



December 2025



Metro Vancouver's Board Chair and Vice Chair Acclaimed

Burnaby Mayor Mike Hurley and Anmore Mayor John McEwen have been [acclaimed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively](#), of the Metro Vancouver Boards of Directors.

Chair Hurley and Vice Chair McEwen also oversee the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District, Greater Vancouver Water District, and Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation boards. They are elected for a one-year term.

Chair Hurley was first elected as Board Chair in June 2024. Vice Chair McEwen will be serving his third term as Vice Chair.



Metro Vancouver Board Governance Tracker Available

You can now follow the progress of all Board Governance Review recommendations online.

Earlier this year, Deloitte Canada completed an independent Board Governance Review, confirming that Metro Vancouver's governance is strong and widely recognized as a leader in regional planning and infrastructure delivery. A Governance Committee was created to actively consider and implement the review's recommendations and to strengthen our practices even further.



Metro Vancouver Housing Advances its 10-Year Plan with Kingston Gardens Completion

Metro Vancouver Housing has completed a new building at [Kingston Gardens](#) in Surrey's Guildford neighbourhood. The new building adds 85 new non-market rental homes designed for families, seniors, and people with disabilities. The Kingston Gardens redevelopment is part of the Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan to expand non-market rental housing and respond to the region's growing housing needs.



Explore One of Metro Vancouver's Most Ecologically Important Wetlands

Widgeon Marsh Regional Park is now open for [limited public access](#), offering opportunities to experience one of the region's most ecologically important wetlands while ensuring its sensitive habitats remain protected. Parking and weekend shuttle reservations are required.



UBCM Sustainability Award Highlights Metro Vancouver's Repair Café Initiative

This fall, Metro Vancouver received the Union of BC Municipalities Community Excellence Award in Sustainability for work expanding repair cafés across the region in collaboration with member jurisdictions. The project was recognized for its social value in empowering citizens, building community, and broad and diverse engagement, in addition to its core waste reduction goals.

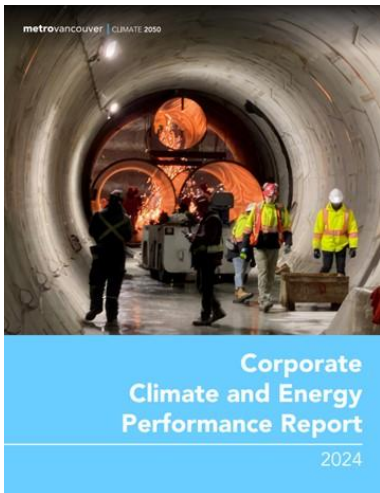
At repair cafés, residents bring broken items for free repairs and get advice from skilled community volunteers.



Updated Tool Helps Policymakers Explore Affordable Housing Scenario

Metro Vancouver's new Inclusionary Housing Calculator in 2024 is an interactive, web-based tool to help policymakers, planners, and the general public better understand inclusionary housing. The tool has been updated for 2025 with the latest available data on costs, rents, financing and other variables to keep current with market changes. The tool lets users test a range of policy scenarios to see how different variables impact the feasibility of providing affordable housing in market developments.

Try the calculator: [Inclusionary Housing Calculator](#)



Corporate Climate Report Shows Strong Progress Toward 2030 Emissions Target

Metro Vancouver is on track to meet its 2030 target of reducing corporate energy-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 45 per cent below 2010 levels. This year's Corporate Climate and Energy Performance Report presents Metro Vancouver's organizational actions and progress in taking meaningful climate action, including investing in cleaner energy, adopting efficient technologies, and continuously improving how energy is used.

Learn more: [Corporate Climate and Energy Performance Report](#)
Read: [Climate 2050 Progress Report](#)



Lead the Charge Toward a Cleaner Future

In collaboration with other local partners, Metro Vancouver released a new toolkit on deploying EV charging stations in the region. This provides local governments with a recommended approach to establish a consistent, clear process to navigate increased requests from electric vehicle charging developers.

