

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Planning Committee held at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2018 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair, Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam  
Vice Chair, Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster  
Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby (arrived at 9:06 a.m.; departed at 11:27 a.m.)  
Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A  
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore  
Mayor Darrell Mussatto, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam  
Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver  
Councillor Barbara Steele, Surrey  
Councillor Harold Steves, Richmond

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township  
Councillor Bruce McDonald, Delta  
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Heather McNell, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services Director, Parks, Planning and Environment  
Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer  
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 September 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Planning Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for September 7, 2018 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

### 2.1 June 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

#### It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held June 8, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

## 3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

## 4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

### 4.1 Dr. Larry Frank, Professor, UBC School of Community and Regional Planning

Dr. Larry Frank, Professor, UBC School of Community and Regional Planning, provided members with a presentation on a walkability index and health and economic impacts of walkable communities.

9:06 a.m. Mayor Corrigan arrived at the meeting.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- the relationship between noise, air pollution, and lack of greenspace contributing to respiratory issues and anxiety in areas identified as highly-walkable
- how data can benefit local government planning
- the effects of sidewalk continuity

Members suggested that consideration be given to the history and development that has led to a lack of accessibility and transit in some suburban municipalities in Metro Vancouver, and that walkability be identified to help communities improve walkability.

Members were informed that the Committee would receive a future presentation when research is complete so that consideration can be given to how best to compile data to benefit local government.

Members suggested that consideration be given to additional measures including the number of hours a person works each day, and housing type and age as it relates to health, as well as dog ownership as it relates to physical activity.

Presentation material titled “Where Matters: Health, Environmental, & Economic Impacts of Transportation and Land Use Actions” is retained with the September 7, 2018 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

## 5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

### 5.1 **Walkability Surface and Health and Economic Benefits Study Update**

Report dated August 16, 2018 from Erin Rennie, Senior Regional Planner, Regional Planning, Parks, Planning, and Environment, providing an update on the ongoing *Walkability Surface Project* and the *Documenting Health and Economic Benefits of Sustainable Development and Transport Investment in the Lower Mainland Study (Health and Economic Benefits Study)*.

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

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 16, 2018, titled "Walkability Surface and Health and Economic Benefits Study Update".

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 **Co-Leading the Regional Long Range Growth Scenarios Project with TransLink**

Report dated August 20, 2018 from James Stiver, Growth Management and Transportation Division Manager, Parks, Planning, and Environment, seeking MVRD Board endorsement for Metro Vancouver to partner with TransLink on the development of the regional long range growth scenarios, and authorization to partner with TransLink in targeted public engagement activities.

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

That the MVRD Board:

- a) endorse a partnership between Metro Vancouver and TransLink for the development of regional long range growth scenarios that will inform the development of both the next Regional Transportation Strategy and the next regional growth strategy; and
- b) authorize staff to partner on targeted public engagement in communicating and seeking input on the shared long range scenarios with a view to closely integrating transportation and growth planning over the long-term.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 **Long Range Growth Scenarios: Results of Municipal Visits on Projections**

Terry Hoff, Senior Regional Planner, Regional Planning, Parks, Planning, and Environment, updated members on regional and municipal collaboration on long range growth scenarios for Metro Vancouver.

Members suggested that consideration be given to:

- addressing how to accurately include University of BC and University Endowment Lands populations
- ensuring First Nations' reserve lands be included in projections, and clarifying how they will be included as part of future regional growth strategies
- addressing pressures on local government who are surpassing growth projections when neighbouring communities are receiving less growth than anticipated

Presentation material titled “Long Range Regional Growth Scenarios Regional and Municipal Collaboration” is retained with the September 7, 2018 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

**5.4 Request for Comprehensive Review of Regional Growth Strategy Legislation**

Report dated August 20, 2018 from James Stiver, Growth Management and Transportation Division Manager, Parks, Planning, and Environment, providing background information regarding a request from the Capital Regional District for support on a provincial review of the legislation governing Regional Growth Strategies, and seeking MVRD Board approval to communicate with the Province of BC and BC municipalities seeking a review and update of Part 13 of the *Local Government Act*.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to the Union of BC Municipalities confirming the Board’s support for the Province to undertake a review and update of Part 13 of the *Local Government Act* and its related regulations and include a copy of the report titled “Request for Comprehensive Review of Regional Growth Strategy Legislation” dated August 20, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Update on Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission**

