

For Metro Vancouver special meetings on Friday, April 24, 2026

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Metro Vancouver Regional District

E1.1 Designated Smoking Areas in Regional Parks

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Metro Vancouver currently prohibits smoking and vaping within regional parks except in designated smoking areas and at registered campsites, as authorized under *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*.

Designated smoking areas were implemented as a transitional harm-reduction measure intended to limit wildfire risk, control tobacco litter, and reduce second-hand smoke exposure. Over time, the declining smoking rates, evolving public health data, and growing visitor expectations for smoke-free environments have led many jurisdictions to adopt fully smoke-free parks and open spaces.

This report outlines a proposed plan to remove designated smoking areas across Metro Vancouver regional parks, while maintaining exceptions for campgrounds, supported by a comprehensive public awareness campaign to ensure a smooth transition.

The Board received the report for information and directed staff to remove existing smoking areas in regional parks and report back on cigarette waste education and mitigation programs.

E2.1 Growth Projections Program (2026 – 2027) – Overview of Process and Methodology

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Metro Vancouver produces annual growth projections to support long-range planning for utilities, housing, and transportation. This report outlines the process and methodology for the 2026–2027 Growth Projections Program, including updates that introduce small-area geographies to better support utility and infrastructure planning. These refinements will provide more precise inputs for water and liquid waste planning, Metro Vancouver’s DCC program, municipal servicing strategies, and regional transportation modelling.

Each year, projections are updated to reflect demographic trends, policy changes, and inputs from member jurisdictions, following a consistent schedule aligned with Census releases, Statistics Canada updates, and federal and provincial immigration policies. Beginning in 2027, the projections program will expand to include additional small-area geographies, including detailed projections for sewage sub-catchments and nodal water supply areas, to provide more precise inputs for water and liquid waste planning, the DCC program, municipal servicing strategies, and regional transportation modelling.

Growth projections at the municipal level provide an important foundation for local and regional planning. They inform local forecasting, municipal growth management, and capital planning. The Growth Projections Program is a key service used by member jurisdictions, Metro Vancouver utilities, and TransLink to inform land-use decisions, long-range infrastructure planning, and transportation modelling. By providing consistent, evidence-based estimates of future growth the program strengthens

Metro Vancouver’s ability to support coordinated land use, infrastructure, and transportation planning across the region.

The Board received this report for information.

E3.1 Consideration of Changes to the Size and Structure of each of Metro Vancouver’s Four Boards of Directors: Options Analysis

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The 2025 independent Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review concluded that there is an opportunity to optimize the size and structure of the four Metro Vancouver Boards to improve governance and oversight, and to enhance decision making and risk management. Considerations of such options is a major piece of work for the Governance Committee and Boards in 2026. Earlier this year, the MVRD Board approved a *process* to consider potential changes and approved an *evaluation framework*.

The March and April Governance Committee meetings have been dedicated to discussion and evaluation of the options presented for all four of Metro Vancouver’s Boards. During its March 12, 2026 meeting, the Governance Committee considered the report titled “Consideration of Changes to the Size and Structure of each of Metro Vancouver’s Four Boards of Directors: Options and Analysis”, dated March 6, 2026. The Committee discussed and deliberated the options for the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) and the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) Boards.

The same report was provided to the Committee for the April 9, 2026 meeting so that the Committee could continue its discussions focusing on the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Boards.

In addition to the information prepared for Committee consideration last month, the Committee also received a presentation by Dana Hayden of Hayden Consulting Services. Hayden completed work for the Boards in 2021 subsequent to the Project Delivery Department being instituted. The resulting report titled, “Project Delivery Best Practice Response – Capital Project Governance & Stage Gate Framework” was one in a series of updates on implementation of best practices for capital projects at Metro Vancouver as requested by the Boards. Dana Hayden presented the earlier findings, and supported the Committee’s discussion about potential governance models for the utility boards.

At its April 9, 2026 meeting, the Governance Committee considered the report titled “Consideration of Changes to the Size and Structure of each of Metro Vancouver’s Four Boards of Directors: Options Analysis”, dated April 9, 2026. The Committee discussed options for potentially amending the size and structure of the GVWD and GVS&DD Boards (the Committee considered options for the MVRD and MVHC Boards in March, 2026) with the aim of improving governance effectiveness, scalability of the option into the future, how member jurisdictions are represented, broader stakeholder impacts, and how readily the options could be implemented.

The Committee discussed the pros, cons, and implications of three options:

1. Status Quo
2. Align with any changes to the structure of the MVRD Board
3. A Smaller Hybrid Board

In addition, the Committee discussed the option of Adding a Major Projects Committee to any Board Structure chosen.

The Committee was largely aligned with Option 2 for the GVS&DD and GVWD Boards – to align the size and structure of the GVS&DD and GVWD Boards with any changes made to the MVRD Board.

And, after hearing a presentation from Dana Hayden, Hayden Consulting, on best governance practices in oversight and management of major projects, the Committee expressed interest in advancing discussions about a Major Projects Committee that has some delegated authority from the GVS&DD and GVWD Boards to take on responsibility for the largest, highest risk, highest cost utility projects, along with interest in seeing a majority of external appointed Directors along with some elected official Directors.

As a result, the Committee directed staff to bring back additional information on the implications of this option (e.g. on procurement, operations, service delivery, relationship to the existing committee and Board structure) as well as how it could be implemented (e.g. sample selection criteria for appointed Directors from other major project committees).

The Board received this report for information.

E4.1 Overview of Air Quality Communications Tools

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This report provides an overview of the tools and approaches Metro Vancouver uses to communicate air quality information to the public. Communication helps to protect public health and encourage regulatory compliance. The tools include real-time air quality data platforms, public education displays, year-round social media, bylaw compliance communications, and air quality warnings. Used together, these tools allow Metro Vancouver to deliver timely public guidance and identify trends — particularly during wildfire smoke or degraded air quality events — while reinforcing its role in monitoring, planning, regulating, and enforcing air quality protection. Access to reliable, timely air quality information can help residents and businesses make cost-effective decisions and contributes to reducing long-term health system costs.

The Board received this report for information.

E5.1 2025 Annual Financial Results and Audited Financial Statements

APPROVED

This report presents the 2025 Annual Financial Results and the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025. The 2025 financial statements received an unqualified (“clean”) audit opinion by the external auditors, KPMG Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants (“KPMG”) and will be finalized upon approval by the Boards on April 24, 2026.

The Metro Vancouver 2025 Annual Financial Results indicate a year-end operating surplus of \$38.8 million (2.6% of the total \$1.5 billion operating budget). Major drivers were in Solid Waste Services, \$19.8 million, Metro Vancouver Housing, \$9.7 million, and Regional District Services, \$11.4 million, primarily as a result of recruitment timing, the timing of projects, and the sale of land in Solid Waste Services. Budget shortfalls occurred in Water Services, \$1.6 million, primarily due to lower-than-anticipated water sales, and in Liquid Waste Services, \$0.5 million, due to timing of maintenance work and associated cost structure. In accordance with policy, any operational shortfalls are funded from existing operating reserves at year-end.

