, Catching the Spirit, are so important to me…

“Catching” is the beginning [of my] story. How did I “Catch” the spirit, “Catch” the magic of CTS? I was first introduced to CTS when I was a shy and quiet grade nine girl. I was small girl who talked very minimally and was scared of strangers. I remember dreading my very first camp that was a necessity to me at the time to complete the Duke of Edinburgh award. I remember dreading with fear and stress for this camp because; a) it was in the dark dark woods, b) it was full of strangers, and c) it was presumably full of creepy crawly critters who would ruin the perfections of my neatly laundered clothes. I dragged my camp loving friend to this camp to suffer with me. I entered the campsite of PSP (Pacific Spirit Park) with a heavy heart and trudging slow feet. But the person who left the PSP campsite, step by step, along the Camosun Bog boardwalk was not the same as the person who entered just a mere two days earlier.

To my very own surprise I fell in love with CTS at this first camp. I still remember the awkward first introduction, the planting of little saplings as part of our stewardship project, and intense game of trust-breaking manhunt, the brightly lit campfire crackling around our witty game of mafia, the glowing embers as we sang our final campfire songs, the excitement and tinge of fear of the burning of new camp bracelets⁴ and of course the tearful goodbyes to our camp family at the end of the weekend after a tight and perhaps life threatening cinnamon bun hug. This camp was nothing short of magic and it is something that will never leave my memory. From that moment on I was deeply tied to this amazing community.

This brings me to my next word, “the”. The “the” in Catching the Spirit is small yet powerful. It is a word that magically glues together all of the separate piece into one strong name. And for me, this glue would be the people I’ve met within CTS. This is the community, the bracelets upon every campers hand, and the lingering memories from every summer that have connected me to a community that I know will be there for me every summer […] I’ve met amazing lifelong friends at camp who have taught me that perhaps I am a little more cool than I thought I was, I’ve met inspiring Peer Leaders and Mentorvisors who have taught me to love the beautiful nature around us, and as a Peer Leader myself I’ve met amazing participants who remind me to live in the present and to enjoy every moment for what it is. I hope that you as a participant or PL will find the connecting people or moments that will make you truly fall in love with CTS and with this community because for me, the people in this community are really the glue that has connected me.

And for the last, but certainly not the least important word, “Spirit”. I’ve talked a little about how I came to this community, how it has impacted me and has kept me coming back, but the thing I haven’t talked about yet was why I hope you all continue to grow and be a part of the CTS community. Whether it be the spirited nature of our hardworking Mentorvisor

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⁴ CTS gives participants bracelets made of synthetic line that are given at the end of each camp and represent the colours of that camp. Rope is burned at both ends and stuck together to make a bracelet.
and Peer Leader team to the energetic spirit of participants in a deadly game of mafia or the dreaded game of freeze, spirit is everywhere in everywhere I CTS and it is what I hope you will all find in every camp and event come to because it is most certainly there.

As a participant I hope that you keep coming back every summer and grow with CTS and that you will consider becoming a PL where you can work towards inspiring other youth to enjoy themselves, others, and being outside in the environment [...] for my fellow PL team, I just want to thank you for always being there and helping me grow, I have truly been inspired by you all and hope you know that the magic of CTS is that it is a youth run program by youth like ourselves. I hope to be back next year as a PL again to work a final year with you before I turn the dreaded ‘age of adult’. I hope everyone continues to grow alongside CTS through its ups and downs and ‘catches’ the spirit of CTS because in the end this is a truly unique and special program where youth can grow, inspire others, be inspirited by others, connect with this community and lose sense of time just because of how much fun and in the present-moment camp can make you feel.
To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks

Date: February 20, 2020

Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

Subject: Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision

RECOMMENDATION
That the MVRD Board approve the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated February 20, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
In 2019, Metro Vancouver staff reviewed the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy and proposed amendments to enable consideration of Indigenous place names, renaming and dual naming in regional parks. This report seeks MVRD Board approval of the Policy in Attachment 1.

PURPOSE
To present the proposed amendments to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy (Attachment 1) to the MVRD Board for approval.

BACKGROUND
A review of the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy was identified as a priority action in the Regional Parks Committee 2019 Work Plan. At its October 16, 2019 meeting, the Regional Parks Committee considered proposed amendments to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy, and referred the following motion to staff to clarify language regarding Indigenous Naming of regional parks and bring the amendments to the Indigenous Relations Committee for endorsement:

That the Regional Parks Committee refer the following motion and matter of policy amendments to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy to staff to clarify language regarding Indigenous Names and bring the amendments to the Indigenous Relations Committee for endorsement:

That the MVRD Board approve the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated September 19, 2019, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy – Proposed Amendments”.

