



**metro**vancouver

# Intergovernmental Committee

## Terms of Reference

The focus of the Intergovernmental Committee is strategic relationships with other levels of government and agencies.

The Intergovernmental Committee is a standing committee of the Metro Vancouver Board. It is intended to be the forum through which issues involving relationships with other governments and agencies can be addressed and strategies and actions recommended to the Board.

The committee will receive reports on initiatives within the purview of other committees or being undertaken at the staff level which involve other governments or agencies. The committee may provide advice on inter-governmental communications strategies or devise strategies for the Board's consideration which bring together a number of individual initiatives into broader strategies.

Key aspects of the programs under its purview include the following:

- Intergovernmental relations and policies, and the process of relating to senior governments and other agencies.
- Miscellaneous but strategic issues which arise as the result of initiatives of other governments or agencies which are not the purview of specific function committees, e.g. port amalgamation, trade treaties.
- Legislative change related to overall governance of the region (e.g. the examination of the amalgamation of the *Water Act*, *GVS&DD Act* and other regional legislation into the *Local Government Act*).

### **Relationship with other Board Committees**

The various function committees' focus is on what services are provided and how. Thus the actual content, priority and timing of many programs would be the prime concern of function committees. The Intergovernmental Committee focuses on overall strategic intergovernmental relations and activities related to these programs.

The Intergovernmental Committee would receive information from other sources such as other Board committees, advisory committees and delegations in formulating its recommendations to the Board. The committee may also receive instructions from the Board concerning specific issues.

### **Committee Membership**

The Intergovernmental Committee shall comprise the Board Chair (who shall chair the committee) and Vice Chair (who shall be the vice chair of the committee), and the Chairs of standing committees and task forces appointed by the Board Chair.

**Committee Meetings**

The Corporate and Intergovernmental Committee will meet every month except for August and December and may have special meetings as required. A quorum of 50% plus one of the Committee memberships is required to conduct Committee business.