Year-end capital expenditures were \$1.2 billion in 2025, representing 68% of the planned annual cash flow target of \$1.8 billion. Significant work has progressed on several multi-year projects and the majority of the 32% underspend is related to the status of major projects, such as the Coquitlam Water Main, Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (IIWWTP), and North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP) which have been accounted for in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

At its April 17, 2026 meeting, the Performance and Audit Committee considered the report titled “2025 Annual Financial Results and Audited Financial Statements”, dated April 13, 2026. The Committee subsequently passed the recommendation.

Updated information was received after the committee’s agenda package was published. Pages 164 and 251 of the agenda were replaced on-table at the Performance and Audit Committee meeting. The updated pages were in the report package before the MVRD Board.

Metro Vancouver received an unqualified audit opinion (clean opinion) by the external auditors, KPMG Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, which will be finalized upon approval by the MVRD/ MVHC/GVWD/GVS&DD Boards. The change to the report is due to a reclassification between asset categories, and the updated information does not change any of the financial results or surplus amount.

The Board received this report for information and approved the Audited 2025 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Metro Vancouver Regional District.

E5.2 2026 - Status of Financial Reserves

APPROVED

This report is being brought forward for approval of reserve applications and transfers based on the 2025 year-end financial results. These proposed applications and transfers are consistent with the use of reserves as defined in the *Financial Reserves Policy*. The proposed application includes a) a transfer of \$54 million from Operating Reserves (\$15M for Water, \$21M for Liquid Waste and \$18M for Solid Waste) to fund capital expenditures, reducing long-term borrowing requirements, and b) for entities and functions that do not have a capital borrowing requirement, a transfer of \$55.1 million from Operating Reserves to Discretionary Reserves and Statutory Reserves for funding future expenditure.

The Board approved the applications and transfers of reserves.

E5.3 Semi-Annual Report on Development Cost Charges for GVS&DD, GVWD and MVRD (Regional Parks)

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This report provides Metro Vancouver’s semi-annual update on Development Cost Charge (DCC) revenues collected for the second half of 2025, and outlines total amounts received during the year. DCCs are an important long term funding tool used to help finance growth related infrastructure for Liquid Waste, Water, and Regional Parkland Acquisition. However, revenues are inherently variable and are influenced by development activity, rate changes, and provincial legislative frameworks. As a result, DCC revenues are not expected to be stable year to year, and Finance actively monitors collections and plans for this volatility in long term financial and capital planning.

Total DCC revenues for 2025 were \$357.01 million, comprised of \$210.76 million in cash receipts and \$146.25 million in amounts deferred/owing. This represents a significant increase compared to 2024, reflecting higher DCC rates that came into effect on January 1, 2025, and due to developers accelerating applications to secure lower 2024 rates under “in stream” protection provisions. Revenue collected in the second half of 2025 declined relative to both the first half of the year and the same period in 2024, reflecting changes to provincial legislation as well as increasingly challenging development market conditions across the region.

Looking forward, DCC revenues are expected to become more volatile given current development market uncertainty, continued effects of provincial legislative changes, and upcoming policy decisions. The Board is considering potential reductions to DCC rates as part of the 2027 budget process, which could also affect future revenue levels. Finance will continue to closely monitor DCC collection trends and report regularly to the Board.

The Board received this report for information.

E5.4 2026 Metro Vancouver Communications and Engagement Update No. 1

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Metro Vancouver’s communications and engagement programs support all of Metro Vancouver’s business activities. Highlights of communications and engagement reach in 2025 include:

- continued growth of followers and engagement across all social media platforms,
- strong reach of corporate stories through videos on YouTube with more than 19 million views,
- successful proactive media relations including 191 interviews arranged and resulting in improved media sentiment,
- more than 80 public outreach events and 7 dedicated events,
- 26 distinct engagement periods resulting in more than 27,000 online survey completions,
- more than 700 teachers and 250 high school youth engaged through teacher and youth programs, and
- 11 behaviour change campaigns reaching more than 300 million total impressions.

The Board received this report for information.

E6.1 Appointment of Election Officials for the 2026 General Local Election

APPROVED

In accordance with the *Local Government Act* (the “Act”), the next General Local Election for the Regional Director of MVRD Electoral Area A will be held on October 17, 2026. For the purposes of conducting the election, the Board has a statutory requirement to appoint a Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer. The Acting Deputy Corporate Officer was recommended for appointment as Chief Election Officer and the Elections Coordinator was recommended for appointment as Deputy Chief Election Officer.

The Board appointed the Election Officials as recommended.

G1.1 MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1453, 2026 **ADOPTED**

On February 27, 2026, the MVRD Board directed staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*. Following two successful seasons of a pilot program, this bylaw amendment would transition the initiative to ongoing year-round implementation at five regional park sites. As part of the MVRD Board resolution, staff were directed to exclude Iona Beach Regional Park as a designated area.

The Province of British Columbia regulates the possession and consumption of liquor. Under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, it is generally unlawful for individuals to possess open liquor or consume liquor in public places, including parks, unless those places are privately owned. The Act, however, provides a regulatory framework that enables regional districts and other local governments to designate specific public places where liquor consumption is permitted. This authority must be exercised by bylaw and in accordance with the procedural and regulatory requirements prescribed by the Province.

This bylaw amendment would update the dates and times that alcohol consumption is permitted and would exclude Iona Beach Regional Park from the list of sites. It ensures that Metro Vancouver continues to meet all provincial regulatory requirements while enabling a controlled and compliant approach to facilitating alcohol use in these specified public spaces.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1453, 2026*.

G1.2 Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Lands in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1462, 2026 **APPROVED**

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (“MOTT”), through the Transportation Investment Corporation (“TI Corp”), is replacing the aging George Massey Tunnel with an eight-lane tunnel (the “Project”). To accommodate the Project, MOTT requires parts of the Deas Island Regional Park (the “Park”). On July 22, 2025, Metro Vancouver and the Province (represented by MOTT) entered into an Accommodation Agreement in connection with the Project (the “Accommodation Agreement”). On July 28, 2025, Metro Vancouver Regional District (“MVRD”) and the Province (represented by MOTT) entered into a lease (the “Lease”) of approximately 42,791 square metres of Park land (the “Leased Land”) to be used as a temporary construction laydown and staging area, and into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to dedicate approximately 1,846 square metres of Park land for permanent provincial highway expansion (the “Highway Land”). On November 28, 2025, by *Bylaw No. 1382, 2025*, adopted with electoral approval, the Leased Land and the Highway Land were removed from park dedication.

As the Project design has progressed, TI Corp is now looking for opportunities to reduce risk and increase efficiency. They have made a new request for additional use of the Park to support the Project.

