

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (MVRD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**BOARD MEETING
Friday, March 28, 2025
9:00 am**

28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

A G E N D A

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 1. March 28, 2025 Meeting Agenda**
That the MVRD Board adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for March 28, 2025 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- 1. February 21, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes** *pg. 5*
That the MVRD Board adopt the minutes for its special meeting held February 21, 2025 as circulated.
- 2. February 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes** *pg. 17*
That the MVRD Board adopt the minutes for its special meeting held February 28, 2025 as circulated.
- 3. February 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes** *pg. 22*
That the MVRD Board adopt the minutes for its meeting held February 28, 2025 as circulated.

C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Shayne Gregg, Partner, Governance & Risk, Deloitte Canada**
Subject: Update on Governance Review

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Directors may adopt in one motion all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda or, prior to the vote, request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for debate or discussion, voting in opposition to a recommendation, or declaring a conflict of interest with an item.

F. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**G. REPORTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA****1. REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE REPORTS****1.1 Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025** *pg. 40***Executive Summary**

Metro Vancouver undertakes an annual process to dedicate regional park land acquired in the previous year. Included in the proposed bylaw, *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025* is the regional park land acquired in 2024 in Blaney Bog Regional Park Reserve, South Langley Regional Park and Glen Valley Regional Park (West Creek Wetland).

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*.

2. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS**2.1 Responding to Board Direction to Advance Four Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaws to Strengthen Climate Policy Language for Consideration** *pg. 44***Executive Summary**

At the February 2025 Regional Planning Committee meeting, a draft *Metro 2050* amendment bylaw was presented containing six new policies for *Metro 2050* to strengthen climate language and policy reflecting Regional Planning Committee and Board direction and support for the six policy areas provided in September 2024. The Committee supported two of six policies. At the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board Meeting, alternatives were presented to either give readings to an amendment bylaw containing all six policies or give readings to an amendment

bylaw containing only the two policies supported by the Regional Planning Committee. The MVRD Board supported the Bylaw with two new policies and also passed a resolution directing staff to bring forward the other four policy areas via separate amendment bylaws for consideration. If initiated, all of the four proposed Type 2 Minor Amendments to *Metro 2050* require adoption through an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board. The recommendations in this report, a)i to a)iv can be split and considered separately if desired.

As context, while considering adoption of *Metro 2050*, the MVRD Board directed staff to undertake further work to bring back an early proposed amendment to strengthen climate language and policies. Following an extensive study and engagement process, policy recommendations were presented to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board for consideration.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy and give first, second, and third reading to:
 - i. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1411, 2025 (Attachment 1 – Re: Rural Land Use Designation);*
 - ii. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 2025 (Attachment 2 – Re: Protection of Trees and Ecosystems on Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation Lands);*
 - iii. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 2025 (Attachment 3 – Re: Development and Updating of Local-Scale Hazard and Risk Datasets);*
 - iv. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1414, 2025 (Attachment 4 – Re: Member Jurisdiction and Metro Vancouver Consideration of Climate-Related Issues in Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Applications); and*
- b) direct staff to notify affected local governments, local First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.

H. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

1. **The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Director Kooner at the February 28, 2025 MVRD meeting:** pg. 92

That the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to repeal *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1369, 2023*.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. MVRD Board Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries pg. 93

J. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Note: The Board must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.

That the MVRD Board close its meeting scheduled for March 28, 2025 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

- 90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

K. ADJOURNMENT

That the MVRD Board adjourn its meeting of March 28, 2025.

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors held at 9:00 am on Friday, February 21, 2025, in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burnaby, Chair, Director Mike Hurley
 Anmore, Vice Chair, Director John McEwen*
 Belcarra, Director Jamie Ross
 Bowen Island, Alternate Director Tim Wake for
 Director Andrew Leonard*
 Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino
 Burnaby, Director Sav Dhaliwal
 Coquitlam, Director Craig Hodge
 Coquitlam, Director Teri Towner
 Delta, Director Rod Binder
 Delta, Director Dylan Kruger
 Electoral Area A, Director Jen McCutcheon
 Langley City, Director Paul Albrecht
 Langley Township, Director Steve Ferguson
 Langley Township, Director Eric Woodward
 Lions Bay, Director Ken Berry
 Maple Ridge, Director Dan Ruimy
 New Westminster, Alternate Director
 Jaimie McEvoy for Director Nadine Nakagawa*
 North Vancouver City, Director Linda Buchanan
 North Vancouver District, Director Lisa Muri*
 Pitt Meadows, Director Nicole MacDonald
 Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West

Port Moody, Director Meghan Lahti
 Richmond, Director Chak Au
 Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
 Richmond, Director Bill McNulty
 Surrey, Director Harry Bains*
 Surrey, Director Doug Elford
 Surrey, Director Gordon Hepner
 Surrey, Director Pardeep Kooner
 Surrey, Director Brenda Locke
 Surrey, Director Rob Stutt
 Vancouver, Director Rebecca Bligh (arrived at
 9:07 am, departed at 11:27 am)
 Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato*
 Vancouver, Director Sarah Kirby-Yung (arrived at
 9:07 am)
 Vancouver, Director Mike Klassen* (departed at
 12:39 pm)
 Vancouver, Director Peter Meiszner
 Vancouver, Alternate Director Brian Montague
 for Director Ken Sim
 Vancouver, Director Lenny Zhou*
 West Vancouver, Director Mark Sager*
 White Rock, Director Megan Knight

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

scəwáθən məsteyəx^w (Tsawwassen First Nation), Director Laura Cassidy

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer
 Hadir Ali, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
 Ravi Chhina, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Operations
 Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. February 21, 2025 Special Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the agenda for its special meeting scheduled for February 21, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

B. REPORTS FROM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Board Review of External Contributions for the 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan

Report dated February 12, 2025, from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner responding to the January 23, 2025 MVRD Board request for more information regarding Metro Vancouver's external contributions / programs.

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, and Ravi Chhina, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Operations provided the Board with a presentation titled "Responding to Board resolution re: External Contributions/Programs", presenting an overview of external contributions/programs' costs, options, and options for program discontinuation.

9:07 am Director Bligh arrived at the meeting.

9:07 am Director Kirby-Yung arrived at the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following six contribution programs for information:

- Agriculture Awareness Grants;
- Coquitlam Watershed Roundtable;
- Culture Grants;
- Fraser Basin Council;
- Pacific National Exhibition; and
- Seymour Salmonid Society.

9:54 am Director Zhou departed the meeting.

Separation of the motion was requested.

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following contribution program for information:

- Agriculture Awareness Grants.

CARRIED

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following contribution program for information:

- Coquitlam Watershed Roundtable.

CARRIED

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following contribution program for information:

- Culture Grants.

CARRIED

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following contribution program for information:

- Fraser Basin Council.