The “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy” (Attachment 2) was endorsed by the Indigenous Relations Committee at its meeting February 6, 2020. Staff received feedback from the Indigenous Relations Committee that was taken into consideration regarding further clarification for corporate sponsorship opportunities. Staff have amended the policy to clarify that it does not include naming opportunities associated with potential corporate sponsorships. Attachment 2 highlights these amendments.
Metro Vancouver’s Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy (2014)
Metro Vancouver’s Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy was approved by the MVRD Board in 2014. It confirms Metro Vancouver’s practice of basing names after geography, local history, or tradition. It also recognizes there are some situations where alternative practices may be desired to honor outstanding contributions to the Regional Parks service. However, it does not permit renaming of existing parks and park sites, and allows renaming of a park’s natural features, or built assets only in “exceptional circumstances.”

An Opportunity to Update the Policy
Metro Vancouver has the opportunity to update this Policy to consider renaming and dual naming. A best practice review was conducted to identify options for the update and the implications of each. The attached draft Policy includes the following recommendations:

- Adding consideration for renaming and dual naming subject to approval of the MVRD Board;
- Adding definitions of dual naming, and renaming;
- Clarifying a process for using personal names, and Indigenous language names.

ALTERNATIVES
1. That the MVRD Board approve the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated February 20, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision”.

2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 20, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision” and provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
If Alternative 1 is approved, there are no financial implications associated with the approval of the policy. The financial implications of any opportunities for naming, renaming, dual-naming or dedication will be brought forward for consideration of the MVRD Board concurrent with the naming request.

If the MVRD Board approves Alternative 2 and provides additional input, staff will report back with the updated financial implications.

CONCLUSION
Metro Vancouver staff has reviewed the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy and propose some updates. The revised Policy clarifies definitions and provides the opportunity to consider renaming and dual naming of parks and park features with approval of the MVRD Board. Staff recommend Alternative 1 that the Board approve the proposed changes to the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy.
Attachments
1. Revised *Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedication Policy* (29894990)
2. Black-lined version of revised *Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedication Policy* endorsed by Indigenous Relations Committee on February 6, 2020

References
Regional Parks Committee Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019

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REGIONAL PARKS NAMING, RENAMING, AND DEDICATIONS

Effective Date:
Approved By: MVRD Board

PURPOSE
To provide direction for the naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features.

DEFINITIONS
“Dedication” is on-site recognition on a sign, plaque, suitable monument, or associated exhibit with an inscription recognizing a donor, civic leader, or Indigenous leader;

“Dual Naming” means giving a regional park or park feature two names (for example, an English language name and an Indigenous language name);

“Naming” means giving a regional park or park feature a name;

“Park Features” refers to park sites, natural features, trails, facilities and structures, portions of facilities or structures, or other regional park assets;

“Renaming” means replacing a current name with a new name or a dual name; and

“Support” means, in relation to an individual’s name, a letter of support from that person or their family (if deceased), in relation to an Indigenous language name, a council resolution (or equivalent) in support of the Indigenous language name from the First Nation or First Nations whose traditional territory includes the Regional Park a board resolution in support from that corporation.

POLICY
Naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features is a way to celebrate the Metro Vancouver region’s unique history and cultural diversity, and to recognize donors and those who have provided services to regional parks. Metro Vancouver’s practice is to name regional parks and park features using geography, local history, or tradition. In appropriate circumstances and in accordance with this Policy, regional parks and park features may be named, renamed, or dedicated after a donor, civic or Indigenous leader.

All regional parks and park features can be named, renamed, or dedicated.

Where an individual’s name or an Indigenous language name is proposed for naming, renaming or dedication of a regional park or a park feature, such action must be supported.

Naming, renaming or dedication may be acknowledged with a ceremony.

Any naming, renaming, or dedication must be approved by the MVRD Board.
Names Outside MVRD Authority
There are park features within or associated with regional parks where MVRD does not have authority for naming. If a renaming or dual naming proposal is brought forward for a regional park feature that falls outside the jurisdiction of MVRD (e.g. a federally or provincially named place), it will be considered by the MVRD Board and if supported, a letter of support will be sent to the appropriate authority.