The new proposal includes changing permitted uses on the Leased Land to permit more extensive industrial use, including installing subsurface structures. Further, the new proposal requests the use of an additional 3.6 hectares of Park land for additional temporary construction and laydown area, and an extension and upgrade of the Park road for use by concrete trucks and material movement.

Accommodating this request requires removal of park dedication on additional Park lands. Park dedication removal can be achieved by way of the bylaw (the “Bylaw”). The adoption of the Bylaw requires approval of the electors, which can be obtained by means of an alternative approval process. After the park dedication has been removed, a new lease or license, as applicable, can be finalized.

The Board gave three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Lands in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1462, 2026*, directed the Corporate Officer to initiate an Alternative Approval Process to obtain elector approval, and directed staff to continue negotiations with MOTT and TI Corp to amend the Accommodation Agreement and the Lease.

G2.1 Reporting Back on Metro 2050 Amendment Options and Consultation Results in Response to Three South of the Fraser Mayors’ Requests **APPROVED**

This report provides information and options for Committee and Board consideration in response to the requests from three South of Fraser Mayors regarding changes to *Metro 2050’s* Urban Containment Boundary and amendment process. In response to MVRD Board direction, staff undertook pre-consultation with affected local governments on four potential *Metro 2050* amendment options developed to respond to the requests.

Staff were requested to meet with five member-jurisdiction Councils, met with the Regional Administrators Advisory Committee, the Regional Engineers Advisory Committee, and the Regional Planning Advisory Committee, and received correspondence from ten member jurisdictions, TransLink, and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District Board. While feedback was largely critical of the amendment options (including from the requesting municipalities), all of the responses from member jurisdictions and other affected local governments acknowledge the concerns raised by the requesting municipalities, including the challenges of rapid growth and the desire for flexibility and local autonomy.

Key themes in the correspondence include:

- Request for more time and information to consider and analyze the amendment options;
- Concern about undermining the fundamental tenets of the Regional Growth Strategy;
- Noting that *Metro 2050* already contains procedures for amendments that allow for regional dialogue;
- Recommendation that major changes to amendment processes are better managed through the next update to the Regional Growth Strategy; and
- Suggestion to undertake a more comprehensive analysis of the Urban Containment Boundary and sewerage areas.

This report responds to feedback by recommending a targeted Special Study Area for the Fraser Highway Employment Lands, initiating further process improvements to streamline Regional Growth Strategy amendments, and further engagement with Surrey and support for Surrey’s city-led servicing and land use analysis for the Southeast Surrey area.

The Township of Langley identified the Fraser Highway Employment Lands as a potential Special Study Area where significant local planning and technical study is already completed or underway, and requested that Metro Vancouver bring the area forward for regional consideration. Establishing a regional Special Study Area for these lands acknowledges this work, and provides a structured mechanism for the Township to continue its detailed analysis, while ensuring any future regional land use changes proceed through the established *Metro 2050* amendment process. The Township is also proposing the removal of two existing Special Study Areas.

The City of Delta emphasized that its primary concerns relate to the efficiency of the *Metro 2050* amendment process, not the proposed amendment options or voting framework. Through its submission, Delta noted that improving timelines and simplifying procedural steps would better support member jurisdictions when navigating *Metro 2050* amendments. In response, the recommendation includes the implementation of several process improvements identified through this consultation. These actions are intended to reduce administrative steps, shorten review timelines, and make the amendment process more straightforward for member jurisdictions.

The City of Surrey indicated that the four proposed amendment options do not meet its aspirations for greater flexibility in accommodating long-term residential and employment growth. Through subsequent discussions, Metro Vancouver and Surrey staff identified the Rurally designated Southeast portion of Surrey as the primary area of interest for potential land use change, and acknowledged that the infrastructure implications of development in this area are not yet fully understood. Both parties agreed that a City-led, and Metro Vancouver supported, study looking at future land use, servicing and infrastructure is a next step to inform future decision making. Staff also committed to continued engagement on broader *Metro 2050* issues.

At its April 2, 2026 meeting, the Regional Planning Committee considered the report titled “Reporting Back on *Metro 2050* Amendment Options and Consultation Results in Response to Three South of the Fraser Mayors’ Requests”, dated March 25, 2026.

Metro Vancouver’s Regional Planning and Housing Services department has since received a late letter submission from the City of North Vancouver in response to a call for consultation on Proposed Metro 2050 Amendments.

The Board initiated the *Metro 2050* amendment process for creating a Special Study Area for the Fraser Highway Employment Lands, including giving three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1456, 2026*. The Board also directed staff to initiate further process improvements to streamline amendment processes and timelines to respond to City of Delta’s input, and to continue to engage with the City of Surrey Mayor and Council regarding *Metro 2050* and regional servicing implication of potential development in the southeast portion of Surrey.

G3.1 MVRD Air Quality Management Fees Regulation Bylaw No. 1440, 2026

ADOPTED

At its January 16, 2026 meeting, the Air Quality Committee considered proposed amendments to *MVRD Air Quality Management Fees Regulation Bylaw No. 1330, 2021 (MVRD Bylaw No. 1330, 2021)* and directed staff to undertake further engagement with the Province of BC before returning with revised recommendations. This report provides the requested report back. It outlines the outcomes of additional discussions with Provincial staff, summarizes how Provincial recommendations and other engagement input have informed additional bylaw changes, and presents a replacement bylaw for consideration by the Committee and MVRD Board.

Based on the Committee’s direction in January, Metro Vancouver staff engaged directly with Provincial staff over the past two months to address the concerns raised, particularly those related to competitiveness challenges in the BC economy. The proposed *MVRD Air Quality Management Fees*

Regulation Bylaw No. 1440, 2026 presented in this report reflects the outcomes of that focused engagement and repeals and replaces MVRD Bylaw No. 1330, 2021. Affected businesses are aware of the revisions and are generally supportive.

The proposed bylaw remains time-sensitive, as delaying adoption could result in higher fees being charged to some permit holders under the current bylaw, as shown below:

Annual Total Emission Fees for Example Facilities			
Sector	Last Year	Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw
Wood Product Manufacturer (plywood for construction)	\$100,900	\$145,600	\$115,600
Renewable Energy Producer (agricultural sector)	\$8,300	\$57,000	\$9,800
Animal Feed Manufacturer	\$2,200	\$172,100	\$3,500
Application Fees			
Cement Manufacturer (for local concrete)	No Application	\$610,000	\$50,000

The proposed bylaw includes changes to:

- Freeze fee rates at 2026 levels until late 2028, once the proposed updates described below have been incorporated;
- Cap permit application fees;
- Clarify and simplify the approach for odorous air contaminants and reduce some fee rates;
- Clarify definitions and align with provincial and federal legislation;
- Clarify fee calculations; and
- Include a provision to review fees by late 2028, and then every four years thereafter.

