



Considering Changes to Size and Structure of Metro Vancouver’s Boards

Every day, over three million people — more than half of BC’s population — rely on Metro Vancouver for clean water, clean air, and other services that are the foundation of livability in our region. Residents expect strong, effective governance of an organization responsible for delivering essential services.

In 2025, Metro Vancouver received the results of the Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review undertaken by Deloitte Canada. Deloitte found that the regional district model has served the region well for decades and, recognizing the ability for continuous improvement, outlined 47 recommendations to strengthen governance as the region grows. A newly formed Governance Committee is advancing the recommendations and has already completed 20 of 47.

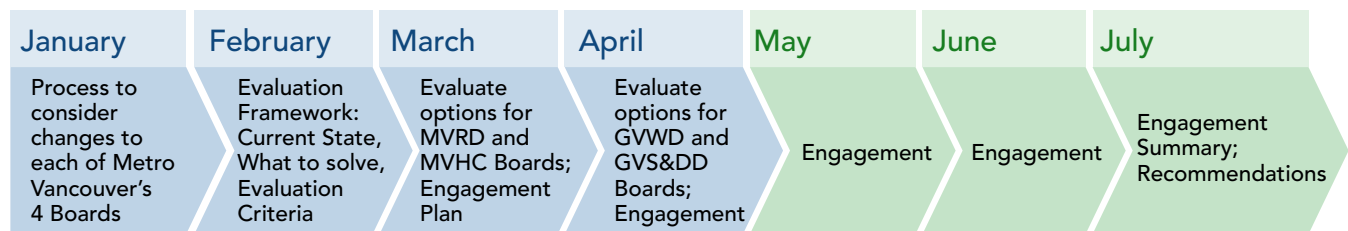
Assessing Board Size and Structure

The Board Governance Review identified an opportunity to consider changes to the size and structure of each of the four boards that govern Metro Vancouver to improve effectiveness, oversight, and decision making.

Within ten years, the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board will grow to over 50 people. Deloitte Canada has recommended reducing Board size to enhance decision making, strategic focus, and overall improved governance. They provided a number of options in their final report that include changes to the number of directors, integration of external appointed directors, and other factors.

The Governance Committee and Boards are seeking input on the options through engagement. Any legislative changes required will involve the Province and related due process.

Process for Considering Possible Changes to Each of Metro Vancouver’s Boards (2026)



One Organization, Four Legal Entities

Though typically referred to as one organization (“Metro Vancouver”), Metro Vancouver is actually four separate legal entities: The Metro Vancouver Regional District, the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District, the Greater Vancouver Water District, and the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation. Each has its own board of directors. The four legal entities, their board composition, and their membership are outlined below.

Current Board Composition

These boards provide strategic direction and oversight for all Metro Vancouver’s services. Membership on each of the four boards is slightly different.

<p>Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD)</p>  <p>Since: 1967 <i>Local Government Act</i></p> <p>Directors: 41</p> <p>Member Jurisdictions: 23</p> <p>Members: Per the <i>Local Government Act</i>, every local government in a region must be part of a regional district</p> <p>Services: Air Quality, Regional Parks, Regional Planning, Invest Vancouver, Electoral Area A, Regional Emergency Management, Regional Employers Services**</p>	<p>Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD)</p>  <p>Since: 1924 <i>Greater Vancouver Water District Act</i></p> <p>Directors: 38*</p> <p>Member Jurisdictions: 19</p> <p>Members: All MVRD members except Bowen Island, Lions Bay, and White Rock</p> <p>Service: Drinking Water</p>
<p>Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District (GVS&DD)</p>  <p>Since: 1914 <i>Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act</i></p> <p>Directors: 37</p> <p>Member Jurisdictions: 19</p> <p>Members: All MVRD members except Belcarra, Bowen Island, Lions Bay, and scəwáθən məsteyəx* (Tsawwassen First Nation)</p> <p>Services: Sewerage and Drainage, Solid Waste</p>	<p>Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC)</p>  <p>Since: 1974 <i>Business Corporations Act</i></p> <p>Directors: 41</p> <p>Member Jurisdictions: 23</p> <p>Members: All MVRD members</p> <p>Service: Non-profit Rental Housing</p>

*Electoral Area A is not a member jurisdiction, but pursuant to the GVWD Act, the Director for Electoral Area A is a voting member of the Board

**See Metro Vancouver website for complete list

Current Regional Representation

Each member jurisdiction of Metro Vancouver is represented on the respective Board if they are a member of that particular service.

Residents directly elect their mayors and councillors through local elections (in the case of Tsawwassen First Nation, this is Chief and legislators. In the case of Electoral Area A, the public directly elects their representative to the MVRD Board). Elected councils select council members to sit on Metro Vancouver Boards as directors.

Each Board Director has votes based on the population of the member jurisdiction.