Recorded Vote

Name	For	Against
Albrecht, P	2	
Au, C	3	
Bains, H		5
Berry, K	1	
Binder, R		3
Bligh, R	5	
Brodie, M	4	
Buchanan, L	3	
Calendino, P	4	
Dhaliwal, S	4	
Dominato, L	5	
Elford, D		4
Ferguson, S	3	
Hepner, G		5
Hodge, C		4
Hurley, M		5
Kirby-Yung, S		5
Klassen, M		5
Knight, M		2
Kooner, P		5
Kruger, D		3

Lahti, M	2	
Locke, B		5
MacDonald, N		1
McCutcheon, J	1	
McEvoy, J	4	
McEwen, J		1
McNulty, W		4
Meiszner, P		4
Montague, B		5
Muri, L	5	
Ross, J	1	
Ruimy, D	5	
Sager, M	3	
Stutt, R		5
Towner, T		4
Wake, T	1	
West, B		4
Woodward, E	4	
Total Votes	60	79

DEFEATED**Conflict of Interest**

Director Hodge declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from the vote on the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) as he is involved in the work of the Exhibition.

Director Klassen declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from the vote on the PNE noting he is the Chair of the PNE Board.

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following contribution program for information:

- Pacific National Exhibition.

CARRIED

Directors Hodge and Klassen were absent for the vote.

That the MVRD Board receive the presentation on the following contribution program for information:

- Seymour Salmonid Society.

CARRIED

Members discussed the financial contributions made to the Fraser Basin Council and whether the work conducted has had the intended effect on flood mitigation in the region.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board discontinue funding for the Fraser Basin Council in 2026.

Recorded Vote

Name	For	Against
Albrecht, P		2
Au, C		3
Bains, H	5	
Berry, K		1
Binder, R	3	
Bligh, R		5
Brodie, M		4
Buchanan, L		3
Calendino, P		4
Dhaliwal, S		4
Dominato, L		5
Elford, D	4	
Ferguson, S	3	
Hepner, G	5	
Hodge, C	4	
Hurley, M	5	
Kirby-Yung, S	5	
Klassen, M		5
Knight, M	2	
Kooner, P	5	
Kruger, D	3	
Lahti, M		2
Locke, B	5	
MacDonald, N	1	
McCutcheon, J		1
McEvoy, J		4
McEwen, J	1	
McNulty, W	4	
Meiszner, P	4	
Montague, B	5	
Muri, L		5
Ross, J		1
Ruimy, D		5
Sager, M		3
Stutt, R	5	
Towner, T	4	
Wake, T		1

West, B	4	
Woodward, E	4	
Total Votes	81	58

CARRIED

10:57 am Director Zhou rejoined the meeting.

Members discussed the value of the Sustainability Innovation Fund, and whether some of the projects should be integrated into Metro Vancouver's regular projects while others should be discontinued due to duplications in effort.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board discontinue funding for the following programs for projects not already underway:

- Sustainability Innovation Fund Regional District;
- Sustainability Innovation Fund Water; and
- Sustainability Innovation Fund Liquid Waste.

Recorded Vote

Name	For	Against
Albrecht, P		2
Au, C		3
Bains, H	5	
Berry, K		1
Binder, R	3	
Bligh, R		5
Brodie, M		4
Buchanan, L		3
Calendino, P		4
Dhaliwal, S		4
Dominato, L		5
Elford, D	4	
Ferguson, S	3	
Hepner, G	5	
Hodge, C		4
Hurley, M		5
Kirby-Yung, S		5
Klassen, M		5
Knight, M	2	
Kooner, P	5	
Kruger, D	3	
Lahti, M		2

Locke, B	5	
MacDonald, N	1	
McCutcheon, J		1
McEvoy, J		4
McEwen, J	1	
McNulty, W		4
Meiszner, P		4
Montague, B		5
Muri, L		5
Ross, J		1
Ruimy, D		5
Sager, M		3
Stutt, R	5	
Towner, T		4
Wake, T		1
West, B	4	
Woodward, E	4	
Zhou, L		5
Total Votes	50	94

DEFEATED**2. Responding to Board Resolution re: MVRD Service Areas**

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Heather McNell, and Ravi Chhina provided Directors with a presentation titled “Responding to Board resolution re: MVRD Service Areas”, outlining the options and implications of discontinuing work in the following six service areas:

- E911 Call Transfer Service: Options and Implications;
- Regional Employers Services: Options and Implications;
- Regional Climate Policy Coordination: Options and Implications;
- Invest Vancouver: Options and Implications;
- Housing Development Fund: Options and Implications; and
- Zero Waste Collaboration Initiatives: Options and Implications

C. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board close its special meeting scheduled for February 21, 2025 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

- 90 (1) A part of a board meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board or committee, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public; and
- 90 (2) A part of a meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

D. RECESS

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board recess its special meeting of February 21, 2025.

CARRIED

11:27 am the meeting was recessed.

12:26 pm the meeting was reconvened, without Director Bligh present.

E. REPORTS FROM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. E911 Call Transfer Service: Overview of Service

Report dated February 12, 2025 from Jerry W. Dobrovolsky, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, responding to the January 23, 2025 MVRD Board request for more information on Metro Vancouver's involvement in the E911 Emergency Telephone Service (also informally referred to as the "E911 Call Transfer Service" or "E911 Telephone Service").

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 12, 2025, titled "E911 Call Transfer Service: Overview of Service."

CARRIED

2. Regional Employers Services: Overview of Service

Report dated February 12, 2025 from Jerry W. Dobrovolsky, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, responding to the January 23, 2025 MVRD Board request for more information on Metro Vancouver's Regional Employers Service.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 12, 2025, titled "Regional Employers Services: Overview of Service."

CARRIED**3. Regional Climate Policy Coordination: Overview of Service**

Report dated February 12, 2025 from Jerry W. Dobrovolsky, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, providing the MVRD Board with information about Metro Vancouver's "regional climate policy coordination" to support discussions of potential operational cost savings and service level or scope reductions.

12:39 pm Director Klassen departed the meeting.

12:42 pm Director Kirby-Yung departed the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 12, 2025, titled "Regional Climate Policy Coordination: Overview of Service".

Recorded Vote

Name	For	Against
Albrecht, P	2	
Au, C	3	
Bains, H		5
Berry, K	1	
Binder, R	3	
Brodie, M	4	
Buchanan, L	3	
Calendino, P	4	
Dhaliwal, S	4	
Dominato, L	5	
Elford, D	4	
Ferguson, S		3
Hepner, G		5
Hodge, C	4	
Hurley, M	5	
Knight, M		2
Kooner, P		5

Kruger, D		3
Lahti, M	2	
Locke, B		5
MacDonald, N		1
McCutcheon, J	1	
McEvoy, J	4	
McEwen, J		1
McNulty, W	4	
Meiszner, P	4	
Montague, B		5
Muri, L	5	
Ross, J	1	
Ruimy, D	5	
Sager, M	3	
Stutt, R		5
Towner, T	4	
Wake, T	1	
West, B		4
Woodward, E		4
Zhou, L	5	
Total Votes	81	48

CARRIED

4. Invest Vancouver: Overview of Service

Report dated February 12, 2025 from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, responding to the MVRD Board's January 23, 2025 request for more information on its Invest Vancouver service.

12:46 pm Director Kirby-Yung rejoined the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 12, 2025, titled "Invest Vancouver: Overview of Service."