The changes improve competitiveness, clarity, and predictability of the fees, while supporting the costs of delivering an effective air quality management program.

At its April 10, 2026 meeting, the Air Quality Committee considered the report titled “MVRD Air Quality Management Fees Regulation Bylaw No. 1440, 2026”, dated April 1, 2026. The Committee subsequently passed the recommendation.

In discussing the proposed Bylaw that repeals and replaces the current bylaw that establishes air quality management fees, the committee emphasized the importance of having alignment with the Province and requested more information regarding the time sensitivity of the proposed Bylaw.

On April 16, 2026, the Province sent the letter of support recognizing general alignment with the key recommendations previously provided to Metro Vancouver, while continuing to meet Metro Vancouver’s air quality protection and cost-recovery objectives.

MVRD bylaws cannot be applied retroactively. The proposed Bylaw remains time-sensitive, as delaying its consideration and potential adoption could result in higher fees being charged to some regulated businesses under the current bylaw. Annual invoicing work for authorized emissions from permitted facilities typically begins in April of each year. Invoicing work will not start this year until the MVRD Board decides on the proposed Bylaw.

In addition, the reduced permit application fees in the proposed Bylaw would apply only to applications received after the adoption of the proposed Bylaw. Some major permit applications are anticipated in 2026 and 2027.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Fees Regulation Bylaw No. 1440, 2026*.

G4.1 Metro Vancouver Development Cost Charges – Proposed Approach for Agricultural Development **ADOPTED**

In 2024, the agricultural sector raised concerns about the unintended consequences of Metro Vancouver’s new Water and Park Acquisition Development Cost Charges (DCCs) on agricultural development. Under Metro Vancouver’s current DCC program, all non-residential development is grouped into a single rate category. Historically, Metro Vancouver collected DCCs only for liquid waste services, and because most agricultural lands fall outside regional sewerage areas, agricultural developments were not required to pay DCCs.

When Metro Vancouver introduced new DCCs for Water in 2023, followed by the addition of Regional Parkland Acquisition DCCs in 2025, these new charges began applying to agricultural buildings that require building permits, such as glass greenhouses. Agricultural developments were grouped into the employment DCC category alongside other non-residential uses, but the implications of applying this category to agricultural activities, given their distinct characteristics and minimal regional infrastructure impact had not been fully considered.

In response to concerns that were raised by the agricultural sector, Metro Vancouver committed to both immediate and longer-term solutions. Interim bylaws were adopted in 2025 to waive Regional Parkland Acquisition DCCs and to reduce Water DCCs by 98% for agricultural projects designed to have a low environmental impact. A subsequent technical study confirmed that agricultural development currently has negligible impact on regional water and wastewater systems and generates minimal growth-related demand. Based on these findings, the 2028–2030 DCC Bylaw Update proposes establishing a dedicated Agricultural DCC rate set at \$0, with ongoing monitoring to reassess impacts over time.

To align current practice with this long-term direction, staff recommend the Boards adopt interim bylaws to convert the 98% Water DCC reduction to a full waiver, introduce a parallel waiver for Liquid Waste DCCs for agricultural properties within sewered areas, and make a minor housekeeping update to the existing Regional Parkland Acquisition waiver.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Waiver for Agricultural Development Designed to Result in a Low Environmental Impact Amendment Bylaw No. 1455, 2026*.

H1 Notice of Motion**REFERRED**

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Director Kooner on March 27, 2026 for April 24, 2026 MVRD Board Meeting:

WHEREAS Section 5.4 of the Board Governance Review identified concerns regarding limited Board visibility into projects below approval thresholds, particularly where change orders materially increase total project costs;

AND WHEREAS such practices may expose the organization to financial risk and reduce transparency and oversight;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MVRD Board direct staff to engage KPMG to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the current procurement policy, including signing authorities and the treatment of change orders that cumulatively may cause projects to exceed the \$10 million approval threshold;
2. Assess existing financial policies for potential risks to the taxpayer, including analysis of open contractual liabilities as of December 31, 2025, and the projected 10-year financial outlook;
3. Provide recommendations that will continue to strengthen governance, enhance transparency, and align policies with best practices informed by benchmarking against comparable large regional districts with similar asset bases, growth trajectories, and debt and revenue structures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVRD Board direct staff to report back to the Board with findings, recommendations, and options for implementation.

The Board referred the Notice of Motion to the Governance Committee.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received nine information items from six standing committees and no delegation summaries.

Regional Parks Committee – April 1, 2026

Information Items:

E3 Derby Reach Regional Park – Campground Expansion

The Edgewater Bar Campground at Derby Reach Regional Park offers a unique camping experience along the Fraser River. The campground is easily accessible and popular, with all 38 campsites fully booked throughout the summer season.

Design is underway for expansion of the campground that will add 28 Recreational Vehicle (RV) and car campsites and 10 walk-in campsites, a new access road, picnic shelter, and supporting amenities.

In 2025, Metro Vancouver initiated public and First Nation engagement, completed archaeological investigations, carried out detailed technical studies, and developed a Concept Plan for the proposed expansion. Detailed design is now underway with implementation scheduled to begin in 2027.

This report provides a summary of the public and First Nation engagement, proposed Concept Plan, and timeline for detailed design and construction of the campground expansion at Derby Reach Regional Park.

Regional Planning Committee – April 2, 2026

Information Items:

E2 Housing 2050 Policy Research Program

Housing 2050: A Roadmap to Implement Metro 2050’s Housing Goal will advance affordable rental housing through regional action, strengthened evidence-based advocacy, and improved coordination across governments. Building on previous regional work and engagement with member jurisdictions, local First Nations, federal and provincial governments and agencies, and housing advocacy organizations. Areas of interest to member jurisdictions that hold collective benefits and warrant further exploration through coordinated research were identified. Four initiatives were proposed and approved in the 2026 Regional Planning work plan and budget:

1. Assessing the impacts of provincial legislation and market conditions on local government affordable housing tools.
2. Measuring the value of local government contributions.
3. Evaluating successful multi-jurisdictional approaches for affordable housing.
4. Assessing federal and provincial lands within *Metro 2050* transit-oriented geographies to support the 15% affordable rental housing target.

At its March meeting, the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), passed a resolution endorsing the research program and confirming the first two initiatives provide direct value to members. This work will consolidate information, reduce duplication, and support local and regional efforts.

E4 Metro 2050 Advocacy Update

Metro 2050 highlights regional federation priorities for engaging provincial and federal governments and other partners on topics related to land use, housing, jobs, environment, farmland, transportation, and infrastructure. The majority of advocacy actions in Metro 2050 are directed at the provincial and federal governments, but also involve Health Authorities, TransLink, neighbouring regional districts, port and airport authorities, utilities, and member jurisdictions.