Report dated August 20, 2018 Theresa Duynstee, Senior Regional Planner, Parks, Planning, and Environment, providing an update on engagement results and interim recommendations from the Minister of Agriculture’s Advisory Committee on Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), and seeking MVRD Board approval to communicate with the Province of BC supporting the Advisory Committee’s recommendations and requesting consideration be given to recommendations by Metro Vancouver.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the report dated August 20, 2018, titled, “Update on Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission”; and
- b) send a letter to the BC Minister of Agriculture supporting the Revitalizing the ALR and ALC Advisory Committee recommendations and asking for further consideration of Metro Vancouver’s recommendations regarding:
  - farm property tax reform,
  - modernizing the classification of farm, and
  - enacting policy reform specific to the Metro Vancouver region.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Mussatto absent at the vote.

- 5.6 Progress Update on the 2018 Regional Parking Study – Street Parking Survey**  
Report dated August 3, 2018 from Raymond Kan, Senior Regional Planner, Parks, Planning, and Environment, providing a progress update on the street parking survey component of the *2018 Regional Parking Study*.

Members were provided with a presentation on preliminary observations from the *Regional Parking Study Street Parking Survey*.

Presentation material titled “Regional Parking Study Street Parking Survey” is retained with the September 7, 2018 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 3, 2018, titled “Progress Update on the Regional Parking Study – Street Parking Survey”.

**CARRIED**

- 5.7 Advancing Land Use and Transportation Integration and the Development of Complete Communities**

Report dated August 28, 2018 from Erin Rennie, Senior Regional Planner, Regional Planning, Parks, Planning, and Environment, providing an update on recent work undertaken with TransLink to support the implementation of *Metro 2040’s* objectives, better integrate land use and transportation planning in the region, and advance the development of transit-oriented communities.

Members were provided with a presentation on advancing land use and transportation integration and the development of complete communities.

Presentation material titled “Advancing Land Use and Transportation Integration and the Development of Complete Communities” is retained with the September 7, 2018 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 28, 2018, titled “Advancing Land Use and Transportation Integration and the Development of Complete Communities.”

**CARRIED**

- 5.8 Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future - 2017 Procedural Report**

Report dated August 13, 2018 from Heidi Lam, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst, Regional Planning, Parks, Planning, and Environment, providing the *2017 Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Procedural Report* as required under *GVRD Regional Growth Strategy Procedures Bylaw No. 1148, 2011*.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 13, 2018, titled "*Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future - 2017 Procedural Report*".

**CARRIED**

**5.9 Manager's Report**

Report dated August 15, 2018 from Heather McNell, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services Director, Parks, Planning, and Environment, updating the Regional Planning Committee on the Committee's 2018 Work Plan, Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study Phase 2, consideration of the District of West Vancouver's Regional Context Statement, and acceptance of the City of Richmond's 2017 Regional Context Statement.

Mayor Coté updated members on his attendance at the *Local Governments for Canadian Sustainability* (ICLEI) Congress held in June 2018 in Montreal highlighting five strategic pathways guiding how ICLEI will support members going forward including development in the areas of low emissions, nature-based, circular, resilient, and equitable and people-centred. Mayor Coté also highlighted sessions attended related to designing procurement models for environmental sustainability, future of transportation, doc-less bike and scooter-share programs, and natural spaces.

11:27 a.m. Mayor Corrigan departed the meeting.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report dated August 15, 2018, titled "Manager's Report".

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the following Information Items:

- 6.1 Correspondence re 2018 Agriculture Awareness Grant, from the BC Chicken Growers' Association, dated July 17, 2018
- 6.2 Correspondence re Office Development in Metro Vancouver, from the City of Coquitlam, dated August 1, 2018
- 6.3 Correspondence re Agricultural Land Soil Investigation Results from the Ministry of Agriculture, dated August 7, 2018

**CARRIED**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

**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 Regional Planning Committee conclude its regular meeting of September 7, 2018.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 11:29 a.m.)

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Janis Knaupp,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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Richard Stewart, Chair