

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Planning Committee held at 9:06 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 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
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 May 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee:

- a) amend the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 7, 2021, by varying the agenda order to consider:
 - i. Item 5.2 after Item 4.1 Invited Presentation – Russell Whitehead and Christopher Kuno;
 - ii. Item 5.3 after Item 4.2 Invited Presentation – Adrian Lightstone; and
- b) adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 9, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Russell Whitehead, Associate Vice President, and Christopher Kuno, Senior Consultant, Colliers Strategy and Consulting

Russell Whitehead and Christopher Kuno spoke to members regarding the Metro Vancouver Industrial Intensification Analysis, highlighting an overview of their study, a summary of their considerations and findings, potential challenges and proposing a series of recommendations.

Members were provided with a presentation titled “Metro Vancouver Industrial Intensification Analysis”, which is retained with the May 7, 2021 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

Agenda Order Varied

Pursuant to Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda, the order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 5.2 at this point.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.2 Metro Vancouver Industrial Lands Intensification Analysis Study

Report dated April 12, 2021, from Eric Aderneck, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing information to the Regional Planning Committee on the completed Industrial Lands Intensification Analysis Study.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 12, 2021, titled “Metro Vancouver Industrial Lands Intensification Analysis Study”.

CARRIED

Agenda Order Resumed

The order of the agenda resumed with Item 4.2 being before the Committee.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.2 **Adrian Lightstone, National Manager, Advisory Services, WSP**

Adrian Lightstone spoke to members regarding the Metro 2050 Regional Resilience Framework Study, highlighting the project context and objectives, the components of a resilience framework, the shock and stress groups, the assessment approach and the proposed recommendations for Metro Vancouver and TransLink.

Members were provided with a presentation titled “Metro Vancouver Regional Resilience Framework: Project Overview”, which is retained with the May 7, 2021 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

Agenda Order Varied

Pursuant to Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda, the order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 5.3 at this point.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.3 ***Metro 2050* Regional Resilience Framework Study**

Report dated April 11, 2021, from Mark Seinen, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, conveying the *Metro 2050* Regional Resilience Framework to the Regional Planning Committee for information and providing a summary of opportunities to integrate the findings into *Metro 2050* and other future regional planning work.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 11, 2021, titled “*Metro 2050* Regional Resilience Framework Study”.

CARRIED

Agenda Order Resumed

The order of the agenda resumed with Item 5.1 being before the Committee.

5.1 ***Metro 2050* Draft Policy Language: Goal 4 – Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices and Goal 5 – Support Sustainable Transportation Choices**

Report dated April 1, 2021, from Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Regional Planning Committee with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft content of Goal 4 and Goal 5 of *Metro 2050*, the updated regional growth strategy.

Members were provided a presentation on the *Metro 2040* proposed policy changes that would be reflected in *Metro 2050*.

Members discussed the proposed policy changes to Goal 4 and noted the following:

- the need for long-term housing options for homeless people
- the need for a control mechanism to assist in keeping affordable housing economical
- consideration for tenants who have to re-locate
- desire to see the implementation strategy for each of the *Metro 2050* Goals
- concerns about land speculation, vacant homes and the increase in assessment values

Members discussed the proposed policy changes to Goal 5 and noted the following:

- the need for transportation options in the Campbell Heights area in Surrey
- the need to ensure that growth corridors are aligned with the proposed growth projections
- additional language around micro-mobility and other modes of transportation
- consideration of how changes, such as working from home and moving, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, may continue or shift in the future

Presentation material titled “*Metro 2050* Draft Goal 4 (Housing) and Goal 5 (Transport): Proposed Content in the RGS Update” is retained with the May 7, 2021 Regional Planning Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 1, 2021, titled “*Metro 2050* Draft Policy Language: Goal 4 – Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices and Goal 5 – Support Sustainable Transportation Choices”.

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5.4 Manager’s Report

Report dated April 27, 2021, from Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing an update on the Regional Planning Committee 2021 Work Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report dated April 27, 2021, titled “Manager’s Report”.

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6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Best Management Practices for Invasive Species Hedge Bindweed and American Bullfrog

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Planning Committee receive for information the report dated March 22, 2021 titled, "Best Management Practices for Invasive Species Hedge Bindweed and American Bullfrog".

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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 Regional Planning Committee conclude its regular meeting of May 7, 2021.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:27 a.m.)

Amelia White,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Jonathan Côté, Chair

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