Recorded Vote

Name	For	Against
Albrecht, P	2	
Au, C	3	
Bains, H		5
Berry, K	1	
Binder, R		3
Brodie, M	4	

Buchanan, L	3	
Calendino, P	4	
Dhaliwal, S	4	
Dominato, L	5	
Elford, D		4
Ferguson, S		3
Hepner, G		5
Hodge, C		4
Hurley, M	5	
Kirby-Yung, S	5	
Klassen, M	5	
Knight, M		2
Kooner, P		5
Kruger, D		3
Lahti, M	2	
Locke, B		5
MacDonald, N		1
McCutcheon, J	1	
McEvoy, J	4	
McEwen, J		1
McNulty, W	4	
Meiszner, P	4	
Montague, B		5
Muri, L	5	
Ross, J	1	
Ruimy, D	5	
Sager, M	3	
Stutt, R		5
Towner, T		4
Wake, T	1	
West, B		4
Woodward, E		4
Zhou, L	5	
Total Votes	76	63

CARRIED**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board refer items E5 “Housing Development Fund: Description of Fund” and E6 “Housing Development Fund: Description of Fund” to the MVRD Board meeting of February 28, 2025.

CARRIED

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adjourn its special meeting of February 21, 2025.

CARRIED

(Time: 1:00 pm)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Mike Hurley, Chair

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors held at 9:18 am on Friday, February 28, 2025, in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burnaby, Chair, Director Mike Hurley
 Anmore, Vice Chair, Director John McEwen
 Belcarra, Director Jamie Ross
 Bowen Island, Director Andrew Leonard (arrived at 9:32 am)
 Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino
 Burnaby, Director Sav Dhaliwal
 Coquitlam, Director Craig Hodge
 Coquitlam, Director Teri Towner
 Delta, Director Rod Binder
 Delta, Director Dylan Kruger
 Electoral Area A, Director Jen McCutcheon
 Langley City, Director Paul Albrecht
 Langley Township, Director Steve Ferguson
 Langley Township, Director Eric Woodward (arrived at 9:20 am)
 Lions Bay, Director Ken Berry
 Maple Ridge, Director Dan Ruimy
 New Westminster, Alternate Director Jaimie McEvoy for Director Nadine Nakagawa
 North Vancouver City, Director Linda Buchanan
 North Vancouver District, Director Lisa Muri

Pitt Meadows, Director Nicole MacDonald
 Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West*
 Port Moody, Director Meghan Lahti
 Richmond, Director Chak Au
 Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
 Richmond, Director Bill McNulty
 Surrey, Director Harry Bains*
 Surrey, Director Doug Elford
 Surrey, Director Gordon Hepner
 Surrey, Director Pardeep Kooner
 Surrey, Director Brenda Locke*
 Surrey, Director Rob Stutt
 Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato
 Vancouver, Director Sarah Kirby-Yung (arrived at 9:19 am)
 Vancouver, Director Mike Klassen
 Vancouver, Director Peter Meiszner
 Vancouver, Alternate Director Brian Montague for Director Ken Sim
 Vancouver, Director Lenny Zhou
 West Vancouver, Director Mark Sager
 White Rock, Director Megan Knight

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

scəwáθən məsteyəx^w (Tsawwassen First Nation),
 Director Laura Cassidy
 Vancouver, Director Rebecca Bligh

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer
 Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**1. February 28, 2025 Special Meeting Agenda****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board:

- a) adopt the revised agenda for its special meeting scheduled for February 28, 2025 as circulated; and
- b) add item B3 – Board and Committee Remuneration.

CARRIED

B. REPORTS REFERRED FROM THE SPECIAL MVRD BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2025

9:19 am Director Kirby-Yung arrived at the meeting.

9:20 am Director Woodward arrived at the meeting.

3. Board and Committee Remuneration**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board appoint the following advisors as a Remuneration Expert Panel, and direct Deloitte to 1) consult with the Remuneration Expert Panel as part of the Governance Review currently underway, and 2) report back on potential costs savings associated with remuneration:

- Glen Clark;
- Colin Hansen;
- Martin Thibodeau;
- Jennifer Podmore Russell; and
- Diane Vuong.

CARRIED

1. Housing Development Fund: Description of Fund

Report dated February 12, 2025 from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, responding to the MVRD Board request to provide information on the Housing Development Fund, a \$5M annual tax requisition that supports Metro Vancouver Housing's new development and redevelopment projects, including implications of discontinuing this fund.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 12, 2025, titled "Housing Development Fund: Description of Fund."

A member requested that a recorded vote be conducted.

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P	2	
Au. C	3	
Bains. H		5
Berry. K	1	
Binder. R	3	
Brodie. M	4	
Buchanan. L	3	
Calendino. P	4	
Dhaliwal. S	4	
Dominato. L	5	
Elford. D	4	
Ferguson. S		3
Hepner. G		5
Hodge. C	4	
Hurley. M	5	
Kirby-Yung. S	5	
Klassen. M	5	
Knight. M	2	
Kooner. P		5
Kruger. D		3
Lahti. M	2	
Locke. B		5
MacDonald. N	1	
McCutcheon. J	1	
McEvoy. J	4	
McEwen. J	1	
McNulty. W	4	
Meiszner. P	4	
Montague. B	5	
Muri. L	5	
Ross. J	1	
Ruimy. D	5	
Sager. M	3	
Stutt. R		5
Towner. T	4	
West. B	4	
Woodward. E		4
Zhou. L	5	
Total Votes	103	35

CARRIED

2. Zero Waste Collaboration Initiatives: Overview of Program

Report dated February 12, 2025 from Jerry W. Dobrovolsky, Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, responding to the January 23, 2025 MVRD Board request for more information on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Collaboration Initiatives.

9:32 am Director Leonard arrived at the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 12, 2025, titled "Zero Waste Collaboration Initiatives: Overview of Program".

A member requested that a recorded vote be conducted.

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P	2	
Au. C	3	
Bains. H		5
Berry. K	1	
Binder. R		3
Brodie. M	4	
Buchanan. L	3	
Calendino. P	4	
Dhaliwal. S	4	
Dominato. L	5	
Elford. D		4
Ferguson. S	3	
Hepner. G		5
Hodge. C	4	
Hurley. M	5	
Kirby-Yung. S	5	
Klassen. M	5	
Knight. M		2
Kooner. P		5
Kruger. D		3
Lahti. M	2	
Leonard. A	1	
Locke. B		5
MacDonald. N	1	
McCutcheon. J	1	
McEvoy. J	4	
McEwen. J	1	
McNulty. W	4	

Meiszner. P	4	
Montague. B	5	
Muri. L	5	
Ross. J	1	
Ruimy. D	5	
Sager. M	3	
Stutt. R		5
Towner. T	4	
West. B		4
Woodward. E		4
Zhou. L	5	
Total Votes	94	45

CARRIED**C. OTHER ITEMS**

- 1. MVRD Special Board Meeting Late Correspondence Received Between February 14-25, 2025**

D. ADJOURNMENT**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board adjourn its special meeting of February 28, 2025.