Since the release of Metro 2050, a number of advocacy objectives, mostly related to housing and transportation, have been achieved or progressed through direct advocacy by Metro Vancouver in collaboration with member jurisdictions and other stakeholders. Despite this progress, new and evolving challenges are also emerging, and Metro Vancouver is responsive to the priorities of the MVRD Board and its member jurisdictions, and works to support coordination and collaboration with other orders of government and other key partners.

Governance Committee – April 9, 2026

Information Items:

E1 Annual Review of Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy

An annual review of the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy is a recurring item on the Governance Committee work plan for the second quarter of each year. The Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy was adopted by the MVRD Board in January 2025, and is now being presented for its first annual review.

While the Policy is now before the Governance Committee for its first annual review, the Committee may wish to wait until further information is received from the Province, which just provided notice that two bills have been introduced regarding codes of conduct for local elected officials, and that additional guidance will be provided later this year. However, if the Committee does wish to review any specific areas at this time, this direction can be provided to staff at the April Governance Committee meeting, and staff will return with additional information at a subsequent meeting.

At its April 9, 2026 meeting, the Governance Committee considered the report titled “Annual Review of Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy” dated April 2, 2026. The Committee received the report for information and discussed reviewing the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy after additional information is provided by the Province regarding recently tabled legislation that would impact codes of conduct for local elected officials.

The Governance Committee also discussed the ability to advance some near-term changes and directed staff to bring back the policy with inclusion of an updated Confidentiality Framework for Board and Committee Members, as well as policies around conflicts of interest, and acceptance of gifts.

Mayors Committee – April 10, 2026

Information Items:

H2 Shared Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure Challenges: Discussion with Provincial Minister

At its meeting on October 17, 2025, the Mayors Committee received for information a report titled, “Regional Housing and Development Context – Emerging Issues and Metro Vancouver Initiatives” and participated in a discussion on shared issues related to the challenging development context facing the region. A resolution was passed to invite relevant Provincial Ministers to a forthcoming Mayors Committee meeting to discuss provincial housing priorities. The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, is confirmed to attend the April 10, 2026 Mayors Committee meeting in response. This report provides background and context to support the discussion, including a summary of key issues for engagement with the Province of BC, including financial capacity and infrastructure, housing affordability and non-market supply, and policy alignment and implementation.

Indigenous Relations Committee – April 16, 2026

Information Items:

E1 New Federal-xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band) Agreement and Reactions

On February 20, 2026, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band) and Canada signed three agreements recognizing xʷməθkʷəy̓əm Aboriginal rights and establishing collaborative roles in stewardship, fisheries, and marine management. The Rights Recognition Agreement acknowledges that Aboriginal rights, including title, exist within xʷməθkʷəy̓əm traditional territory, but the Agreement does not define the scope of those rights. Instead, the Agreement creates a framework for negotiating what specific rights exist, where they apply, and how they will be exercised.

Public discussion regarding the Rights Recognition Agreement has focused on private property, overlapping territories, and federal communication. Canada and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm have stated that the Agreement does not affect fee-simple property or assign land title. Some lawyers have noted that the Agreement lacks explicit protections for private property, while others say that the Agreement does not grant title over the entire territory and that future negotiations will balance public and Indigenous interests. Several commentators have criticized Canada’s public communications concerning the Rights Recognition Agreement. Some First Nations have raised concerns about potential impacts on their own rights.

E2 Overview of Training Activities from 2021-2026

Metro Vancouver provides training and learning opportunities to strengthen Metro Vancouver staff understanding of Indigenous relations and support the integration of reconciliation into their work. This training responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #57:

We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

In addition to cultural competency training, Metro Vancouver delivers training tailored to Metro Vancouver–specific contexts, roles, and best practices. Metro Vancouver also organizes an annual Indigenous relations training session for municipal staff through the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Indigenous Relations.

This report summarizes training activities from the last five years.

E3 Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities

This update report provides a summary of reconciliation events and activities undertaken or planned by the Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations team for the first and second quarters of 2026, including running trainings, supporting meaningful engagement with First Nations, and distributing educational materials to staff. The report also includes a new section with examples of questions received by the Indigenous Relations team over the quarters.

Performance and Audit Committee – April 17, 2026

Information Items:

E1 Metro Vancouver Regional District Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2025

The 2025 financial statements received an unqualified (“clean”) audit opinion by the external auditors, KPMG Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants (“KPMG”) and will be finalized upon approval by the Board on April 24, 2026.

Under provincial legislation, an external audit must be undertaken annually for the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD), Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD), Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) and the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC).

The report, prepared by KPMG, summarizes the results of the 2025 annual audit. The Board appointed KPMG as the external auditors for the MVRD, GVWD, GVS&DD, and MVHC in July 2024, for a period of five years. Fiscal year 2025 is the second year of that five-year period.

The audit has been conducted using Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. There were no new accounting standards implemented in 2025. Significant changes to reporting standards and financial statement presentation will be effective for fiscal 2027. Staff will work to assess the impact of these new standards in the upcoming year.

Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation

E1.1 Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan - Communications Strategy

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This report provides an overview of the Communications Strategy for the launch of the *Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan*, including communications objectives, audiences, approaches, and key messages. The *Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan* was publicly launched in March 2026. Communications will focus on increasing awareness of the adoption of the *Metro Vancouver 10-Year Plan* and the work of Metro Vancouver Housing, especially among member jurisdictions, funders, and the broader community. Staff will provide an update on the implementation of the Communications Strategy by the end of 2026.

The Communications Strategy positions the plan as a clear, pragmatic response to a persistent regional shortfall in affordable rental housing, demonstrates what positions Metro Vancouver Housing to deliver at scale, including its large land base, mixed-income model, portfolio-based approach, and proven track record, and spotlights the organization's capacity to deliver 2,000 new and redeveloped homes over ten years.

Communications is geared towards member jurisdictions, provincial and federal governments, non-profit housing and private sector developers, housing and planning media, interested public, and potential and existing tenants. A variety of activities will support the launch of the *Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan*, including a media release, distribution to Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly serving Metro Vancouver communities, including federal and provincial Housing Ministers, social media posts, Metro Vancouver materials and website, and conference presentations.

The Board received this report for information.

E2.1 2025 Annual Financial Results and Audited Financial Statements

APPROVED

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The Board received this report for information and approved the Audited 2025 Financial Statements for the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation.

E2.2 2026 - Status of Financial Reserves

APPROVED

This report is being brought forward for approval of reserve applications and transfers based on the 2025 year-end financial results. These proposed applications and transfers, as presented in Attachment 1 of the report, are consistent with the use of reserves as defined in the *Financial Reserves Policy*. The proposed application includes a) a transfer of \$54 million from Operating Reserves (\$15M for Water, \$21M for Liquid Waste and \$18M for Solid Waste) to fund capital expenditures, reducing long-term borrowing requirements, and b) for entities and functions that do not have a capital borrowing requirement, a transfer of \$55.1 million from Operating Reserves to Discretionary Reserves and Statutory Reserves for funding future expenditure.