Regional Parks Committee
REGIONAL PARKS NAMING, RENAMING, AND DEDICATIONS

Effective Date:  
Approved By: MVRD Board  
Policy No. PK-002

PURPOSE
To provide direction for the naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features.

DEFINITIONS
“Corporate Sponsorship” means a contractual arrangement for a defined period of time where a third party provides a financial or in-kind contribution in return for recognition, public acknowledgement, or other promotional considerations specific to the sponsored regional park asset;

“Dedication” is on-site recognition on a sign, plaque, suitable monument, or associated exhibit with an inscription recognizing a donor, civic leader, or Indigenous leader;

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All regional parks and park features can be named, renamed, or dedicated.
Where an individual’s name, an Indigenous language name, or a corporate sponsor’s name is proposed for naming, renaming or dedication of a regional park or a park feature, such action must be supported.

Naming, renaming or dedication may be acknowledged with a ceremony.

Any naming, renaming, or dedication, as well as any corporate sponsorship, must be approved by the MVRD Board.

Names Outside MVRD Authority
There are park features within or associated with regional parks where MVRD does not have authority for naming. If a renaming or dual naming proposal is brought forward for a regional park feature that falls outside the jurisdiction of MVRD (e.g. a federally or provincially named place), it will be considered by the MVRD Board and if supported, a letter of support will be sent to the appropriate authority.
2019 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey Highlights

Metro Vancouver conducted a survey of visitors to Regional Parks to gather information on activities, preferences and satisfaction with the regional park service in the summer of 2019. Surveyors interviewed a sample of approximately 1,300 visitors in 25 regional parks and greenways between June and September, yielding a margin of error of +/- 2.9% at the 95% confidence level.

Most Common Activities

- Walking/hiking: 85%
- Dog Walking: 39%
- Nature/Wildlife viewing: 33%

Top Three Reasons for Visit

- Appreciate Nature: 72%
- Exercise: 71%
- Activity with family/friends: 63%

Frequency of Visiting Regional Parks

- 41% > once a week
- 15% ± once a week
- 12% 2-3 times a month
- 10% ± once a month
- 7% ± once every 2 months
- 15% less often

Most Requested Park Facilities

- Visitors most commonly asked for more or improved washroom facilities

Main Method of Travel

- 74% took a private vehicle with an average # of 1.9 people

Park Facilities

- Importance:
  - Trails: 91%
  - Recycling/garbage: 87%
  - Washrooms: 83%

- Satisfaction:
  - Trails: 87%
  - Recycling/garbage: 72%
  - Washrooms: 66%

Of the three most important facilities, visitors are least satisfied with washrooms.

99% of visitors to regional parks feel that protection of the natural environment is important to their enjoyment of the park with most saying it is ‘very’ important.

95% of visitors to all parks felt safe within the regional park.
To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: March 4, 2020

Subject: Manager’s Report – Regional Parks

RECOMMENDATION
That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated March 4, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE 2019 WORK PLAN
The Attachment to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2020. The status of work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee and changes in the schedule.

BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK - TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION AND MVRD CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
On March 18, 2020, the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) and Metro Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver) celebrated the signing of an historic co-operation agreement for Belcarra Regional Park, recognizing both Tsleil-Waututh’s ancestral ties to the land and the present use by its members as well as a Metro Vancouver regional park.

The Cultural Planning and Co-Operation Agreement – the first of its kind for Metro Vancouver – formalizes the ongoing collaboration between the two parties and seeks to identify common interests and share ideas on how they can work together to protect, preserve and enhance the regional park for the benefit of present and future generations.

The agreement follows years of collaboration between Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Metro Vancouver. Since 2016, Tsleil-Waututh and Metro Vancouver have worked together on various projects at Belcarra Regional Park, including recent plans for the Belcarra Picnic Area, which encompasses the location of an ancestral Tsleil-Waututh village known as təmtəmtəmixʷtən (Tum-tumay-wa-ton).
Tamamixʷtan, or “the biggest place for all the people,” is the largest of the ancestral Tsleil-Waututh villages, primarily occupied as a winter village. Tsleil-Waututh has occupied tamamixʷtan since time out of mind until colonization, and still has strong, ongoing cultural ties to this place.

“Tsleil-Waututh Nation recognizes all of the hard work put into this Agreement on Belcarra Regional Park, which encompasses part of the tamamixʷtan village site. Tamamixʷtan, and the surrounding area, continues to be of vital importance to the cultural well-being of Tsleil-Waututh people,” said Chief Leah George-Wilson. “The Agreement is also a symbol of our growing relationship with Metro Vancouver; we look forward to future opportunities to work together within and outside the park.”

