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By the Numbers

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SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A LIVABLE REGION

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Water Services

- **1 billion+** litres of drinking water treated and delivered per day
- **3** major reservoirs and water supply areas (Capilano, Seymour, Coquitlam)
- **60,000** hectares of protected land in water supply areas
- **1** conservation reserve (Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve)
- **5** water supply dams
- **2** water treatment plants
- **28** storage reservoirs and tanks
- **19** pump stations
- **8** re-chlorination facilities
- **520+** kilometres of water mains

Liquid Waste Services

- **1 billion+** litres of wastewater treated every day
- **5** wastewater treatment plants
- **530+** kilometres of trunk sewers
- **35** wastewater pumping stations
- **3** sewage storage tanks
- **2** urban drainage areas
- Water quality tested at **41** swimming areas (**114** sampling sites)
- **1** chemistry lab and **5** process labs
- **1** wastewater research centre

Solid Waste Services

- **6** recycling and waste centres
- **1** waste-to-energy facility which generates enough energy to power 16,000 homes per year
- **1 million+** visits to Metro Vancouver solid waste facilities per year
- **200,000+** loads of garbage are inspected at Metro Vancouver facilities each year
- **30%** reduction in waste disposed per person (2010–2024)
- **65%** diversion rate (2024), leading in North America (diversion is recycling and recovery of energy and materials)
- **2.3 million+** tonnes of material diverted every year

Regional Parks

- **24** regional parks
- **5** regional greenways
- **2** ecological conservancy areas
- **2** regional park reserves
- **13,923** hectares of land
- **304** kilometres of trails
- **614** bridges and boardwalks
- **86** kilometres of fencing
- **14.7 million** visits in 2025



BOUNDARY BAY REGIONAL PARK

Metro Vancouver, the Organization

- **21** municipalities
- **1** electoral area
- **1** treaty First Nation
- **41** elected officials on the Boards, representing each member jurisdiction
- **1 of 27** regional districts in BC
- Largest regional district in BC by population
- Stewards **¼** of the region's land base: **65,000 hectares** of sensitive protected areas



SATELLITE VIEW OF METRO VANCOUVER

Metro Vancouver Housing

- **One of the largest** non-profit housing providers in BC
- Over **10,000** residents
- **3,400+** rental homes
- **50** sites
- **80%** of units have 2+ bedrooms
- Non-profit housing provider since **1974**
- Collaborating to deliver **2,000** new homes


ADELAIDE COURT

Air Quality

- **24** air quality monitoring stations in Metro Vancouver
- **6** air quality monitoring stations in the Fraser Valley Regional District
- About **150** permitted facilities, **1,000** regulated sites, and **8,000** registered non-road diesel engines
- **7** of the last **10** summers impacted by wildfire smoke (2016–2025)
- **21%** reduction in greenhouse gases emitted per person since 2010
- Smog-causing emissions down **45%** since 2000
- Up to **4,000** complaints about odours, smoke, and dust managed each year

Invest Vancouver

In the first half of 2026:

- **11** companies landed
- **$225 million** in investment
- **850** jobs created (over three years)
- **18%** increase in investment value (compared to 2025)
- **16%** increase in jobs created (compared to 2025)


NORTH VANCOUVER

Regional Planning

- Nearly **3.1 million** people (2025), which is more than half of the population of BC (about 55%)
- The Metro Vancouver region is projected to have **nearly one million** net new residents, **490,000+** new homes, and **470,000+** new jobs between 2025 and 2050
- **1.7 million** households by 2050
- **2 million** jobs by 2050
- Protected lands by regional land use designation
  - Agricultural: **54,700** hectares
  - Conservation & Recreation: **136,900** hectares
  - Industrial: **10,500** hectares
  - Rural: **9,100** hectares

Electoral Area A

- Metro Vancouver acts as the local government
- **818 square kilometres** of land
- **18,612** residents (2021)


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Regional Growth Strategy (*Metro 2050*) Targets

- Contain **98%** of all regional growth within the Urban Containment Boundary
- Direct **40%** of new dwellings and **50%** of new jobs to urban centres
- Achieve **15%** of all new dwellings in urban centres to be affordable rental housing
- Protect **50%** of the region's land base for nature (**40%** in 2018)
- Achieve **40%** tree canopy cover in the urban areas (**31%** in 2020)
- **Be carbon neutral**, and as an interim step reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **45%** below 2010 levels by 2030

Metro Vancouver's Vision

Metro Vancouver provides critical and sustainable regional services that contribute to a livable and resilient region and a healthy natural environment for current and future generations.

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