CARRIED

(Time: 9:43 am)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Mike Hurley, Chair

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors held at 9:43 am on Friday, February 28, 2025, in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burnaby, Chair, Director Mike Hurley
 Anmore, Vice Chair, Director John McEwen
 Belcarra, Director Jamie Ross
 Bowen Island, Director Andrew Leonard
 Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino
 Burnaby, Director Sav Dhaliwal
 Coquitlam, Director Craig Hodge
 Coquitlam, Director Teri Towner
 Delta, Director Rod Binder
 Delta, Director Dylan Kruger
 Electoral Area A, Director Jen McCutcheon
 Langley City, Director Paul Albrecht
 Langley Township, Director Steve Ferguson
 Langley Township, Director Eric Woodward
 (departed at 11:38 am)
 Lions Bay, Director Ken Berry
 Maple Ridge, Director Dan Ruimy
 New Westminster, Alternate Director Jaimie
 McEvoy for Director Nadine Nakagawa
 North Vancouver City, Director Linda Buchanan
 North Vancouver District, Director Lisa Muri
 Pitt Meadows, Director Nicole MacDonald

Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West*
 Port Moody, Director Meghan Lahti
 Richmond, Director Chak Au
 Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
 Richmond, Director Bill McNulty
 Surrey, Director Harry Bains*
 Surrey, Director Doug Elford
 Surrey, Director Gordon Hepner
 Surrey, Director Pardeep Kooner
 Surrey, Director Brenda Locke*
 Surrey, Director Rob Stutt
 Vancouver, Director Rebecca Bligh*
 Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato
 Vancouver, Director Sarah Kirby-Yung
 Vancouver, Director Mike Klassen
 Vancouver, Director Peter Meiszner
 Vancouver, Alternate Director Brian Montague
 for Director Ken Sim
 Vancouver, Director Lenny Zhou
 West Vancouver, Director Mark Sager
 White Rock, Director Megan Knight

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

scəwáθən məsteyəx^w (Tsawwassen First Nation),
 Director Laura Cassidy

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
 Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer
 Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. February 28, 2025 Meeting Agenda

That the MVRD Board adopt the revised agenda for its meeting scheduled for February 28, 2025 as circulated.

Director Kooner provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the March 28, 2025 MVRD Board Meeting:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to repeal *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1369, 2023*.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. January 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

That it was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the minutes for its special meeting held January 23, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

2. January 31, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the minutes for its meeting held January 31, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Directors, the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under Section F:

- 1.3 Pilot Program to Permit Alcohol Consumption in Regional Parks
- 2.3 Regional Food System Strategy – Engagement Update and Next Steps
- 4.2 Consideration of Updating Development Cost Charge Waivers to Include Inclusionary Housing Units
- 4.3 Development Cost Charge Work Program Update – Proposed Scope of Work for Project 2: DCC Categories and Definitions
- 4.4 Consideration of a Development Cost Charge Reduction for Intensive Agriculture
- 4.6 Funding from the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund
- 6.1 Electoral Area A Barge Clean-up Events

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the recommendations presented in the following items as presented in the February 28, 2025 MVRD Consent Agenda:

- 1.1 Metro Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Needs and Trends Survey 2024
- 1.2 2024 Regional Parks Visitor Survey
- 2.1 Metro 2050 Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target – Baseline Data
- 2.2 Planning Analytics 2024 Report
- 3.1 Metro Vancouver’s Air Quality Management and Regulation Service
- 4.1 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan
- 4.5 2026 Budget: Public Engagement Approach
- 5.1 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan and Invest Vancouver 2025 Annual Plan
- 6.2 2025 Electoral Area and Small Communities Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan
- 7.1 Adoption of Outstanding Committee Minutes from 2023 and 2024

CARRIED

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

1.1 Metro Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Needs and Trends Survey 2024

Report dated December 11, 2024 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, sharing the results of the 2024 Metro Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Needs and Trends Survey.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated December 11, 2024, titled “Metro Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Needs and Trends Survey 2024.”

Adopted on Consent

1.2 2024 Regional Parks Visitor Survey

Report dated December 13, 2024 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, sharing the results of the 2024 Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Visitor Survey.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated December 13, 2024, titled “2024 Regional Parks Visitor Survey.”

Adopted on Consent

2.1 Metro 2050 Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target – Baseline Data

Report dated January 17, 2025 from Diana Jeliaskova, Regional Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with baseline data for Metro 2050 Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the report dated January 17, 2025 titled “Metro 2050 Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target – Baseline Data”; and
- b) direct staff to forward a copy of the report dated January 17, 2025, titled “Metro 2050 Regional Affordable Rental Housing Target – Baseline Data” to member jurisdictions with an offer of a presentation to Council upon request.

Adopted on Consent

2.2 Planning Analytics 2024 Report

Report dated January 16, 2025 from Sinisa Vukicevic, Program Manager, Regional Planning Analytics, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with an update on the work by the Regional Planning’s Analytics team in 2024.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 16, 2025, titled “Planning Analytics 2024 Report”.

Adopted on Consent

3.1 Metro Vancouver’s Air Quality Management and Regulation Service

Report dated January 16, 2025 from Conor Reynolds, Director, Air Quality and Climate Action Services, and Kathy Preston, Director, Environmental Regulation and Enforcement, informing the Air Quality and Climate Committee and MVRD Board about Metro Vancouver’s responsibility and activities related to its air quality management and regulation service in the region.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 16, 2025, titled “Metro Vancouver’s Air Quality Management and Regulation Service”.

Adopted on Consent

4.1 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

Report dated February 5, 2025 from Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, providing the Finance Committee with the 2025 Work Plan, Terms of Reference, and the Annual Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board amend the 2025 Finance Committee Work Plan, from February 5, 2025, with the additional items endorsed by the Committee below:

- Review of Metro Vancouver capital project budgeting practices;
- Review of Financial Management Policy;
- Provide a more detailed Financial Performance Report;
- Review of the Corporate Allocation Policy; and
- Review of Procurement Policy.

Adopted on Consent

4.5 2026 Budget: Public Engagement Approach

Report dated February 5, 2025 from Sonu Kailley, Director Financial Planning, Financial Services, and Lucy Duso, Division Manager Engagement & Collaboration, External Relations, providing the MVRD Board an overview of public engagement related to the creation of the 2026 budget and Five-Year Financial Plan.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 5, 2025 titled "2026 Budget: Public Engagement Approach.

Adopted on Consent

5.1 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan and Invest Vancouver 2025 Annual Plan

Report dated January 21, 2025 from Jacquie Griffiths, President, Invest Vancouver, providing the Board with Invest Vancouver Management Board's Terms of Reference, Work Plan, Invest Vancouver 2025 Annual Plan, and the 2025 Annual Committee Meeting Schedule; and to provide the MVRD Board the Invest Vancouver 2025 Annual Plan for endorsement.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board endorse the Invest Vancouver 2025 Annual Plan as attached to the report dated January 21, 2025, and titled "2025 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan and the Invest Vancouver 2025 Annual Plan".

Adopted on Consent

6.2 2025 Electoral Area and Small Communities Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

Report dated January 29, 2025 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Implementation and Electoral Area Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Electoral Area and Small Communities Committee with the 2025 Work Plan, Terms of Reference, and the Annual Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to engage with Village of Anmore, Village of Belcarra, Village of Lions Bay, Electoral Area A, Bowen Island Municipality, and Tsawwassen First Nation to gauge interest in developing a business case regarding the formalization of sharing resources and services between those member jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver.

Adopted on Consent

7.1 Adoption of Outstanding Committee Minutes from 2023 and 2024

Report dated February 10, 2025 from Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services, presenting outstanding Metro Vancouver standing committee and task force minutes for adoption.

