

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL OF COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Council of Councils Committee held at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 in the in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor John McEwen\*, Anmore  
Councillor Polly Krier\*, Anmore

Mayor Jamie Ross\*, Belcarra  
Councillor Carolina Clark\*, Belcarra  
Councillor Bruce Drake\*, Belcarra  
Councillor John Snell\*, Belcarra  
Councillor Liisa Wilder\*, Belcarra

Councillor Sue Ellen Fast\*, Bowen Island  
Councillor David Hocking\*, Bowen Island  
Councillor Alison Morse\*, Bowen Island  
Councillor Maureen Nicholson\*, Bowen Island

Mayor Mike Hurley\*, Burnaby  
Councillor Pietro Calendino\*, Burnaby  
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby  
Councillor Colleen Jordan\*, Burnaby  
Councillor Joe Keithley\*, Burnaby  
Councillor James Wang\*, Burnaby

Mayor Richard Stewart\*, Coquitlam  
Councillor Brent Asmundson\*, Coquitlam  
Councillor Craig Hodge\*, Coquitlam  
Councillor Steve Kim\*, Coquitlam  
Councillor Dennis Marsden\*, Coquitlam  
Councillor Teri Towner\*, Coquitlam  
Councillor Chris Wilson\*, Coquitlam

Mayor George Harvie\*, Delta  
Councillor Dan Copeland\*, Delta  
Councillor Jeannie Kanakos\*, Delta  
Councillor Dylan Kruger\*, Delta

Mayor Val van den Broek\*, Langley City  
Councillor Paul Albrecht\*, Langley City  
Councillor Teri James\*, Langley City  
Councillor Gayle Martin\*, Langley, City

**MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):**

Councillor Nathan Pachal\*, Langley City  
Councillor Rudy Storteboom\*, Langley City

Mayor Jack Froese\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Petrina Arnason\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Steve Ferguson\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Margaret Kunst\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Bob Long\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Kim Richter\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Blair Whitmarsh\*, Langley Township  
Councillor Eric Woodward\*, Langley Township

Mayor Ron McLaughlin\*, Lions Bay  
Councillor Fred Bain\*, Lions Bay

Mayor Mike Morden\*, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Judy Dueck\*, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Chelsa Meadus\*, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Gordy Robson\*, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Ryan Svendsen\*, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Ahmed Yousef\*, Maple Ridge

Mayor Jonathan Coté\*, New Westminster  
Councillor Chinu Das\*, New Westminster  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone\*, New Westminster  
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa\*, New Westminster  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr\*, New Westminster  
Councillor Mary Trentadue\*, New Westminster

Mayor Linda Buchanan\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Holly Back\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Don Bell\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Angela Girard\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Tina Hu\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Jessica McIlroy\*, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Tony Valente\*, North Vancouver City

Mayor Mike Little\*, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Jordan Back\*, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Mathew Bond\*, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Betty Forbes\*, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Lisa Muri\*, North Vancouver District

**MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):**

Mayor Bill Dingwall\*, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Mike Hayes\*, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Bob Meachen\*, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Tracy Miyashita\*, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Gwen O'Connell\*, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Anena Simpson\*, Pitt Meadows

Mayor Brad West\*, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Steve Darling\*, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Nancy McCurrach\*, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Glenn Pollock\*, Port Coquitlam

Mayor Robert Vagramov\*, Port Moody  
Councillor Diana Dilworth\*, Port Moody  
Councillor Meghan Lahti\*, Port Moody  
Councillor Amy Lubik\*, Port Moody  
Councillor Hunter Madsen\*, Port Moody  
Councillor Zoe Royer\*, Port Moody

Mayor Malcolm Brodie\*, Richmond  
Councillor Chak Au\*, Richmond  
Councillor Carol Day\*, Richmond  
Councillor Alexa Loo\*, Richmond  
Councillor Bill McNulty\*, Richmond  
Councillor Linda McPhail\*, Richmond  
Councillor Harold Steves\*, Richmond  
Councillor Michael Wolfe\*, Richmond

Councillor Linda Annis\*, Surrey  
Councillor Doug Elford\*, Surrey  
Councillor Laurie Guerra\*, Surrey  
Councillor Brenda Locke\*, Surrey  
Councillor Allison Patton\*, Surrey  
Councillor Steven Pettigrew\*, Surrey

Chief Ken Baird\*, Tsawwassen First Nation

Councillor Christine Boyle\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Adriane Carr\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Lisa Dominato\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Pete Fry\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Colleen Hardwick\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Jean Swanson\*, Vancouver  
Councillor Michael Wiebe\*, Vancouver

**MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):**

Mayor Mary-Ann Booth\*, West Vancouver  
Councillor Nora Gambioli\*, West Vancouver  
Councillor Peter Lambur\*, West Vancouver  
Councillor Bill Soprovich\*, West Vancouver  
Councillor Sharon Thompson\*, West Vancouver  
Councillor Marcus Wong\*, West Vancouver

Mayor Darryl Walker\*, White Rock  
Councillor David Chesney\*, White Rock  
Councillor Helen Fathers\*, White Rock  
Councillor Erika Johanson\*, White Rock  
Councillor Scott Kristjanson\*, White Rock  
Councillor Anthony Manning\*, White Rock  
Councillor Christopher Trevelyan\*, White Rock

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Timothy Laidler, Anmore  
Councillor Kim Trowbridge, Anmore  
Councillor Paul Weverink, Anmore

Mayor Gary Ander, Bowen Island  
Councillor Michael Kaile, Bowen Island  
Councillor Robert Wynen, Bowen Island

Vacant, Burnaby  
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Councillor Dan Johnston, Burnaby

Councillor Trish Mandewo, Coquitlam  
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam

Councillor Alicia Guichon, Delta  
Councillor Lois Jackson, Delta  
Councillor Bruce McDonald, Delta

Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A  
Alternate Director Michael Feeley, Electoral Area A†

Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Langley City

Councillor David Davis, Langley Township

† Note: Electoral Area A Alternate Director is appointed and therefore does not constitute quorum.