The agreement does not abrogate any treaty rights, existing or asserted Aboriginal rights, titles or interests of the Tsleil-Waututh people or applicable legislation, including Metro Vancouver’s rights and powers under such legislation.

The 1,100-hectare Belcarra Regional Park welcomes more than one million visitors every year, who are drawn to its popular beach, bike paths and scenic trails as well as seasonal swimming in Sasamat Lake.

**Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Development Update**

The process to design and develop Widgeon Marsh Regional Park is underway. A request for proposals for a multidisciplinary consultant team to complete detailed design was issued in January 2020. Staff will award the contract and move forward with park design from March to November 2020. Survey, archeology and geotechnical investigation required for detailed design is also being procured.

Park development will be phased from 2021 to 2023, subject to the annual work planning and the budget approval process. Park planning, natural resource management, programing, communications and engineering staff are supporting this project to ensure an integrated, ecologically sensitive and engaging approach to park design and development.

**EVENT UPDATES**

**Burnaby Lake Regional Park - SuperbOWL Sunday, February 2, 2020**

At SuperbOWL Sunday this year in Burnaby Lake Regional Park there were 200 participates, more than doubling last year’s number of participants!

The Burnaby Lake Nature House was the hub for families to take on owl-themed feats of agility and explore displays that compare the adaptations of owls to the equipment and skills of football players and learned about the diets of owls by dissecting owl pellets. Visitors met Forrest, a live Barred Owl, brought to the event by the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program.

Following the event, Metro Vancouver staff lead some participants, on an owl walk. The walk was an opportunity to explore the park and see an owl flying overhead and a beaver crossing the trail.
Attachment
Regional Parks Committee 2019 Work Plan (37345547)

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Regional Planning Committee

Date: February 7, 2020

Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

Subject: *Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review – Update on Policy Option Development*

The attached report titled “*Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review – Update on Policy Option Development*” was received by the Regional Planning Committee February 7, 2020, and is being presented to the Regional Parks Committee for its information.

**Attachment**

*Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review – Update on Policy Option Development*

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
On October 21, 2019 staff circulated a survey to Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) members and associates via email and requested feedback on six high level environmental land use policy ideas. Staff received 11 responses expressing general support for consideration of all six policy ideas in the Environment Policy Review. Feedback will guide refinement of these ideas and the development of policy options over the next few months. The Metro 2040 Climate Policy Review will also inform these policy options. Staff will provide the Committee with an update on the Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review mid-2020 and Metro 2050 policy recommendations for its consideration in the third quarter of this year.

PURPOSE
To provide the Regional Planning Committee with a summary of the feedback received on several high-level policy ideas under consideration as part of the Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review.

BACKGROUND
At its meeting on September 13, 2019, the Regional Planning Committee received a report titled “Update on Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review – Forum Results and Policies from Other Jurisdictions” (Reference 1) that summarized the results of an Environmental Land Use Policy Forum involving staff from member jurisdictions, other levels of government, academics, consultants and non-government organizations hosted by Regional Planning on June 6, 2019. Staff analyzed input from Forum participants, developed high level policy ideas for consideration in the Environment Policy Review, and circulated a survey to RPAC members seeking feedback. Staff also encouraged RPAC members to work with their municipal representatives from their respective environment, parks, or sustainability departments who participate on the RPAC-Environment Subcommittee. This report summarizes the input received on the six environmental land use policy ideas under consideration as part of the Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAND USE POLICY IDEAS SURVEY
On October 21, 2019 staff circulated a survey to RPAC members and associates requesting feedback on six environmental land use policy ideas:

1. Capture current and emerging environmental planning priorities
2. Develop a regional vision for ecosystem protection, enhancement and restoration
3. A regional green infrastructure network
4. Improve alignment of the Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation with its intended purpose
5. Integrate the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory
6. Support equitable access and proximity to green space in urban areas to maximize public health benefits.

Staff received 11 responses from the following organizations – the Cities of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Delta, Port Moody, Burnaby and New Westminster, the District of North Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board, UBC Campus and Community Planning, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the Agricultural Land Commission.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAND USE POLICY IDEAS
Table 1 provides an overview of the policy ideas and comments received.