Recommendation:

That the MVRD Board adopt the following minutes, as attached to and recommended in the report dated February 10, 2025, titled "Adoption of outstanding Committee Minutes from 2023 and 2024":

- a) Financial Plan Task Force meeting held March 22, 2023;
- b) Special Joint Caucus of Committee Chairs Committee and Financial Plan Task Force meeting held September 15, 2023;
- c) North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program Task Force meeting held March 15, 2024;
- d) George Massey Crossing Task Force meeting held September 13, 2024;
- e) Climate Action Committee meeting held October 3, 2024;
- f) Electoral Area Committee meeting held October 9, 2024; and
- g) Climate Action Committee meeting held November 7, 2024.

Adopted on Consent

F. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Items removed from the Consent Agenda were considered in numerical order.

1.3 Pilot Program to Permit Alcohol Consumption in Regional Parks

Report dated January 15, 2025 from David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks, seeking Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board approval for an extension of the pilot program to permit seasonal alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks during 2025.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) approve an extension of the Pilot Program to permit alcohol consumption in designated areas of select regional parks in 2025, as proposed in the report dated January 15, 2025, titled “Pilot Program to Permit Alcohol Consumption in Regional Parks”; and
- b) direct staff to report back with an amended “*Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*” to designate areas within regional parks as places where liquor may be legally consumed during 2025.

CARRIED

Directors Au, Dhaliwal, Kooner, Leonard, and Stutt voted against.

2.3 Regional Food System Strategy – Engagement Update and Next Steps

Report dated January 16, 2025, from Carla Stewart, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the Regional Planning Committee with information on the Regional Food System Strategy update process, feedback to date, and next steps.

Members discussed the Province’s responsibility regarding food systems in the region and whether Metro Vancouver should continue its ongoing work in this area while it formally requests action from the Province.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board direct staff to discontinue work on the Regional Food System Strategy, and request that the Board Chair send a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to ask them to fulfill their obligations with regard to food systems in the region.

DEFEATED**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board request that the Board Chair send a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to ask them to fulfill their obligations with regard to food systems in the region.

CARRIED

4.2 Consideration of Updating Development Cost Charge Waivers to Include Inclusionary Housing Units

Report dated February 5, 2025 from Jessica Hayes, Program Manager, Housing Policy and Planning, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the GVS&DD/GVWD/MVRD Board with an opportunity to provide feedback Metro Vancouver's Development Cost Charge (DCC) Waiver Framework, and to request direction to conduct further financial analysis to mitigate any potential impacts of foregone DCC revenue.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the report dated February 5, 2025, titled "Consideration of Updating Development Cost Charge Waivers to Include Inclusionary Housing Units", and;
- b) direct staff to bring back additional financial analysis to the Finance Committee, including options to mitigate impacts of foregone Development Cost Charge (DCC) revenue on ratepayers and critical infrastructure, while maximizing affordable housing benefits of the DCC waiver framework.

CARRIED

4.3 Development Cost Charge Work Program Update – Proposed Scope of Work for Project 2: DCC Categories and Definitions

Report dated February 5, 2025 from Laurel Cowan, Division Manager, Regional Planning Land Use Policy and Planning, providing the MVRD Board with an opportunity to endorse the proposed scope to review and update the Development Cost Charge (DCC) categories and definitions, as part of the larger DCC workplan of five projects to review and update Metro Vancouver's DCC program.

10:34 Director Locke left the meeting at this point.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board endorse the scope of work as presented in the report dated February 5, 2025, titled "Development Cost Charge Work Program Update – Proposed Scope of Work for Project 2: DCC Categories and Definitions."

CARRIED

- 4.4 Consideration of a Development Cost Charge Reduction for Intensive Agriculture**
Report dated February 5, 2025 from Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, providing the GVWD/GVS&DD/MVRD Board with an opportunity to provide direction to undertake further analysis to develop a Development Cost Charge reduction for Intensive Agricultural developments that have a low environmental impact and bring this back for Committee and Board consideration.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board direct staff to advance work to analyze and propose a Development Cost Charge reduction for Intensive Agricultural developments that have a low environmental impact for Board consideration.

CARRIED

- 4.6 Funding from the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund**
Report dated February 5, 2025 from Jean Lawson, Program Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, and Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, providing the GVWD/GVS&DD/MVRD Board with information on opportunities to pursue funding from the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund and subsequently requesting lengthening of the in-stream protection period to a maximum of 24 months.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 5, 2025, titled "Funding from the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund".

CARRIED

- 6.1 Electoral Area A Barge Clean-up Events**
Report dated January 20, 2025 from Marcin Pachcinski, Division Manager, Implementation and Electoral Area Services, Regional Planning and Housing Services, seeking direction from the MVRD Board on budgeting and delivery of future Electoral Area A barge clean-up events.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board direct staff to:

- a) set limits on the total volume of items picked up per household as part of the Electoral Area A barge clean-up events;
- b) explore the feasibility of additional alternate disposal events; and
- c) bring back information on options to create a fee for service or tax service area, as described in the report dated January 20, 2025, titled "Electoral Area A Barge Clean-up Events."

CARRIED

G. REPORTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard)

Report dated January 15, 2025 from Mark Seinen, Senior Planner, and Charles Pan, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with an opportunity to consider *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025* for first, second, and third readings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for the City of Delta's requested regional land use designation amendment from Agricultural to General Urban for the lands located at 4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard;
- b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025";
- c) notify affected local governments and the Agricultural Land Commission and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*; and
- d) direct staff to notify in region First Nations via referral offices to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment.

CARRIED

1.2 Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language

Report dated December 5, 2024 from Edward Nichol, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with an opportunity to consider *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025* for first, second, and third readings.

10:49 am the meeting was recessed.

10:58 am the meeting was reconvened.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to strengthen climate action policy language;
- b) give first, second and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2025" as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025, titled "Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language" as Attachment 3; and
- c) direct staff to notify affected local governments, in region First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.

A member requested that a recorded vote be conducted.

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P		2
Au. C		3
Bains. H	5	
Berry. K		1
Binder. R	3	
Bligh. R		5
Brodie. M		4
Buchanan. L		3
Calendino. P		4
Dhaliwal. S		4
Dominato. L		5
Elford. D	4	
Ferguson. S	3	
Hepner. G	5	
Hodge. C	4	
Hurley. M		5
Kirby-Yung. S	5	
Klassen. M	5	
Knight. M	2	
Kooner. P	5	
Kruger. D	3	
Lahti. M		2
Leonard. A		1
MacDonald. N		1
McCutcheon. J		1
McEvoy. J		4
McEwen. J	1	
McNulty. W		4
Meiszner. P	4	
Montague. B	5	
Muri. L		5
Ross. J		1
Ruimy. D		5
Sager. M	3	
Stutt. R	5	
Towner. T	4	
West. B	4	

Woodward. E	4	
Zhou. L	5	
Total Votes	79	60

CARRIED

Members discussed the desire to bring forward the remaining four climate action policies that were not endorsed at the February 6, 2025 meeting of the Regional Planning Committee for Board consideration.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022* to add the four climate action policies endorsed by the Board on September 27, 2024 but were not endorsed by the Regional Planning Committee at their meeting of February 6, 2025.

A member requested that a recorded vote be conducted.

