



### **Monitoring Sensitive Ecosystems in Metro Vancouver**

Metro Vancouver monitors the status of the region's most important ecological places with the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI). The SEI is a GIS inventory of ecologically significant lands in the region. The first 5-year update of the Inventory was completed in 2018 and quantified the amount, rate and type of ecosystem loss observed during the 5-year period between 2009 and 2014. Watch this short video for information on what the SEI is, why it's important, and how to access it.



### **Metro 2050 – Updating the Regional Growth Strategy**



A comprehensive update to *Metro 2040* is now underway. Since its adoption in 2011, *Metro 2040* has been a strong and effective tool representing the regional federation's collective vision for how to sustainably manage anticipated growth of the region to support the creation of complete, connected and resilient communities, protect important lands (like agricultural, natural and industrial areas) and support the efficient provision of urban infrastructure (like transit and utilities).

The updated regional growth strategy will be referred to as *Metro 2050*, and will build on *Metro 2040's* strengths, address identified policy gaps, extend the strategy's time horizon to the year 2050, and integrate closely with *Transport 2050*, the new Regional Transportation Strategy.

The MVRD Board has approved an engagement plan for *Metro 2050* that includes many opportunities for conversations about the policy themes and directions that are being explored with regional agencies and partners, First Nations groups, and other associations, groups and the public over the next two years.

More information on the issue areas that are being explored, the timelines and public engagement opportunities can be found at: <http://www.metrovancover.org/metro2050>

## **Rail~Volution Regional Forum**



To close out this year's Rail~Volution Conference, held in Canada for the first time, Metro Vancouver and TransLink convened a Regional Forum on September 11. The Forum, supported with a sponsorship by Vancity Credit Union, addressed this region's growth challenges, focusing on the interplay of public transit, affordable housing, equity, and climate change. Over 200 attendees representing non-profits, government, the private sector, academia and community advocates were in attendance to hear a lively and engaged panel discussion moderated by Frances Bula, comprising: Stephanie Allen (BC Housing), Khelsilem (Squamish First Nation), Andrea Reimer (UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs), and Thatcher Imboden (Sound Transit), followed by a thought provoking keynote presentation by renowned placemaker Jay Pitter. The Forum finished up with an "Ideation" session where the participants brainstormed and prioritized nearly two dozen near-term actions, with many others being recorded as well. Thanks to all those who participated! Metro Vancouver and TransLink will be summarizing these thoughtful submissions and considering them through the development of *Metro 2050 and Transport 2050*.





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