

METRO VANCOUVER
METRO 2050 INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) held at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020 in the 28th Floor Conference Centre, Metrotower III, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather McNell, Metro Vancouver (*Chair*)
Emilie Adin, City of New Westminster
Tina Atva, District of North Vancouver
Roy Beddow, City of Langley
Andre Boel, City of Port Moody
Michael Epp, City of North Vancouver
Chris Fay, UBC (alternate)
Lee-Ann Garnett, City of Burnaby
Chuck Goddard, City of Maple Ridge
Lisa Grant, City of Port Coquitlam
Carl Isaak, City of White Rock
Barry Konkin, City of Richmond
Shannon Lambie, Agricultural Land Commission
Kamelli Mark, University Endowment Lands
Andrew Merrill, City of Coquitlam
Emily Newhouse, Fraser Health Authority
Marcin Pachcinski, Electoral Area A
Marcy Sangret, City of Delta
Juan Solorzano, Vancouver Coastal Health
Ramin Seifi, Township of Langley
Jason Smith, Village of Anmore
Alison Stewart, Fraser Valley Regional District
Alex Wallace, City of Pitt Meadows
Peta Wolmarans, Vancouver Airport Authority
Greg Yeomans, Port of Vancouver
Eric Nicholls, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (by teleconference)
James Stiver, Metro Vancouver

ALSO PRESENT:

Robin Beukens, Fraser Valley Regional District
Wes Regan, Vancouver Coastal Health (alternate)
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Metro Vancouver
Lucy Duso, Metro Vancouver
Jason Emmert, Metro Vancouver
Eric Aderneck, Metro Vancouver
Laurie Bates-Frymel, Metro Vancouver
Edward Nichol, Metro Vancouver

Erin Rennie, Metro Vancouver
Conor Reynolds, Metro Vancouver
Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 January 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for January 17, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

No previous meeting minutes were presented.

3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

3.1 *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

James Stiver, Division Manager, Growth Management and Transportation, Regional Planning and Housing Services, referred to the December 10, 2019 report titled, "*Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference" and highlighted:

- An update has been initiated to *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)*, the regional growth strategy, adopted in 2011; the updated strategy will be known as *Metro 2050*
- The purpose of the *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) is to provide guidance to Metro Vancouver staff on the upcoming development and implementation of *Metro 2050*
- This is the first meeting of the IAC; at least four meetings of the IAC are anticipated at significant milestones in *Metro 2050's* development
- The IAC's structure and composition:
 - Metro Vancouver's General Manager of Regional Planning and Housing Services will chair the IAC
 - IAC membership was determined by the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board, and includes participants from both inside and outside the Metro Vancouver region including representatives from the Provincial Government, health authorities, member jurisdictions, and adjacent regional districts
 - Section 450 of the *Local Government Act* requires the IAC's establishment.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee receive for information the report dated December 10, 2019, titled, “*Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference”.

CARRIED

3.2 *Metro 2050 – Scope of Work Verbal Update*

James Stiver, Division Manager, Growth Management and Transportation Regional Planning and Housing Services, referenced the March 28, 2019, report titled “*Towards Metro 2050: Updating Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future*” to the Regional Planning Committee, and reviewed a presentation titled, “*Updating the Regional Growth Strategy*” and highlighted:

- Reviews of *Metro 2040*’s policies initiated in 2019 relate to urban centres and frequent transit development areas, agriculture, environment, housing, industrial lands, rural lands, etc., to identify gaps and updates required for the development of *Metro 2050*
- Proposing to enhance *Metro 2050* to include:
 - Integration with TransLink’s new Regional Transportation Strategy
 - Include a new climate change lens
 - Include a new social equity lens
 - Update policies and additional policies, to support the region’s collective vision for managing growth and supporting a healthy, connected, and resilient region.
- The timeline and development phases of *Metro 2050* will span over approximately three years.

Discussion ensued on:

- Maintaining the applicability of *Metro 2040* until it is updated; amendments to the current growth strategy may be contemplated if needed, prior to implementation of *Metro 2050* but are being discouraged after the end of October 2020
- Considering impacts outside the region (e.g. in other regional districts) when projecting regional growth
- The environmental policies are being reviewed related to the use and functionality of recreational land and park land.