The Board approved the applications and transfers of reserves.

Greater Vancouver Water District

E1.1 GVWD 2025 Water Quality Annual Report

RECEIVED

All of the health-based water quality parameters monitored by Metro Vancouver for the regional drinking water supply met the requirements within the Greater Vancouver Water District’s (GVWD) water supply operating permit, the provincial water quality regulations, and the federal *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality* (GCDWQ).

The GVWD 2025 Water Quality Annual Report is required under the provincial *Drinking Water Protection Regulation* (DWPR). The annual report summarizes the analysis of approximately 169,000 tests conducted on samples collected from the GVWD source reservoirs, water treatment plants, and transmission system, as well as microbiological and select chemical water quality testing results from member jurisdictions’ systems supplied by the GVWD.

The Board received this report for information.

E1.2 Award of ITT 25-001 for Construction of Annacis Main South – Scott Road Section (Annacis Main No. 5 South – Contract 4B) APPROVED

B&B Contracting (2012) Ltd. (B&B) tender was identified as the lowest cost compliant bid, and on that basis, it is recommended that the GVWD Board award ITT 25-001 to B&B. B&B has a successful track record of completing projects for GVWD.

The Annacis Water Main South - Scott Road Section is located in Surrey and Delta and includes installation of 1 kilometre of 1.8 metre diameter water main. When combined with the Annacis Water Supply Tunnel and the Annacis Water Main North, these projects will significantly increase water supply capacity south of Fraser River to the Kennedy Reservoir.

ITT 25-001 was issued on December 9, 2025, to seven pre-qualified tenderers and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The ITT 25-001 evaluation team have considered the tenders received, and on that basis recommend that the GVWD Board award ITT 25-001 to B&B.

The Board awarded ITT 25-001 for construction of Annacis Water Main South - Scott Road Section to B&B Contracting Ltd. in the amount of up to \$27,142,600 as recommended.

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The Board approved the applications and transfers of reserves.

E2.3 Semi-Annual Report on Development Cost Charges for GVS&DD, GVWD and MVRD (Regional Parks)

RECEIVED

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Total DCC revenues for 2025 were \$357.01 million, comprised of \$210.76 million in cash receipts and \$146.25 million in amounts deferred/owing. This represents a significant increase compared to 2024, reflecting higher DCC rates that came into effect on January 1, 2025, and due to developers accelerating applications to secure lower 2024 rates under “in stream” protection provisions. Revenue collected in the second half of 2025 declined relative to both the first half of the year and the same period in 2024, reflecting changes to provincial legislation as well as increasingly challenging development market conditions across the region.

Looking forward, DCC revenues are expected to become more volatile given current development market uncertainty, continued effects of provincial legislative changes, and upcoming policy decisions. The Board is considering potential reductions to DCC rates as part of the 2027 budget process, which could also

affect future revenue levels. Finance will continue to closely monitor DCC collection trends and report regularly to the Board.

The Board received this report for information.

G1.1 Greater Vancouver Water District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 272, 2026

ADOPTED

As part of the regular financial planning cycle and as per the GVWD DCC bylaw, each year an updated Development Cost Charge (DCC) Expenditure Bylaw is provided to the GVWD Board for approval. The proposed *Greater Vancouver Water District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 272, 2026* provides the authority for 2025 annual funding for growth capital debt servicing amounts and growth capital project expenditures. In total, \$8.7 million of DCCs were applied for growth capital debt servicing in 2025, exceeding the forecasted amount of \$5.9 million due to higher than anticipated growth-related project costs and related long-term borrowing requirements.

Total DCC revenue in 2025 was \$185.7 million (\$110.0 million in cash and \$75.7 million in deferred/owing DCCs), up from \$57.5 million in 2024. Total GVWD DCCs reserve balances as at December 31, 2025 were \$237.1 million, with \$147.32 million in cash received and available for funding growth-related capital projects, and \$89.78 million in deferred DCCs to be received within the next four years, based on recent changes to Provincial installment provisions. The DCC rates are reviewed regularly as part of the budget process to ensure that Metro Vancouver stays current and maximizes this revenue stream to reduce rate impacts of the Water District growth capital program.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Greater Vancouver Water District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 272, 2026*.

G1.2 Metro Vancouver Development Cost Charges – Proposed Approach for Agricultural Development

ADOPTED

In 2024, the agricultural sector raised concerns about the unintended consequences of Metro Vancouver's new Water and Park Acquisition Development Cost Charges (DCCs) on agricultural development. Under Metro Vancouver's current DCC program, all non-residential development is grouped into a single rate category. Historically, Metro Vancouver collected DCCs only for liquid waste services, and because most agricultural lands fall outside regional sewerage areas, agricultural developments were not required to pay DCCs.

When Metro Vancouver introduced new DCCs for Water in 2023, followed by the addition of Regional Parkland Acquisition DCCs in 2025, these new charges began applying to agricultural buildings that require building permits, such as glass greenhouses. Agricultural developments were grouped into the employment DCC category alongside other non-residential uses, but the implications of applying this category to agricultural activities, given their distinct characteristics and minimal regional infrastructure impact had not been fully considered.

In response to concerns that were raised by the agricultural sector, Metro Vancouver committed to both immediate and longer-term solutions. Interim bylaws were adopted in 2025 to waive Regional Parkland Acquisition DCCs and to reduce Water DCCs by 98% for agricultural projects designed to have a low environmental impact. A subsequent technical study confirmed that agricultural development currently

has negligible impact on regional water and wastewater systems and generates minimal growth-related demand. Based on these findings, the 2028–2030 DCC Bylaw Update proposes establishing a dedicated Agricultural DCC rate set at \$0, with ongoing monitoring to reassess impacts over time.

To align current practice with this long-term direction, staff recommend the Boards adopt interim bylaws to convert the 98% Water DCC reduction to a full waiver, introduce a parallel waiver for Liquid Waste DCCs for agricultural properties within sewered areas, and make a minor housekeeping update to the existing Regional Parkland Acquisition waiver.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Greater Vancouver Water District Development Cost Charge Reduction for Agricultural Development Designed to Result in a Low Environmental Impact Amendment Bylaw No. 271, 2026*.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received three information items from one standing committee and no delegation summaries.

Water Committee – April 8, 2026

Information Items:

E1 Proximal Works Reviews to Protect GVWD Infrastructure

Construction work in proximity to regional drinking water infrastructure has the potential to cause damage or disruption to the regional drinking water supply system. To mitigate risks, Metro Vancouver staff review and provide consent to over 300 proximal work submissions each year and arrange inspection services as required.

Smaller-scale, less complex submissions from contractors, consultants and municipal project managers are categorized as external ‘standard’ projects, while large-scale regional infrastructure projects with multi-year construction schedules are classified as external ‘interagency projects’. The program also supports projects from internal Metro Vancouver groups that require proximal review.