**MEMBERS ABSENT (Continued):**

Councillor Neville Abbott, Lions Bay  
Councillor Norman Barmeier, Lions Bay  
Councillor Jaime Cunliffe, Lions Bay

Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Maple Ridge

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, New Westminster

Councillor Megan Curren, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District

Councillor Nicole MacDonald, Pitt Meadows

Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Dean Washington, Port Coquitlam

Councillor Steve Milani, Port Moody

Vacant, Richmond

Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey  
Councillor Jack Hundial, Surrey  
Councillor Mandeep Nagra, Surrey

Councillor Louise Ahlm, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Councillor Laura Cassidy, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Councillor Valerie Cross, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Councillor Steve Stark, Tsawwassen First Nation

Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver  
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Vancouver

Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver

**STAFF:**

Jerry W. Dobrovlny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer  
Lauren Cichon, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

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

### **Welcoming Remarks**

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Boards, Mayor Linda Buchanan, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Boards, and Mayor Mike Hurley, Mayor, City of Burnaby, welcomed members, and introduced the meeting format and agenda.

### **Metro Vancouver 2022 Budget Workshop**

Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, updated members on the 2022 budget highlighting budget deliverables, process and timeline, impact of services on the average household (the household impact), operating and capital drivers, continuous improvements at the department level, and financial toolbox measures.

Members commented on:

- amortization periods for large Wastewater Treatment Plant projects
- exploring partnerships with non-profit organizations for housing within the region
- incentivizing adding a water surcharge for jurisdictions that do not have a water metering program including finding natural based solutions for water conservation
- evaluating Metro Vancouver assets for cost recovery in the future

Presentation material titled “Metro Vancouver 2022 Budget Workshop” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

### **Planning for the Future**

Jerry Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, updated members on the Board Strategic Plan including phases of public engagement, and updates to the *Clean Air Plan*, *Regional Parks Plan*, *Solid Waste Management Plan*, *Liquid Waste Management Plan*, *Drinking Water Management Plan*, *Climate 2050*, and *Metro 2050*.

Presentation material titled “Planning for the Future” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

### **Climate 2050 Update**

Adriane Carr, Chair, Climate Action Committee, and Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment, informed members on *Climate 2050* highlighting the anticipated impacts of climate change in the region, *Climate 2050* discussion papers, current projections of emissions impact, *Climate 2050* roadmaps, buildings and transportation action highlights, and actions taken by Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions.

Members commented on:

- considering a tree protection bylaw to protect tree canopies and the environment
- implementing a future environmental levy to help with climate change
- investigating how to move away from natural gas

In response to questions, Metro Vancouver is identifying natural assets through natural climate solutions and ecological services that natural assets provide. Members were advised that Metro

Vancouver does not have authority over the *BC Energy Step Code* as it falls under the responsibility of the municipality.

Presentation material titled “Metro Vancouver’s *Climate 2050 Strategy*” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

### ***Metro 2050 Update***

Jonathan Coté, Chair, Regional Planning Committee, and Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, updated members on the *Regional Growth Strategies* and *Metro 2040, Metro 2050’s* five goals, process, engagement, and next steps.

Members were asked to participate to answer five questions regarding *Metro 2050’s* five goals with an interactive tool to respond to the following questions:

- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community put growth in the right places?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community support a strong and sustainable regional economy?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community protect the environment and take strong climate action?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community provide more diverse and affordable housing?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community support stronger transportation choices?

Members commented on:

- researching growth projection and its effect on the job market, in light of reduction in immigration due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- supporting density in town centres to generate employment including creating jobs locally to reduce commuting
- assisting Indigenous communities due to lack of housing and limited resources
- addressing noise at a regional level for people working from home
- creating higher wage jobs for employees and advocating to senior levels of government
- defining “affordable housing”
- addressing lack of regional parking near regional parks

Presentation material titled “*Metro 2050 Overview*” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

### ***TransLink 2050***

Geoff Cross, Vice President, Planning and Policy, Translink, updated members on the *Translink 2050* highlighting the process, draft goals, actions, and next steps.

In response to questions, members were informed that transit will be free for 12 and younger across the region effective in the fall, including investigating an enforcement strategy and working

with Metro Vancouver Transit Police on reduce ticketing youth. Members were advised that Translink is exploring limited opportunities for passenger ferries and electric sea buses.

Presentation material titled “Translink 2050” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

**Updates – Cleveland Dam and North Shore Wastewater Treatment Project**

Marilyn Towill, General Manager, Water Services, updated members on the Cleveland Dam, highlighting project objectives, public warning system enhancements, public safety information signs, installation of the public alarm system, long-term public safety enhancements, engagement, and communications.

Presentation material titled “Cleveland Dam Public Warning System” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Cheryl Nelms, General Manager, Project Delivery, updated members on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Project highlighting its progress, cost and schedule.

Presentation material titled “North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

**Roundtable**

Members commented on:

- the status of Metro Vancouver’s Corrosion Control Program and if there was any change to water quality due to the increased PH and alkalinity levels
- if Metro Vancouver has done an operational assessment of the anticipated lifetime of the Cleveland Dam and whether it is under Metro Vancouver’s jurisdiction
- the status of the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Closing Remarks**

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, and Linda Buchanan, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors offered closing remarks.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was declared concluded at 12:21 p.m.

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Lauren Cichon,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

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