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P	2	
Au. C	3	
Bains. H		5
Berry. K	1	
Binder. R	3	
Bligh. R	5	
Brodie. M	4	
Buchanan. L	3	
Calendino. P	4	
Dhaliwal. S	4	
Dominato. L	5	
Elford. D	4	
Ferguson. S		3
Hepner. G		5
Hodge. C		4
Hurley. M	5	
Kirby-Yung. S		5
Klassen. M	5	
Knight. M		2
Kooner. P		5
Kruger. D		3
Lahti. M	2	
Leonard. A	1	

MacDonald. N		1
McCutcheon. J	1	
McEvoy. J	4	
McEwen. J		1
McNulty. W	4	
Meiszner. P		4
Montague. B		5
Muri. L	5	
Ross. J	1	
Ruimy. D	5	
Sager. M		3
Stutt. R		5
Towner. T		4
West. B		4
Woodward. E		4
Zhou. L		5
Total Votes	71	68

CARRIED

2.1 Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Service Conversion Bylaw No. 1402, 2024 – Administrative Change

Report dated February 18, 2025 from Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer, Board and Information Services, presenting the corrected *Metro Vancouver Regional District Sasamat Fire Service Conversion Bylaw No. 1402, 2024* for third reading and referral to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- rescind third reading of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Sasamat Fire Service Conversion Bylaw No. 1402, 2024*; and
- give third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Sasamat Fire Service Conversion Bylaw No. 1402, 2024*, as amended and presented in Attachment 1 in the report dated February 18, 2025, and forward it to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

2.2 Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment – City of Surrey (15238 - 64 Avenue)

Report dated February 10, 2025 from Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer, and Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, providing the MVRD Board with a summary of comments received as a result of the notification to affected local governments and agencies, as well as an opportunity to consider adoption of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1396, 2024*.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the comments from affected local governments and agencies as presented in the report dated February 10, 2025, titled “Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment – City of Surrey (15238 - 64 Avenue)”;
- b) adopt Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1396, 2024; and
- c) accept the City of Surrey’s amended, and corresponding, Regional Context Statement showing 15238 - 64 Avenue amended from an Agricultural to an Industrial regional land use designation and extending the Urban Containment Boundary.

CARRIED

2.3 MVRD Development Cost Charge Waiver or Reduction for Not-for-Profit Rental Housing Bylaw No. 1409, 2025

Report dated February 18, 2025 from Mikayla Tinsley, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst, Regional Planning and Housing Services, seeking adoption of MVRD Development Cost Charge (DCC) Waiver or Reduction for Not-for-Profit Rental Housing Bylaw No. 1409, which establishes a waiver or reduction for not-for-profit rental housing for the recently introduced Regional Parkland Acquisition DCC.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board give first, second and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Waiver or Reduction for Not-for-Profit Rental Housing Bylaw, No. 1409, 2025*.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Waiver or Reduction for Not-for-Profit Rental Housing Bylaw, No. 1409, 2025*.

CARRIED

11:26 am Director Locke returned to the meeting.

H. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Director West at the January 31, 2025 MVRD meeting:

That the MVRD Board direct staff and/or request the Chair, where applicable, to give effect to the following:

- 1) propose changes to the remuneration bylaw to:
 - a) reduce the Metro Vancouver meeting stipend by 50%.
 - b) eliminate any additional stipend for meetings longer than 4 hours.
 - c) create a total limit on Director remuneration.
 - d) eliminate regional median-based automatic adjustments to meeting per diem and Chair/Vice Chair remuneration.
 - e) eliminate additional meeting stipends payable to Chair/Vice Chair.
 - f) consider alternatives to meeting stipend model of remuneration and any further changes as desired by the board.
- 2) reduce the total number of Metro Vancouver committees by a minimum of 50%.
- 3) reduce the total number of Metro Vancouver meetings for which a stipend is paid by a minimum of 50% from 2024 totals.
- 4) initiate a full-scale, external core service review of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District, the Greater Vancouver Water District and the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation with a mandate to identify savings, efficiencies and reductions by examining all departments and service areas, staffing levels, use of contracted services and consultants and any other areas as identified by the board, as well as reviewing Metro Vancouver's role as a regulator, identifying areas of duplicatory or overlapping municipal, regional, provincial and federal regulation and delegated authorities from the provincial and federal governments which may be uploaded back.

11:38 am Director Woodward left the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the above notice of motion be referred to the April 25, 2025 Regular MVRD Board meeting.

A member requested that a recorded vote be conducted.

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P		2

Au. C	3	
Bains. H	5	
Berry. K		1
Binder. R	3	
Bligh. R	5	
Brodie. M	4	
Buchanan. L	3	
Calendino. P		4
Dhaliwal. S		4
Dominato. L	5	
Elford. D	4	
Ferguson. S	3	
Hepner. G	5	
Hodge. C	4	
Hurley. M	5	
Kirby-Yung. S		5
Klassen. M	5	
Knight. M	2	
Kooner. P	5	
Kruger. D	3	
Lahti. M	2	
Leonard. A		1
Locke. B	5	
MacDonald. N	1	
McCutcheon. J		1
McEvoy. J		4
McEwen. J	1	
McNulty. W	4	
Meiszner. P	4	
Montague. B	5	
Muri. L	5	
Ross. J	1	
Ruimy. D	5	
Sager. M		3
Stutt. R	5	
Towner. T	4	
West. B	4	
Zhou. L	5	
Total Votes	115	25

CARRIED

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. MVRD Board Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

J. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board close its meeting scheduled for February 28, 2025 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

- 90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
 - (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
 - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
 - (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting; and
- (2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adjourn its meeting of February 28, 2025.

CARRIED

(Time: 11:41 am)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Mike Hurley, Chair

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks

Date: January 21, 2025 Meeting Date: March 5, 2025

Subject: **Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metro Vancouver undertakes an annual process to dedicate regional park land acquired in the previous year. Included in the proposed bylaw, *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025* is the regional park land acquired in 2024 in Blaney Bog Regional Park Reserve, South Langley Regional Park and Glen Valley Regional Park (West Creek Wetland).

PURPOSE

To obtain MVRD Board approval of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025* for the dedication of land acquired for use as regional park.

BACKGROUND

Section 30 of the *Community Charter* (British Columbia), applicable to regional districts pursuant to section 278 of the *Local Government Act* (British Columbia), authorizes a regional district to dedicate land as a park by way of a bylaw. Lands dedicated and held as regional park or trail cannot be utilized for non-park or trail uses, thereby providing additional protection for the intended use of the lands.

PARK LAND DEDICATION

The *Local Government Act* authorizes a regional district to dedicate land as regional park by way of a bylaw. Once dedicated the land cannot be put to non-park uses. Dedication of land as a regional park can only be revoked by a bylaw adopted with the approval of the electors.

The lands included in Schedule “A” to the attached bylaw have been acquired by the MVRD for park purposes.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) give first, second, and third reading to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 21, 2025, titled "Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025."

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as the result of this bylaw.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025 will dedicate land acquired by MVRD in 2024 for regional park use. The lands identified in Schedule "A" of the attached bylaw have been acquired specifically for use as a regional park.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*.

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**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1405, 2025
A Bylaw to Dedicate Land as Regional Park**

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 30 of the *Community Charter*, applicable to regional districts pursuant to section 278 of the *Local Government Act*, authorizes a regional district to dedicate land as a park by way of a bylaw; and
- B. the Metro Vancouver Regional District has acquired land legally described in the attached Schedule "A" (the "**Land**") for regional park purposes.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is "Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025".