By providing timely review and technical input, typically during the design process, the proximal works program ensures the long-term resilience of the regional drinking water system while reducing costs and risks to major regional infrastructure projects.

E2 GVWD 2025 Water Supply System Annual Update

The GVWD Water Supply System 2025 Annual Update, summarizes key initiatives undertaken by the Greater Vancouver Water District, operating as Metro Vancouver, to continue providing an uninterrupted supply of high-quality drinking water to the region. The report aligns with the Ministry of Health’s (Ministry) Guide for Communicating with Water Users and supports public awareness of the drinking water program, one of the six core elements of Health Canada’s Multi-Barrier Approach to Safe Drinking Water.

Delivering high-quality drinking water to over three million residents and businesses requires significant planning, coordination, and investment. In 2025, Metro Vancouver maintained reliable delivery through advanced system risk mitigation, water conservation and communication initiatives, water quality monitoring, and major maintenance activities. Significant capital projects were also undertaken to maintain and upgrade infrastructure, strengthen system resiliency, and support regional growth.

E4 Drinking Water Conservation Communications Update

Warmer summers and milder winters continue to increase pressure on the region’s drinking water supply — making conservation and compliance with seasonal water restrictions more important than ever.

Communication will focus on educating residents about water restrictions and promoting mindful outdoor water use which includes developing materials to support local jurisdictions’ public education and enforcement efforts.

The water conservation campaign, “It’s All Drinking Water,” reminds people that hose and tap water come from the same treated drinking water system, reinforcing the importance of using it wisely. The campaign will run from June to September across digital, outdoor, and broadcast media. The Water Wagon will offer free water refills at community events while engaging residents on tap water quality and conservation practices.

Additionally, resident’s adherence to water restrictions will support Metro Vancouver’s work to construct the Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel — helping ensure a resilient water supply for future generations.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

E1.1 Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Presentation

RECEIVED

The presentation, titled “The Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Presentation” is provided in support of the following items on the Zero Waste Committee meeting agenda for April 2, 2026:

- E2- Solid Waste Management Plan – Initial Draft Plan Engagement Summary;
- E3 - Report from Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel; and
- E4 - Draft Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Board received this report for information.

E1.2 Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Targets, Metrics, and Initial Draft Plan Engagement Summary

RECEIVED

Metro Vancouver is updating its solid waste management plan, building on its success as a North American leader in waste reduction and recycling. The plan update is supported by a robust and inclusive engagement process. The Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board received updates across all phases of the solid waste management plan update, and the GVS&DD Board previously approved components of the draft plan.

In late 2025, Metro Vancouver received feedback on draft targets and metrics from member jurisdiction staff and advisory committees. In early 2026, Metro Vancouver published an initial draft of the solid waste management plan and invited feedback from First Nations, member jurisdiction staff, neighbouring regional districts, advisory committees, extended producer responsibility organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and over 900 contacts who subscribed to updates on the solid waste management plan update.

In addition to feedback gathered through meetings, Metro Vancouver received 45 written submissions expressing varied degrees of support for the plan and identifying areas for strengthening or requests for revision. Engagement generated a wide range of input on topics including accessibility, reuse and repair, timeframe of targets, financial considerations, regulatory tools, and residual waste. Considering this feedback, Metro Vancouver revised the draft plan and is now providing it to the Zero Waste Committee for consideration prior to a public comment period and submission to the Ministry of Environment and Parks.

The Board received this report for information.

E1.3 Report from the Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel

RECEIVED

The Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel provided a report summarizing the panel’s reflections on engagement related to the solid waste management plan update. Below is the executive summary in the panel’s report:

The Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel is pleased to report that Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan engagement process represents a genuine step change from previous practice. Across our three tests — transparency, participation breadth, and innovation in reaching underrepresented communities — this final phase has continued to demonstrate meaningful and measurable progress.

Two challenges are worth naming directly: a persistent trust gap with a small sub-group of participants for whom the deliberative formats in this phase were poorly matched to their advocacy interests; and compressed timelines that lowered accessibility for some Collaborative Engagement participants.

Looking ahead, three opportunities stand out: sustaining the relational capital built, particularly with equity-denied groups and First Nations; innovating tools to better support shared understanding across divergent viewpoints; and, for broader benefit to Metro Vancouver’s other departments and the public sector generally, documenting and sharing the impacts of empowering an independent panel in the engagement process.

The Board received this report for information.

E1.4 Draft Solid Waste Management Plan

Following five years of engagement, this report presents a draft solid waste management plan to guide the region for the next 10 years and beyond. The Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board received updates across all five phases of the solid waste management plan update, and the GVS&DD Board has approved components of the updated plan. The updated plan emphasizes affordability, collaboration, and transparency, while continuing to position Metro Vancouver as a North American leader in waste prevention and recycling.

An initial draft solid waste management plan was published on January 22, 2026, and presented to the Zero Waste Committee on February 5, 2026. Feedback on the initial draft was received from a range of groups and individuals and considered in developing the revised draft Solid Waste Management Plan.

Key changes to the initial draft solid waste management plan following feedback include:

- a strategic principle of prioritizing local solid waste management solutions
- 2036 targets including sector specific targets
- key focus areas highlighting priority initiatives such as increasing multi-family diversion and reducing construction and demolition waste
- strengthened language with respect to implementation including education and outreach actions and actions tailored to newcomers and multilingual communities
- additional financial details including detail on allocation of expenditures to waste reduction and recycling within the five-year financial plan, and annual reporting on allocation of expenditures and efficacy of those expenditures

The Metro Vancouver solid waste system is cost effective compared to solid waste systems in other major Canadian cities, and provides reliable and resilient recycling and waste services to residents and businesses in the region. The Waste-to-Energy facility and Vancouver Landfill continue to be safe and cost-effective methods for managing residual garbage, and are approximately half the cost of remote disposal of garbage.

The Board directed staff to invite feedback on the draft updated solid waste management plan from First Nations, interested parties, and the public; requested that the Board Chair and the Zero Waste Committee Chair invite feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan from member jurisdictions and adjacent regional districts; and authorized the Board Chair and the Zero Waste Committee Chair to submit the plan to the Ministry of Environment and Parks, materially in the form attached to the report, along with feedback received by August 1, 2026.

E1.5 Award of RFP No. 25-580 for Organics Management for Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centres to Arrow Transportation System Inc. APPROVED

Arrow’s proposal ranked highest overall, with the highest technical score, and demonstrated best value overall for Metro Vancouver.

The current contracts for managing organics at the North Shore, Maple Ridge, and Langley recycling and waste centres expire at the end of June 2026. Materials managed include yard trimmings, clean wood, municipally collected organics (combined yard trimmings and food scraps), and commercially collected organics (food scraps from multi-family and commercial/institutional sources).