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<td>1. Capture current and emerging environmental planning priorities</td>
<td>Respondents generally agreed that Metro 2050 should reflect priorities for member jurisdictions, including:</td>
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<td>- sensitive ecosystems;</td>
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<td>- ecosystem services (including carbon storage) / natural capital valuation;</td>
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<td>- urban forests;</td>
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<td>- invasive species; and</td>
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<td>- green infrastructure.</td>
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<td>They also confirmed that Metro Vancouver should continue to convene forums for cross-boundary collaboration and information sharing, and provide data and best practices on these priority areas.</td>
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<td>2. Develop a regional vision for ecosystem protection, enhancement and restoration.</td>
<td>All respondents agreed that a regional vision would help to strengthen collaboration among member jurisdictions and other partners in protecting and enhancing ecosystems that span jurisdictions. Two respondents suggested that communities may see a regional vision as competing with other priorities or as a constraint on their decision-making independence. It was suggested that a vision must be inclusive, broad, and overarching to work. All respondents felt that the whole region, including urban and natural areas, should be included in a regional vision.</td>
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<td>3. A regional green infrastructure network</td>
<td>All respondents expressed support for a regional green infrastructure network to support climate action plans, enhance climate resiliency (reduce flooding and urban heat</td>
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island effect), protect biodiversity and food security, and realize infrastructure costs savings and efficiencies. One respondent commented that a regional green infrastructure network plan and supporting strategies would align very well with a regional vision, and another suggested blue (water-based) infrastructure should also be included.

4. **Improve alignment of the Conservation and Recreation Regional Land Use Designation with its intended purpose**

   All respondents agreed that it would be helpful to update the criteria and guidelines for the Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation to improve consistency and ensure that *Metro 2040* policies are applied to the same land uses across the region.

5. **Integrate the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI), a science-based analysis that provides consistent mapping of the region’s most ecologically important areas.**

   Respondents supported the inclusion of the SEI in *Metro 2050*. One respondent suggested that the regional vision, a regional green infrastructure network, and the Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation should be informed by the SEI. Respondents did not comment on whether a reference map or connection to an online tool should be included in *Metro 2050*, but two respondents stated that it would be helpful to add more geographically directed policy actions. Another suggested that Metro Vancouver should consider how the SEI aligns with existing environmental protection Development Permit Areas.

6. **Support equitable access and proximity to green space in urban areas to maximize health benefits**

   Respondents expressed support for applying a regional lens to the issue of equitable access to green space as it would help with coordination of efforts and resources, and enhance equitable distribution of health and wellbeing across the region, but also achieve co-benefits. Several respondents mentioned that they had already established local decision-making frameworks or standards, while others suggested the need for empirical data, performance targets, guidelines or best management practices, and funding to assist with implementation, evaluation, or monitoring of gains / losses over time.

**NEXT STEPS**

Feedback received from the Environmental Land Use Policy Forum and the RPAC survey will guide the refinement of these ideas and the development of policy options, in collaboration with RPAC and the RPAC-Environment Subcommittee over the coming months. The *Metro 2040* Climate Policy Review will also inform the policy options. Staff will provide the Regional Planning Committee with an update mid-year and *Metro 2050* policy recommendations for their consideration in the third
quarter of 2020. The Climate Action Committee will continue to receive Regional Planning Committee staff reports on Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review for information.

ALTERNATIVES
This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Work on the Metro 2040 Environmental Land Use Policy Review has been completed within funding allocated by the 2019 and 2020 Regional Planning budgets. There are no other financial implications to this report.

CONCLUSION
Input from member jurisdictions, other levels of government, academics, consultants and non-government organizations collected during Regional Planning’s Environmental Land Use Policy Forum in early June 2019 informed the development of six environmental land use policy ideas. On October 21, 2019 staff circulated a survey to RPAC members and associates via email and requested feedback these high level policy ideas:

1. Capture current and emerging environmental planning priorities;
2. Develop a regional vision for ecosystem protection, enhancement and restoration;
3. A regional green infrastructure network;
4. Improve alignment of the Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation with its intended purpose;
5. Integrate the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory; and
6. Support equitable access and proximity to green space in urban areas to maximize public health benefits.

Staff received responses from 11 RPAC members and associates who expressed general support for all six policy ideas. The feedback received will guide development of policy options over the next few months and the Metro 2040 Climate Policy Review will also inform these policy options. Staff will provide the Committee with an update on the Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review mid-2020 and Metro 2050 policy recommendations for consideration in the third quarter of this year.

References