Dedication

2. The Land is dedicated as regional park.

Schedule

3. The following Schedule is attached to and forms part of the bylaw:
 - Schedule "A", Lands Acquired for Regional Park Purposes.

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Schedule "A"

Lands Acquired for Regional Park Purposes

PARK	MUNICIPALITY	TENURE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PID	DATE OF ACQUISITION
Blaney Bog Regional Park Reserve					
Blaney Bog Regional Park Reserve	Maple Ridge	Fee Simple	LOT 27 SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 12 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT PLAN 37547	008-398-232	April, 2024
South Langley Regional Park					
South Langley Regional Park	Township of Langley	Fee Simple	LOT 1 SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 10 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT PLAN 69687	001-840-304	August, 2024
South Langley Regional Park	Township of Langley	Fee simple	LOT 2 SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 10 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT PLAN 21497	005-071-216	November, 2024
South Langley Regional Park	Township of Langley	Fee simple	LOT 3 SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 10 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT PLAN 25003	005-071-232	November, 2024
Glen Valley Regional Park (West Creek Wetland)					
West Creek Wetland	Township of Langley	Fee Simple	SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 11 EXCEPT: PARCEL "A" (PLAN WITH FEE DEPOSITED 19991F), NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT	013-279-742	June, 2024

To: MVRD Board of Directors

From: Edward Nichol, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services

Date: March 14, 2025 Meeting Date: March 28, 2025

Subject: **Responding to Board Direction to Advance Four Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaws to Strengthen Climate Policy Language for Consideration**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy and give first, second, and third reading to:
 - i. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1411, 2025 (Attachment 1 – Re: Rural Land Use Designation);*
 - ii. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 2025 (Attachment 2 – Re: Protection of Trees and Ecosystems on Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation Lands);*
 - iii. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 2025 (Attachment 3 – Re: Development and Updating of Local-Scale Hazard and Risk Datasets);*
 - iv. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1414, 2025 (Attachment 4 – Re: Member Jurisdiction and Metro Vancouver Consideration of Climate-Related Issues in Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Applications); and*
 - b) direct staff to notify affected local governments, local First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the February 2025 Regional Planning Committee meeting, a draft *Metro 2050* amendment bylaw was presented containing six new policies for *Metro 2050* to strengthen climate language and policy reflecting Regional Planning Committee and Board direction and support for the six policy areas provided in September 2024. The Committee supported two of six policies. At the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board Meeting, alternatives were presented to either give readings to an amendment bylaw containing all six policies or give readings to an amendment bylaw containing only the two policies supported by the Regional Planning Committee. The MVRD Board supported the Bylaw with two new policies and also passed a resolution directing staff to bring forward the other four policy areas via separate amendment bylaws for consideration. If initiated, all of the four proposed Type 2 Minor Amendments to *Metro 2050* require adoption through an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board. The recommendations in this report, a)i to a)iv can be split and considered separately if desired.

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As context, while considering adoption of *Metro 2050*, the MVRD Board directed staff to undertake further work to bring back an early proposed amendment to strengthen climate language and policies. Following an extensive study and engagement process, policy recommendations were presented to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board for consideration.

PURPOSE

To provide the MVRD Board with the opportunity to consider amending *Metro 2050* to strengthen climate policy language in four specific areas, through a Type 2 minor amendment.

BACKGROUND

To respond to Board direction, staff completed a *Metro 2050* Climate Policy Enhancement Study to develop policy recommendations, which were subsequently brought to the Regional Planning Committee and the MVRD Board for review and feedback in May 2024 (Reference 1). Following staff revisions to two policy recommendations to reflect input from the Regional Planning Committee, the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board supported all six proposed policy changes in September 2024, and directed staff to develop an amendment bylaw reflecting this support. (Attachment 5).

At the February 6, 2025 Regional Planning Committee meeting, a draft bylaw was presented containing the six new policies for *Metro 2050*; the Committee supported two of six policies. At the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board Meeting (Attachment 6), the amendment bylaw for all six policies was provided, as well as a second amendment bylaw containing only the two policies supported by the Regional Planning Committee (*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2025*). The MVRD Board gave first, second, and third reading to the amendment bylaw containing the two policies. In addition, the Board passed the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022 to add the four climate action policies endorsed by the Board on September 27, 2024, but that were not endorsed by the Regional Planning Committee at their meeting of February 6, 2025.

In response to this resolution, this report provides four separate *Metro 2050* amendment bylaws reflecting the policy areas supported in September 2024 for Board consideration. The proposed amendments are identical to the versions presented to the Board in February 2025.

PROPOSED TYPE 2 MINOR AMENDMENTS

Table 1 below summarizes the proposed policy changes to *Metro 2050* based on the four policies referenced in the resolution at the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board meeting. All proposed policy changes to *Metro 2050* can be found in the associated draft bylaws to amend the Regional Growth Strategy (Attachments 1-4).

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Table 1: Summary of Proposed Policy Changes to Metro 2050

Proposed Policy Additions (<u>underlined content is new</u>)	Metro 2050 Policy Location
<p>1. Metro Vancouver will: <u>1.4.3. Work collaboratively with member jurisdictions to update and clarify the definition, intent, and appropriate uses for the Rural regional land use designation, articulating the importance of Rural lands for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Supporting regional urban containment objectives;</u> • <u>Protecting the region's ecosystems and agricultural lands;</u> • <u>Sequestering and storing carbon; and</u> • <u>Buffering the impacts of climate change and natural hazards.</u> 	<p>Strategy 1.4 (Page 40)</p>
<p><i>Policy Rationale:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A significant portion of the region's Rural designated lands are within or adjacent to floodplains and steep slopes, support agricultural production, contain Sensitive Ecosystems with high carbon storage value, and have areas with high water tables and sensitive groundwater aquifers. Because of these characteristics, much of the region's designated Rural lands are also unsuitable for urban forms of development, and protecting existing Rural lands for their current use is a cost-effective climate action given the ecosystem services they already provide and the implicit climate change benefits (reducing GHGs and enhancing resilience) associated with urban containment;</i> • <i>While other regional land use designations are more clearly defined by specific criteria, Rural designated lands are ambiguously defined in Metro 2050;</i> • <i>Rural designated lands are not intended for urban expansion, which is made clear in the policy directions of Metro 2050 that limit extension of regional sewer servicing outside the Urban Containment Boundary;</i> • <i>The current ambiguity related to the definition and intent of Rural lands complicates the review of Metro 2050 amendment applications for lands with a Rural regional land use designation, confuses the assumption of their long-term purpose, and may work counter to the urban containment objectives and Guiding Principles of Metro 2050;</i> • <i>Revising the definition of Rural designated lands and providing additional information in an Implementation Guideline would clarify the role and servicing intent of Rural lands, and will serve to reduce speculation and development pressures faced by member jurisdictions. The need for this clarity is critical, given that servicing needs and requirements are interrelated with development intensity; and</i> • <i>Revising the definition of Rural designated lands will provide consistent messaging for member jurisdictions, landowners / developers, First Nations, agency partners, and the public, and will improve transparency.</i> 	