RFP No. 25-580 was issued on December 23, 2025, and advertised publicly and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The RFP No. 25-580 evaluation team have considered the two proposals received, and on that basis recommend that the GVS&DD award RFP No. 25-580 for Organics Management for Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centres to Arrow Transportation System Inc. (“Arrow”).

The cost for services under this contract will be funded through tipping fees set through *GVS&DD Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Bylaw No. 379, 2024*.

Staff will continue to explore opportunities to strengthen organics management across the region. Initiatives under consideration include managing additional organics at the United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre and identifying new opportunities to support the development of additional local organics processing capacity.

The Board approved the award of RFP No. 25-580 to Arrow Transportation System Inc. for Organics Management for Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centres, in the amount of up to \$80,577,000 as recommended.

E2.1 Award of RFP No. 25-387 for Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Refurbishment Project APPROVED

Chandos Construction LP’s proposal ranked highest overall, provided the lowest cost and demonstrated best value overall for Metro Vancouver.

The work to be provided under this contract includes construction services to refurbish the four trickling filters (TF) at the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (LIWWTP), including replacing filter media, rotary distributors, concrete liners, foul air ducting and other elements.

RFP No. 25-387 was issued on December 3, 2025 to the five prequalified vendors, and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The RFP No. 25-387 evaluation team have considered the proposals received, and on that basis recommend that the GVS&DD Board award RFP No. 25-387 to Chandos Construction LP.

The Board approved the award of RFP No. 25-387 for the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Refurbishment Project, in the amount of up to \$27,761,277.08 (exclusive of taxes) to Chandos Construction LP as recommended.

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**G1.1 GVS&DD Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment ADOPTED
Bylaw No. 400, 2026 - Amends Bylaw No. 379, 2024**

The Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Bylaw No. 379, 2024 (Tipping Fee Bylaw) sets rates and requirements at Metro Vancouver solid waste facilities.

This report recommends amendments to the Tipping Fee Bylaw effective July 1, 2026, including a \$2 per tonne increase to the garbage tipping fee for loads between 1.0 and 7.99 tonnes and loads greater than 8 tonnes, and increases to recycling fees for municipal organics, mixed organics (including multi-family and commercial/institutional organics), yard trimmings, and clean wood. The increases in garbage tipping fees are proposed to allocate some of the costs for multi-family and commercial/institutional organics to garbage tipping fees, thereby minimizing the difference in cost between organics recycling and disposal costs.

Municipal organics are delivered to the North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre primarily by the five north shore municipalities. The increase in cost for municipal organics is significant but is required to align with processing costs. With rates for processing municipal organics set in the Tipping Fee Bylaw, municipalities have the option of securing organics processing independently of Metro Vancouver if they choose to.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 400, 2026*.

G2.1 Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 399, 2026 **ADOPTED**

As part of the regular financial planning cycle and as per the GVS&DD DCC bylaw, each year an updated Development Cost Charge (DCC) Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw is provided to the GVS&DD Board for approval. The proposed *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 399, 2026* provides the authority for 2025 annual funding for growth capital debt servicing amounts and growth capital project expenditures. In total, \$110.7 million in DCCs were used to fund the growth program in 2025, which is slightly lower than the budgeted amount of \$117.9 million.

Total DCC revenue for GVS&DD in 2025 was \$168.1 million (\$98.8 million cash and \$69.3 million in deferred /owing DCCs), up from \$119.3 million in 2024. Total GVS&DD DCC reserve balances as at December 31, 2025 were \$362.0 million, with \$257.8 million in cash received and available for funding growth-related capital projects, and \$104.2 million in deferred DCCs to be received within the next four years, based on recent changes to provincial installment provisions. The DCC rates are reviewed regularly as part of the budget process to ensure that Metro Vancouver stays current and optimizes revenue streams to reduce rate impacts of the Liquid Waste growth capital program.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 399, 2026*.

G2.2 Metro Vancouver Development Cost Charges – Proposed Approach for Agricultural Development **ADOPTED**

In 2024, the agricultural sector raised concerns about the unintended consequences of Metro Vancouver’s new Water and Park Acquisition Development Cost Charges (DCCs) on agricultural development. Under Metro Vancouver’s current DCC program, all non-residential development is grouped into a single rate category. Historically, Metro Vancouver collected DCCs only for liquid waste services, and because most agricultural lands fall outside regional sewerage areas, agricultural developments were not required to pay DCCs.

When Metro Vancouver introduced new DCCs for Water in 2023, followed by the addition of Regional Parkland Acquisition DCCs in 2025, these new charges began applying to agricultural buildings that require building permits, such as glass greenhouses. Agricultural developments were grouped into the employment DCC category alongside other non-residential uses, but the implications of applying this category to agricultural activities, given their distinct characteristics and minimal regional infrastructure impact had not been fully considered.

In response to concerns that were raised by the agricultural sector, Metro Vancouver committed to both immediate and longer-term solutions. Interim bylaws were adopted in 2025 to waive Regional Parkland Acquisition DCCs and to reduce Water DCCs by 98% for agricultural projects designed to have a low environmental impact. A subsequent technical study confirmed that agricultural development currently has negligible impact on regional water and wastewater systems and generates minimal growth-related

demand. Based on these findings, the 2028–2030 DCC Bylaw Update proposes establishing a dedicated Agricultural DCC rate set at \$0, with ongoing monitoring to reassess impacts over time.

To align current practice with this long-term direction, staff recommend the Boards adopt interim bylaws to convert the 98% Water DCC reduction to a full waiver, introduce a parallel waiver for Liquid Waste DCCs for agricultural properties within sewered areas, and make a minor housekeeping update to the existing Regional Parkland Acquisition waiver.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Waiver for Agricultural Development Designed to Result in a Low Environmental Impact Bylaw No. 398, 2026*.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received one information item from one standing committee and one delegation summaries.

Zero Waste Committee – April 2, 2026

Delegations:

C1 Russ Black, President, Wastech Services Inc.

Suggestions for Improving the 2026 Strong Solid Waste Management Plan

Information Items:

E7 2026 Behaviour Change Campaign Update

Behaviour change campaigns are part of a suite of education, enforcement (policy), and engineering efforts by Metro Vancouver to reduce waste in the region. Four campaigns that support waste reduction and recycling goals will run in 2026 — these include “Food Scraps Aren’t Garbage” (food scraps recycling, March to May), “Repair and Re-Wear” (textiles waste reduction, March to April), “Love Food Hate Waste Canada” (food waste prevention, summer TBC), and “What’s Your Superhabit?” (single-use item reduction, summer TBC). As part of the 2025 Services and Cost Efficiencies Review, the holiday waste reduction campaign, “Create Memories, Not Garbage,” was discontinued due to high competition for paid media space and consumer attention during the holidays, combined with challenges in measuring change in behaviour. The four campaigns for 2026 are planned to continue in 2027 with similar budget allocations.