METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Planning Committee held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster
Vice Chair, Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Councillor Dan Copeland, Delta
Councillor Judy Dueck, Maple Ridge
Councillor Nora Gambioli, West Vancouver
Councillor Laurie Guerra, Surrey
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vancouver (arrived at 9:21 a.m.)
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
Councillor Harold Steves, Richmond
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam (arrived at 9:01 a.m.)
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None.

STAFF PRESENT:
Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Planning Committee:

a) amend the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 7, 2020 by adding Item 3.1 Nathan Davidowicz; and

b) adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED
9:01 a.m. Mayor Stewart arrived at the meeting.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

   2.1 **November 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

   It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**
   That the Regional Planning Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held November 8, 2019 as circulated.

   **CARRIED**

3. **DELEGATIONS**

   3.1 **Nathan Davidowicz**
   Nathan Davidowicz spoke to members regarding the 2016 Walkability Index – *Metro 2040 Performance Monitoring*, presented as Item 5.2 in the agenda, offering comments about varying levels of sidewalk infrastructure available to pedestrians in the Lower Mainland, the need for concentrated municipal efforts to improve walkability, and about traffic signals being geared towards cars rather than pedestrians and buses.

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

4. **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

   No items presented.

5. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

   5.1 **2020 Regional Planning Committee Priorities and Work Plan**
   Report dated January 16, 2020 from Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Regional Planning Committee with the Committee’s priorities and work plan for the year 2020.

   Members were informed about the Regional Planning Committee’s priorities and work plan for the year 2020 highlighting terms of reference, core services, portfolios and reporting, 2019 highlights, budget and 2020 priorities.

   In response to questions, members were informed about staff efforts to monitor growth projections in relation to performance-based land use for health and economic benefits.

   Presentation material titled “2020 Workplan Priorities” is retained with the February 7, 2020 agenda.
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Planning Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report titled “2020 Regional Planning Committee Priorities and Work Plan”, dated January 16, 2020.

CARRIED

5.2 2016 Walkability Index – Metro 2040 Performance Monitoring
Report dated January 8, 2020 from Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, updating the Regional Planning Committee on the 2016 Walkability Index and the Walkability page on the Metro 2040 Dashboard.

9:21 a.m. Councillor Kirby-Yung arrived at the meeting.

Members were provided with a live demonstration of the Walkability Index Metro 2040 Performance Monitoring Dashboard highlighting goals and interactive map features. Members were also informed about next steps.

Comments were offered about:
• providing data to municipalities to assist with local land use planning efforts
• TransLink’s updated Trip Diary Survey
• extending an invitation to Dr. Lawrence Frank, UBC, to attend a future committee meeting to present his research on health and economic impacts of walkable communities and access to parks and greenspace
• the need to explore alternate ways to visually demonstrate municipal progress towards walkability and greening communities and what local policies are effective

Presentation material titled “Walkability Index Metro 2040 Performance Monitoring Dashboard” is retained with the February 7, 2020 agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

CARRIED

5.3 Metro 2040 Climate and Natural Hazards Policy Review Scope of Work
Report dated January 15, 2020 from Edward Nichol, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Regional Planning Committee with the scope of work for the Metro 2040 Climate and Natural Hazards Policy review.

Members were informed about the scope of work review for the Metro 2040 Climate and Natural Hazards Policy highlighting purpose, Climate 2050 Strategic Framework, and the relationship between Metro 2050 and Climate 2050.
Presentation material titled “Climate and Natural Hazards Policy Review Scope of Work and Relationship to Climate 2050” is retained with the February 7, 2020 agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

### 5.4 Metro 2040 Environment Policy Review – Update on Policy Option Development

Report dated January 20, 2020 from Laurie Bates-Frymel, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing 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.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

### 5.5 Updating Metro 2040’s Housing Demand Estimates

Report dated January 20, 2020 from Sinisa Vukicevic, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Regional Planning Committee with information on the scope of work for updating the Housing Demand Estimates (HDEs) in Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future, the regional growth strategy.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report titled “Updating Metro 2040’s Housing Demand Estimates”, dated January 20, 2020.

**CARRIED**

### 5.6 Results of the Regional Stakeholder Workshop and Transport 2050 Phase 1 Engagement Survey and Key Findings for Metro 2050

Report dated January 22, 2020 from Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, presenting results of the Regional Stakeholder Workshop and Transport 2050 Phase 1 Engagement Survey and the Key Findings for Metro 2050.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report titled “Results of the Regional Stakeholder Workshop and Transport 2050 Phase 1 Engagement Survey and Key Findings for Metro 2050”, dated January 22, 2020.

**CARRIED**
5.7 **Manager’s Report**
Report dated January 22, 2020 from Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, updating the Regional Planning Committee on 2020 standing committee events, Intergovernmental Advisory Committee for *Metro 2050*, and the *Metro 2050* dialogue series.

Members were requested to notify the Committee Chair and Committee Manager no later than February 14, 2020 if interested in attending any 2020 standing committee events presented in the report.

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*
That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report titled “Manager’s Report”, dated January 22, 2020.

**CARRIED**

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6.1 **Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan, dated October 24, 2019**

6.2 **Report titled “Expression of Interest to Identify Potential Member Lands for Metro Vancouver Housing Development”, dated November 26, 2019**
Report dated November 26, 2019 from Laurel Cowan, Program Manager, Affordable Housing Planning, Policy, and Projects, Regional Planning and Housing Services, informing the Housing Committee and MVHC Board about the Expression of Interest to identify potential lands owned by member jurisdictions to support the development of new affordable rental housing through Metro Vancouver Housing, and circulating the EOI to member jurisdictions.

The report was considered by the Housing Committee on January 8, 2020 and by the MVHC Board on January 31, 2020 and is before the Regional Planning Committee for information only.

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*
That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report titled “Expression of Interest to Identify Potential Member Lands for Metro Vancouver Housing Development”, dated November 26, 2019.

**CARRIED**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
No items presented.

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**
No items presented.

10. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**
No items presented.
11. **ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*
That the Regional Planning Committee conclude its regular meeting of February 7, 2020.

**CARRIED**
(Time: 9:46 a.m.)

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Janis Knaupp,      Jonathan Coté, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator