

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
INVEST VANCOUVER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Invest Vancouver Management Board held at 9:16 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chair, Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Bridgitte Anderson*, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade
Janet Andrews*, New Westminster & District Labour Council
Robert Armstrong*, Coast Capital Savings Credit Union
Mayor Mary-Ann Booth*, West Vancouver (arrived at 9:19 a.m.)
Councillor Christine Boyle*, Vancouver
Queenie Choo*, S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Joanne Curry*, Simon Fraser University
Paul Faoro*, Independent Labour
Jock Finlayson*, Business Council of British Columbia
David Flaks*, Independent (arrived at 9:29 a.m.; departed at 10:12 a.m.)
Robert Helsley*, University of British Columbia (arrived at 9:36 a.m.)
Stephen Hunt*, United Steelworkers
Jeanette Jackson*, Foresight
Peter Leitch*, North Shore Studios/Mammoth Studios
Bobbi Plecas*, Province of British Columbia
Kevin Quinn*, Translink (arrived at 9:17 a.m.)
Robin Silvester*, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Olga Stachova*, MOSAIC (departed at 10:28 a.m.)
Tamara Vrooman*, Vancouver Airport Authority
Mayor Darryl Walker*, White Rock
Mayor Brad West*, Port Coquitlam
Scott Wheatley*, Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Peter Dhillon, Richberry Group
Chris Lewis, Indigenous Representative
Evi Mustel, Mustel Group
Bill Tam, Digital Technology Supercluster
Kim Baird, Kim Baird Strategic Consulting
Andrew Wynn-Williams, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

STAFF PRESENT:

Jacquie Griffiths, President, Invest Vancouver
Jerry W. Dobrovlny, Chief Administrative Officer
Hadir Ali, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

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

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Buchanan assumed Chair and called the meeting to order.

9:17 a.m. Kevin Quinn arrived at the meeting.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Linda Buchanan, Invest Vancouver Management Board Vice Chair, welcomed Jacquie Griffiths as the new President of the Invest Vancouver Management Board as well as new board members Bobbi Plecas and David Flaks.

9:19 a.m. Mayor Booth arrived at the meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 July 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Invest Vancouver Management Board adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for July 20, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Invest Vancouver Management Board adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 20, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

- 5.1 Water Tech: The Metro Vancouver Region's Untapped Clean Tech Opportunity**
Report dated July 4, 2022 from Lejla Uzicanin, Vice President, Data, Research and Policy, Invest Vancouver, Gregory Freeman, Senior Economist, Invest Vancouver, and Megan Gerryts, Senior Policy Advisor, Invest Vancouver, presenting the Invest Vancouver Management Board with findings and recommendations from Invest Vancouver's research into the water tech sector in the region.

9:29 a.m. David Flaks arrived at the meeting.

Members were provided with a presentation on the water tech industry, water technology, water-related risks, global themes driving investment, water firms in the region, regional opportunities and challenges, Invest Vancouver recommendations, and next steps.

9:36 a.m. Robert Helsley arrived at the meeting.

Members commented on the potential job creation for a water tech industry in the region.

In response to questions, members were advised that there are various small and medium size, firms operating in this sector around the region. Members were also advised of ongoing work with the Netherlands and various partnerships that aim to promote Canadian companies and attract investments.

Presentation material titled “Water Tech: The Metro Vancouver Region’s Untapped Clean Tech Opportunity” is retained with the July 20, 2022 Invest Vancouver Management Board agenda.

10:12 a.m. David Flaks departed the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 4, 2022, titled “Water Tech: The Metro Vancouver Region’s Untapped Clean Tech Opportunity”.

CARRIED

10:25 a.m. Olga Stachova departed the meeting.

5.2 International Target Market Intelligence

Report dated July 6, 2022 from Chris Heine, Vice President, Strategic Investment, Invest Vancouver providing the Invest Vancouver Management Board with information and findings relating to foreign direct investment in Canada and observations made by Invest Vancouver.

Members were provided with a presentation providing a summary of foreign investments and opportunities of interest in the region.

Members commented on the importance of collaboration amongst the various organizations promoting investment in the region including some of the organizations represented on the Invest Vancouver Management Board.

Presentation material titled “5.2 International Target Market Intelligence” is retained with the July 20, 2022 Invest Vancouver Management Board agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 6, 2022, titled “International Target Market Intelligence”.

CARRIED

5.3 Invest Vancouver June 2022 Event Outcomes

Report dated July 4, 2022 from Jacquie Griffiths, President, Invest Vancouver and Katie Fitzmaurice, Vice President, Collaboration, Invest Vancouver, providing the Invest Vancouver Management Board an update related to the two events that Invest Vancouver hosted in June of 2022: “Agritech Today, Building for Tomorrow”, and “Motivate Vancouver”.

Members were provided with a presentation summarizing the success of Motivate Vancouver and CoMotion’s intent to expand and host similar events moving forward.

Presentation material titled “5.3 Invest Vancouver June 2022 Event Outcomes” is retained with the July 20, 2022 Invest Vancouver Management Board agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 4, 2022, titled “Invest Vancouver June 2022 Event Outcomes”.

CARRIED

5.4 Technology Education and Career Hub Update

Report dated June 20, 2022 from Katie Fitzmaurice, Vice President, Collaboration, Invest Vancouver, providing the Invest Vancouver Management Board with a progress update related to the Technology Education and Career Hub initiative and outlining key actions envisioned for the remainder of the calendar year.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated June 20, 2022, titled “Technology Education and Career Hub Update”.

CARRIED

5.5 Manager’s Report

Report dated July 6, 2022 from Jacquie Griffiths President, Invest Vancouver, providing the Invest Vancouver Management Board with an update on Invest Vancouver 2022 Annual Plan Update, “Propelling Prosperity” Video Campaign, Cellcentric Inauguration, HCL Launch, and outreach meetings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Invest Vancouver Management Board receive for information the report dated July 6, 2022, titled “Manager’s Report”.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.1 Correspondence to Chair Dhaliwal, from Nicolas Baudouin, Consul General of France, April 21, 2022 re Thank you for Mayor's Committee Meeting**

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Round Table Discussion

Deputy Minister Bobbi Plecas, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, noted that provincial goals are in line with the goals of the Invest Vancouver Management Board with regards to the economy and is looking forward to progress made through the Board.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

No items presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Invest Vancouver Management Board conclude its regular meeting of July 20, 2022.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:37 a.m.)

Hadir Ali,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

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