Learn more: [Streamlining Public EV Charging Regulations and Approvals](#)

Read: [Guidance for deploying public EV charging](#)



Building a Resilient Water System

The Capilano Pump Station backup power system project, part of the broader Capilano Water Supply Area Infrastructure Upgrades, is nearly complete. Full installation is expected by the end of the year, with final testing and commissioning to follow shortly thereafter. The new backup power system is designed to withstand a major earthquake and will operate through power outages, ensuring the delivery of high-quality drinking water to the region.

Learn more: [Capilano Water Supply Area Infrastructure Upgrades](#)



23,000 Residents Help Keep Surrey Clean Through Free Drop-Off Program

From May to September 2025, the City of Surrey, in collaboration with Metro Vancouver, provided free drop-off for garbage and paid recyclables (up to 100 kilograms) at the North Surrey and Central Surrey recycling and waste centres. Working together reduced costs and increased collection of materials with 23,000 residents dropping off 3,000 tonnes of garbage and recyclables helping to keep the city clean and reduce illegal dumping.

Find a location: [Recycling and Waste Centres](#)

Learn more: [Report on City of Surrey Waste Drop Off Event](#)



Global Delegations Visit Metro Vancouver to Explore Growth in Aerospace and Tech

Invest Vancouver supported recent delegations from the Netherlands, Belgium, and Japan, engaging with more than 50 companies, investors, and entrepreneurs exploring the region's aerospace and tech industries.

Invest Vancouver promoted the region's competitive advantages and value proposition by providing prospective companies with business intelligence and market insights, as well as curating familiarization tours that position the Metro Vancouver region as a prime destination for expansion and investment opportunities.

Both aerospace and tech industries have experienced significant growth, largely supported by the region's skilled talent pool, thriving innovative ecosystem, and supportive investment community.

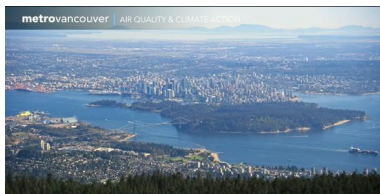
Learn more: [Invest Vancouver](#)

Upcoming events

- December 5 – 7, 12 – 14, 19 – 21, 26 – 28: Reuse Days at United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre, [Learn more](#)
- December 9, 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Piper Spit Bird Count at Burnaby Lake Regional Park, [Register](#)
- Until Friday, January 2, 2026: Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment, Bylaw No. 1429, 2025, [Take the survey](#)

Check out [Metro Vancouver's Event Calendar](#) for a full list of upcoming events!

Videos



[Air Quality - Metro Vancouver Regional Services](#)

Clean air and livability go hand in hand and British Columbia's Lower Mainland boasts some of the best air quality in the world, despite its large and growing population. Our air is clean because Metro Vancouver's Air Quality function has been responsible for monitoring, regulation, and enforcement for over 50 years.



[Coquitlam Lake Water Supply Project - Why Its Needed](#)

Climate change and population growth are driving the increasing demand for water in the region. Coquitlam Lake, our largest water source, could provide the needed water once additional infrastructure is added. Metro Vancouver is in the early phases of design and construction preparation so this new infrastructure will be in place when we need it.



[Dark Skies, Bright Wonders](#)

Telescopes, lantern-lit trails, skits, sky gazing and overnight camping are all part of Metro Vancouver's Meteor Shower Watch, a favorite event that capitalizes on the value of the dark night skies over Aldergrove Regional Park.

Metro Vancouver Board

Metro Vancouver's four Boards of Directors meet on the last Friday of every month.

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Metro Vancouver is a diverse organization that plans for and delivers regional utility services, including water, sewers and wastewater treatment, and solid waste management. It also monitors and regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system, provides affordable rental housing, and serves as a regional federation. The organization is a federation of 21 municipalities, one electoral area, and one treaty First Nation located in the region of the same name. The organization is made up of four separate legal entities, each governed by its own Board of Directors. Board directors are elected officials from member jurisdictions.