- 1 vote for every 20,000 residents in the community
- At least 1 director for every community
- An additional director for every 100,000 residents

Many Voices Contribute to Big Decisions

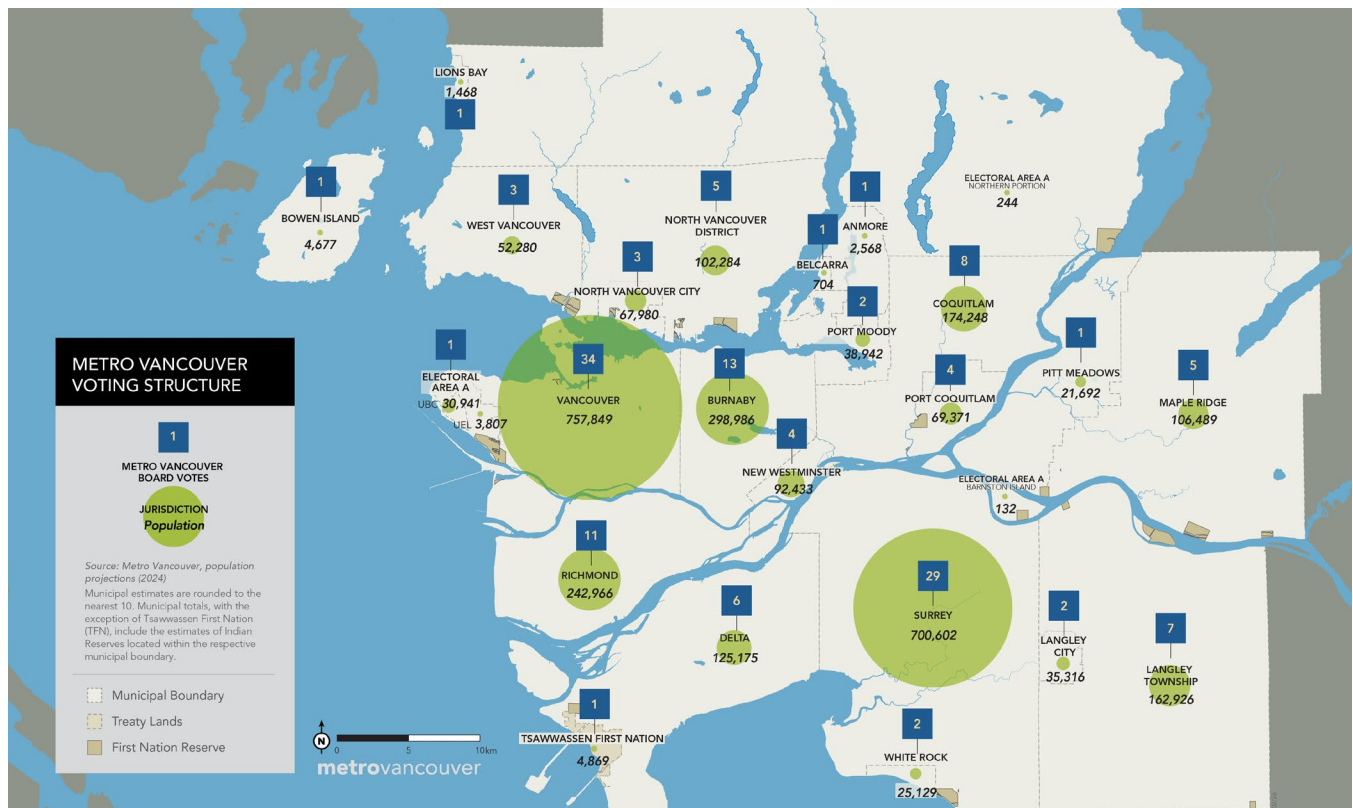
Board decisions are informed by many sources of information and expertise including: analysis from professional staff, advice from external consultants and expert or technical advisory panels, input from member jurisdictions, policy, management plans, legal and financial considerations, provincial and local government requirements, and input from the public, First Nations, and other interested parties.

Did you know?

Board and Committee meetings are open to the public, livestreamed, and archived online.

Detailed public agendas, reports, and presentation decks are available at metrovancover.org.

Metro Vancouver voting structure

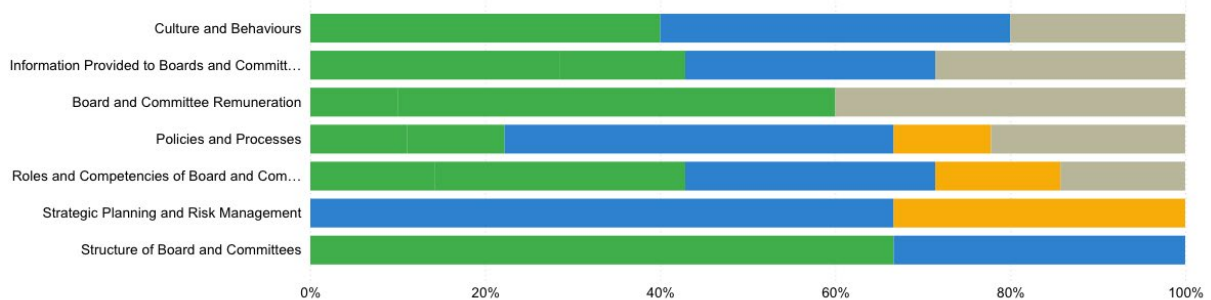


Track Progress of the Board Governance Review Recommendations

Metro Vancouver is making steady progress toward strengthening governance and implementing recommendations from the Board Governance Review. View progress anytime at our Board Governance Review Tracker at metrovancover.org/boards/board-governance-review-tracker.



Progress by section



Board Governance Review Tracker, progress as of April 2026

We Want To Hear From You

Metro Vancouver is gathering perspectives on potential changes to the size and structure of each of Metro Vancouver's four Boards from May 6 to June 14, 2026. Visit metrovancover.org (search "governance") to learn more and have your say.

A summary of the input heard will be provided to the Governance Committee and Boards for consideration as part of the deliberations in July 2026.

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