

**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 5, 2021 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 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
Mayor John McEwen*, Anmore
Councillor Lisa Muri*, North Vancouver District
Councillor Harold Steves*, Richmond (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)
Mayor Rob Vagramov*, Port Moody
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
Amelia White, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 5, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held January 14, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 COVID-19 in Metro Vancouver – Regional Impacts

Sean Galloway, Director, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services, provided a presentation on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the region in terms of the housing, land use price, mobility and employment data and trends.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the verbal report on COVID-19 in Metro Vancouver – Regional Impacts.

CARRIED

Presentation material titled “COVID-19 in Metro Vancouver: Regional Impacts” is retained with the February 5, 2021 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

9:04 a.m. Councillor Steves arrived at the meeting.

5.2 Metro 2040 Implementation Section Policy Review Recommendations

Report dated January 21, 2021, from Sean Galloway, Director, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services, and Eric Aderneck, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, seeking the endorsement of the *Metro 2040* Implementation Policy Review recommendations.

Members were provided a presentation on the policy review objectives and the recommended policy changes, which included removing the Type 2 public hearing, and changing industrial from Type 3 to Type 2.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of hosting a regional public hearing as an effective means of public engagement, and the need to increase protection for industrial lands through strengthening the *Metro 2040* policy.

Distinct Propositions

Members considered the motion in distinct propositions.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board endorse the *Metro 2040* Implementation Section Policy Review recommendation #1, outlined in the report dated January 21, 2021, titled “*Metro 2040* Implementation Section Policy Review Recommendations”, as follows:

Eliminate the requirement for a regional public hearing for Type 2 amendments, and replace with other means of meaningful, and regionally based public engagement.

CARRIED

Mayor Vagramov and Councillors Muri and Steves voted in the negative.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board endorse the *Metro 2040* Implementation Section Policy Review recommendation #2, outlined in the report dated January 21, 2021, titled “*Metro 2040* Implementation Section Policy Review Recommendations”, as follows:

Change the type of amendment for applications converting Industrial land from a Type 3 to a Type 2 amendment.

CARRIED

Mayors Froese, McEwen, van den Broek and Councillors Dueck and Guerra voted in the negative.

Presentation material titled “*Metro 2040: Implementation Section*” is retained with the February 5, 2021 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

5.3 Hey Neighbour Collective Discussion Paper to Inform *Metro 2050*

Report dated January 5, 2021, from Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, outlining the discussion paper titled, “*Developing Truly Complete Communities: Social Equity, Social Connectedness, and Multi-Unit Housing in an Age of Public Health and Climate Crises*”, from the Hey Neighbour Collective.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report dated January 5, 2021, titled “*Hey Neighbour Collective Discussion Paper to Inform Metro 2050.*”

CARRIED

5.4 Manager’s Report

Report dated January 29, 2021, from Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing an update on the 2021 Regional Planning Committee Work Plan and the additional endorsements from member jurisdictions for the Regional Industrial Lands Strategy.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report dated January 29, 2021, titled "Manager's Report".

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

No items presented.

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 February 5, 2021.

CARRIED

(Time: 9:51 a.m.)

Amelia White,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Jonathan Coté, Chair

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