

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Electoral Area Committee held at 9:00 am on Friday, March 1, 2024 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Vice Chair, Mayor Jamie Ross, Belcarra
Mayor Ken Berry*, Lions Bay (arrived at 9:01 am)
Councillor Mike Bose, Surrey
Councillor Steve Ferguson, Langley Township
Councillor Peter Meiszner*, Vancouver

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Andrew Leonard, Bowen Island

STAFF PRESENT:

Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services
Janis Knaupp, Program Manager, Legislative Services, Board and Information Services

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Corman, Director of Lands and Civil Services, Katzie First Nation
Rosanna Leon, Manager of Housing, Katzie First Nation
Daniel Maldoff, Hydrotechnical Engineer, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd.

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by the *Procedure Bylaw*

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. March 1, 2024 Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee adopt the revised agenda for its meeting scheduled for March 1, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. October 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held October 6, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

9:01 am Mayor Berry arrived at the meeting.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Daniel Maldoff, Hydrotechnical Engineer, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd.

Daniel Maldoff, Hydrotechnical Engineer, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd., provided members with a presentation titled “Barnston Island Dike Assessment Update 2023 Preliminary Findings” summarizing key findings, recommendations for dike upgrades and maintenance, and the input received at the public information meeting held on February 28, 2024.

Members suggested that local residents be engaged as part of further inspections based on their historical knowledge of the river and island hydrology.

In response to questions, Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, noted:

- previous alterations to ditches on private property continues to impact drainage for several properties, including Katzie First Nation reserve land; and
- Metro Vancouver and the Barnston Island Diking District (BIDD) have no authority to compel residents to perform drainage maintenance on private land.

Members were informed that staff will explore the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, confirm what legal authority the BIDD has to move improvements forward on private land, and communicate with the Province to seek improvements to road Right-of-Ways.

2. Rick Bailey, Councillor, Katzie First Nation

Robert Corman, Director of Lands and Civil Services, Katzie First Nation

Rosanna Leon, Manager of Housing, Katzie First Nation

Robert Corman, Director of Lands and Civil Services, and Rosanna Leon, Manager of Housing, Katzie First Nation, updated the Electoral Area Committee on Katzie First Nation’s concerns regarding ongoing flooding events at Katzie First Nation IR3 noting:

- drainage alterations performed on private land continue to cause flooding, and efforts to appeal to the Province to remove these have been unsuccessful;
- seepage is causing septic fields to reverse their flow, toxicology studies are underway;
- Katzie First Nation would like to partner with Metro Vancouver to leverage funds to improve dike and drainage systems on and adjacent to Reserve lands;
- concerns about significant loss of land value from ongoing flooding; and
- consideration should be given to channelizing rivers to control where water goes and protect local assets.

In response to questions, Robert Corman noted:

- industrial activities are affecting water currents and causing erosion on and near Barnston Island; and
- Katzie First Nation would consider leverage funding off their reserve if there was a direct benefit to the Katzie First Nation.

Committee members commented on the importance of continuing to collaborate with island residents, including Katzie First Nation, and communicating to the Province the residents' concerns about drainage alterations and improvements needed to road Right-of-Ways.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. 2024 Electoral Area Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

Report dated February 8, 2024 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Electoral Area Committee with its 2024 Work Plan, Terms of Reference and annual meeting schedule.

Marcin Pachcinski provided a presentation titled “2024 Priorities and Work Plan Electoral Area Committee” which included an overview of the Electoral Area Committee 2024 Work Plan, Terms of Reference and annual meeting schedule.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee:

- a) receive for information the Electoral Area Committee Terms of Reference and the 2024 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated February 8, 2024, titled “2024 Electoral Area Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”; and
- b) endorse the 2024 Work Plan, as presented in the report dated February 8, 2024, titled “2024 Electoral Area Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”.

CARRIED

2. Barnston Island Dike Improvement Project – Updated Dike Assessment

Report dated February 8, 2024 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, presenting the updated Barnston Island Dike Assessment and seeking MVRD Board direction to use the cost and priority rating table presented in the report as a guide for implementing individual infrastructure improvements.

Marcin Pachcinski noted:

- any work requiring negotiation with private land owners or permitting may not be prioritized due to funding timelines; and

- staff will report back at the May 22, 2024 meeting with a plan and recommendations including possible advocacy efforts to make the Province aware of the components important to residents.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the report dated February 8, 2024, titled “Barnston Island Dike Improvement Project – Updated Dike Assessment”; and
- b) direct staff to use the cost and priority rating table, as presented in Table 1 of this report, as a guide for implementing individual Barnston Island dike infrastructure improvements.

CARRIED

3. Electoral Area A Community Works Fund – University Endowment Lands Project

Report dated February 8, 2024 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, seeking MVRD Board approval of funds, in the amount of \$157,000, for the Chancellor Blvd. Sidewalk Project in the University Endowment Lands through the Community Works Fund.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board approve funding from the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund as described in the report dated February 8, 2024, titled “Electoral Area A Community Works Fund – University Endowment Lands Project” for the Chancellor Blvd. Sidewalk Project up to \$157,000.

CARRIED

4. Electoral Area A Emergency Response Reimbursement – Update

Report dated February 8, 2024 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with information related to how local authorities would be reimbursed for responding to emergencies in areas of Electoral Area A outside of the University of BC and the University Endowment Lands.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 8, 2024, titled “Electoral Area A Emergency Response Reimbursement – Update”.

CARRIED

5. Manager’s Report – Electoral Area

Report dated February 8, 2024 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Electoral Area and Implementation Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, updating the Electoral Area Committee on implications for the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw resulting from changes to provincial housing bills.

In response to a question, Marcin Pachcinski noted that staff will report back at the May 22, 2024 meeting with an update on the Electoral Area A Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee receive for information the report dated February 8, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report – Electoral Area”.

CARRIED

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee receive for information the following Information Item presented in the March 1, 2024 regular meeting agenda:

“Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan”.

CARRIED

G. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

No items presented.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Electoral Area Committee adjourn its meeting of March 1, 2024.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:30 am)

Janis Knaupp,
Program Manager, Legislative
Services

Jen McCutcheon,
Chair