

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
WATER COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Water Committee held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair, Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond  
Vice Chair, Councillor Doug Elford\*, Surrey  
Councillor Brent Asmundson\*, Coquitlam  
Chief Ken Baird\*, Tsawwassen  
Councillor Don Bell\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh\*, Vancouver (arrived at 9:03 a.m.)  
Councillor Carolina Clark\*, Belcarra  
Mayor Bill Dingwall\*, Pitt Meadows  
Mayor Jack Froese\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Alicia Guichon\*, Delta  
Councillor Joe Keithley\*, Burnaby  
Mayor John McEwen\*, Anmore  
Councillor Ryan Svendsen\*, Maple Ridge (arrived at 9:02 a.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Marilyn Towill, General Manager, Water Services  
Lauren Cichon, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 November 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for November 12, 2020 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2.1 October 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held October 8, 2020 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

**5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

**5.1 2020 Water Conservation Campaign and Lawn Watering Regulations Communication Results**

Report dated October 9, 2020, from Larina Lopez, Corporate Communications Division Manager, External Relations, and Kris Etches, Project Communications Coordinator, External Relations, updating the Committee on regional communications to support the 2020 watering regulations and regional water conservation campaign.

9:02 a.m. Councillor Svendsen arrived at the meeting.

9:03 a.m. Councillor Bligh arrived at the meeting.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee receive for information the report dated October 9, 2020 titled "Regional Water Conservation Campaign and Water Regulations Communications 2020 Results".

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Summer 2020 Water Supply Performance**

Report dated October 26, 2020, from Lucas Pitts, Director, Policy, Planning and Analysis, Water Services, and Paul Kohl, Director, Operations and Maintenance, Water Services, providing the Committee with a review of water use and water supply system performance during summer 2020.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVWD Board receive for information the report dated October 26, 2020, titled "Summer 2020 Water Supply Performance".

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Next Generation Snowpack Monitoring**

Report dated October 26, 2020, from Peter Marshall, Field Hydrologist, Environmental Management, Water Services, and Jesse Montgomery, Division Manager, Environmental Management, Water Services, providing the Water Committee an update on the Next Generation Snowpack Monitoring project.

Members were provided with a video titled “Metro Vancouver Water” regarding snowpack monitoring. Video presentation material is not retained with the agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee receive for information the report dated October 26, 2020 titled “Next Generation Snowpack Monitoring”.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 Watershed Fisheries Initiatives Annual Update**

Report dated October 15, 2020, from Jesse Montgomery, Division Manager, Environmental Management, Water Services, providing the Committee with an annual update on fisheries initiatives and activities associated with the Capilano, Seymour and Coquitlam Watersheds.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee receive for information the report dated October 15, 2020, titled “Watershed Fisheries Initiatives Annual Update”.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Manager’s Report**

Report dated October 29, 2020, from Marilyn Towill, General Manager, Water Services, providing an update to the Water Committee on the Drinking Water Management Plan, 2020 Water Wagon Update, Western Hemlock Looper, Reservoir Limnology Program, Environmental Management System Update, and the District of North Vancouver Fire Chief Commendation.

Members were provided with a video regarding looper moths and the impact on Metro Vancouver’s watershed lands. Video presentation material is not retained with the agenda.

In response to a question about brewery industry water usage, staff indicated that a regional assessment of water usage by sector is being undertaken, and results will be provided to the Committee in late 2021.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee receive for information the report dated October 29, 2020 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**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for November 12, 2020 pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1) (g) as follows:

“90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district.”

**CARRIED**

**10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Water Committee adjourn its regular meeting of November 12, 2020.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 9:19 a.m.)

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Lauren Cichon,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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Malcolm Brodie, Chair