Presentation material titled, “*Updating the Regional Growth Strategy*” is retained with the January 17, 2020, Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Agenda.

3.3 *Scope of Potential Policy Review Changes*

Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, reviewed a presentation titled, “*Scope of Potential Policy Changes*” and a chart titled, “*Metro 2050 Policy Reviews – Scope of Potential Change*” was provided on table and highlighted:

- Existing policies that are being reviewed, including: urban centres, agriculture,

rural lands, environment, housing, transportation, industrial lands, climate change, etc.

- Two major policy areas seen as incomplete in *Metro 2040*: climate action and social equity
- Additional areas identified for improvements include new methodology for projections on population, housing, employment and land use and a stronger integration and colocation of affordable housing and transit.

Discussion ensued on the importance of collaborating on regional growth projections for population, housing and employment.

Presentation materials titled, “Scope of Potential Policy Changes” and “*Metro 2050* Policy Reviews – Scope of Potential Change” are retained with the January 17, 2020, Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Agenda.

3.4 *Metro 2050* Engagement Plan

Lucy Duso, Policy Coordinator, External Relations, referenced the August 15, 2019 report titled “*Metro 2050* Engagement Plan” to the Regional Planning Committee, and highlighted:

- Target audiences of the *Metro 2050* engagement plan include: *Metro 2050* signatories, affected regional agencies, subject matter experts, First Nations and the public
- The benefits of pursuing early engagement, collaboration and seeking feedback from experts
- Opportunities to provide comments through Metro Vancouver’s website, on a range of regional growth strategy policy areas.

In response to questions raised, it was noted that copies of the presentations provided at the meeting, could be requested through the office of the General Manager of Regional Planning and Housing Services.

3.5 *Metro 2050* Engagement Update

Lucy Duso, Policy Coordinator, External Relations, offered comments on:

- Community engagement and dialogue sessions scheduled in February 2020
- Scheduling presentations, workshops and / or meetings with local government Councils, health authorities, First Nations, and others.

3.6 Climate Change Policy for *Metro 2050*

Edward Nichol, Senior Policy & Planning Analyst, Regional Planning and Housing Services; Jason Emmert, Senior Planner, Air Quality and Climate Change Policy; and Conor Reynolds, Division Manager, Air Quality and Climate Change Policy; jointly reviewed a presentation titled, “Climate Change Policy for *Metro 2050*” and highlighted:

- Prioritized policies related to protecting the environment and responding to the impacts of climate change

- Informing the *Climate 2050* Roadmap for Land Use and Growth Management
- Metro Vancouver’s pursuit of a carbon neutral region by the year 2050
- Preparing for climate adaptation, extreme weather events, sea level rise, etc.

Discussion ensued on the MVRD Board’s adoption of revised greenhouse gas emission targets for *Climate 2050*, and similar targets adopted by other jurisdictions.

It was noted that Metro Vancouver staff would be forwarding copies of the “*Climate 2050 Roadmap for Land Use and Growth Management*”, to IAC members.

Presentation material titled, “Climate Change Policy for *Metro 2050*” is retained with the January 17, 2020, Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Agenda.

3.7 Equity Study (Phases 1 and 2) in Relation to *Metro 2050*

Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, reviewed a presentation titled, “Social Equity and Regional Growth Management” and highlighted:

- The work to date to integrate social equity into all aspects of *Metro 2050*
- Collaboration with regional partners on social equity including TransLink, health authorities and others.

Discussion ensued on:

- Engagement opportunities designed to target those who will be most impacted by the update to the regional growth strategy
- Seeking feedback from members on how they interact with their vulnerable populations.

Presentation material titled, “Social Equity and Regional Growth Management” is retained with the January 17, 2020, Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Agenda.

3.8 Discussion on Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Role

Heather McNell, General Manager of Regional Planning Services and Housing Services, highlighted the intent to schedule up to four meetings of the IAC to coincide with the dates of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee meetings.

Discussion ensued on:

- Engagement processes held during development of the previous regional growth strategy
- Opportunities for the IAC to schedule additional meetings if required.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business items were presented.

7. **CONCLUSION**

The *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee concluded its regular meeting of January 17, 2020 at 1:05 p.m.