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2.	<p>Metro Vancouver will: <u>3.2.5 Work with Member Jurisdictions, First Nations, and other agencies to support the protection of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation designation, while recognizing both the need and intent to utilize lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation for agricultural purposes.</u></p>	Strategy 3.2 (Page 58)
	<p><i>Policy Rationale:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trees and other ecosystems provide important climate-related ecosystem services by storing carbon, providing shading and cooling, and absorbing stormwater run-off;</i> • <i>70% of Sensitive and Modified Ecosystem loss between 2014 and 2020 occurred within the Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation, and Rural regional land use designations;</i> • <i>Metro 2050 contains a target for tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) but not for lands outside the UCB so there are no policies to support trees outside the UCB; and</i> • <i>Agricultural, Rural, and Conservation and Recreation designated lands provide opportunities to protect natural ecosystems and increase tree canopy cover while still prioritizing primary functions such as agricultural uses on agricultural lands - this will be essential to supporting Metro 2050's target to protect 50% of the region's land base for nature.</i> 	
3.	<p>Environment and Climate Change Analysis <u>6.4.6 Where applicable, Member Jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver will collaborate to consider climate-related issues in Metro 2050 amendment applications. Metro Vancouver will provide relevant environmental and climate change data and analysis, and the member jurisdiction proposing the amendment will include information that demonstrates how the amendment aligns with climate-related policies in their accepted Regional Context Statement, including issues such as:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carbon storage levels in natural areas;</u> • <u>Changes in tree canopy cover and impervious surface;</u> • <u>Protection of ecosystems, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems identified in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory;</u> • <u>Green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity (e.g., changes to the Regional Green Infrastructure Network); and</u> • <u>Protection and retention of agricultural lands for agricultural purposes.</u> 	Section F (Page 92)
	<p><i>Policy Rationale:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This policy will provide consistent messaging for member jurisdictions, landowners / developers, First Nations, agency partners, the public, etc., improve transparency on all Regional Growth Strategy amendment requests, and reinforce the connection between local</i> 	

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	<p><i>planning and regional environment and climate change targets (and shared objectives) of Metro 2050;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policy action 3.2.2 a) of Metro 2050 establishes Metro Vancouver's role to collect and report on the gains and losses for relevant environmental data;</i> • <i>Policy action 3.2.7 of Metro 2050 requires member jurisdictions to report on tree canopy cover, protected areas, and sensitive ecosystems in Regional Context Statements; and</i> • <i>This policy would contribute towards Action 3.3 of the MVRD Board-endorsed Climate 2050 Nature and Ecosystems Roadmap and Action 1.7 of the MVRD Board-endorsed Climate 2050 Agriculture Roadmap; Strategy 2.2 of the MVRD Board-adopted Ecological Health Framework, and would support Metro 2050 performance monitoring.</i> 	
4.	<p>Member Jurisdictions will:</p> <p><u>3.4.6 Develop and update local-scale hazard and risk datasets, striving for datasets that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>are kept current;</u> • <u>incorporate future climate change scenarios;</u> • <u>include both probable and severe scenarios;</u> • <u>are incorporated into Official Community Plans, zoning, and other land use regulations, as appropriate; and</u> • <u>are incorporated into planning and location decisions for new municipal utilities, assets, operations, and community services.</u> 	<p>Strategy 3.4 (Page 66)</p>
	<p>Policy Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>While policy action 3.4.5 of Metro 2050 requires member jurisdictions to adopt Regional Context Statements that: a) minimize risks to existing communities and, b) discourage new development in at-risk areas, those decisions might not be made with current hazard and risk information;</i> • <i>Based on results from surveyed municipalities, it is estimated that less than 50% of local hazard datasets in the Metro Vancouver region were developed in the last 10 years;</i> • <i>This policy aligns with the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act requirement to incorporate climate change information into local risk assessments, though with the distinction that the proposed policy refers broadly to hazard and risk data (not solely risk assessments) and crucially, encourages a connection between local government hazard/risk work and land use planning initiatives;</i> • <i>International guidance – such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the United Nations Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities – emphasize developing and periodically updating risk-based information (including risk maps), and incorporating risk scenarios that are regularly updated; and</i> • <i>International guidance materials – such as the United Nations Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities – note that risk scenarios should identify</i> 	

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	<i>hazards, exposures and vulnerabilities in at least the “most probable” and “most severe” (i.e., “worst-case”) scenarios.</i>	
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NEXT STEPS

If any or all of the proposed *Metro 2050* amendments are initiated and the associated bylaws receive first, second, and third readings, they will then be referred to all affected local governments, local First Nations, as well as adjacent regional districts, the Agricultural Land Commission, TransLink Board, Fraser Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. The proposed amendment(s) would also be posted on the Metro Vancouver website for a minimum of 45 days to provide an opportunity for comment. All comments received would be summarized and included in a report advancing the amendment bylaw(s) to the MVRD Board for consideration of final adoption.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy and give first, second and third reading to:
 - i. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1411, 2025 (Attachment 1 – Re: Rural Regional Land Use Designation);*
 - ii. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 2025 (Attachment 2 – Re: Protection of Trees and Ecosystems on Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation Lands);*
 - iii. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 2025 (Attachment 3 – Re: Development and Updating of Local-Scale Hazard and Risk Datasets);*
 - iv. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1414, 2025 (Attachment 4 – Re: Member Jurisdiction and Metro Vancouver Consideration of Climate-Related Issues in Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Applications); and*
 - b) direct staff to notify affected local governments, local First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report titled “Responding to Board Direction to Advance Four Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaws to Strengthen Climate Policy Language for Consideration,” dated March 14, 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the MVRD Board chooses to advance any or all of the proposed amendments, then there are no financial implications. If any or all of the proposed amendments are adopted, the actions to implement the amendments would be undertaken through the regular Regional Planning work plan and budget. If the Board chooses not to advance any or the proposed amendments, there are no financial implications.

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CONCLUSION

Further to MVRD Board direction, staff provided recommendations to enhance and strengthen climate change policy in *Metro 2050* to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board in 2024. A total of six recommendations were supported as the basis for a draft bylaw which was brought to the February 2025 Regional Planning Committee meeting. At this meeting, the Committee supported two of the six policies included in the draft bylaw. At the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board Meeting, alternatives were presented to either accept a draft bylaw containing all six policies or accept a draft bylaw containing only the two policies supported by the Regional Planning Committee (*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2025*). The MVRD Board supported the bylaw that contained only the two policies but passed a resolution to consider the other four policies at a future meeting. In response to the motion, this report provides four separate draft amendment bylaws for Board consideration. If initiated, the proposed Type 2 Minor Amendments to the regional growth strategy require adoption through an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1411, 2025.*
2. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 2025.*
3. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 2025.*
4. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1414, 2025.*
5. "Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations", dated August 9, 2024.
6. "Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language", dated February 6, 2025.

REFERENCES

1. [Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations \(MVRD Board\)](#)

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1411, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”

The Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1411, 2025”.

Amendment of Bylaw

2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022” is amended as follows:
 - (a) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area” under policy “1.4.2”, the text reference to policy “1.4.3” is replaced with “1.4.4”;
 - (b) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area”, a new policy is added following policy 1.4.2 as follows:

“1.4.3 Work collaboratively with Member Jurisdictions to update and clarify the definition, intent, and appropriate uses for the Rural regional land use designation, articulating the importance of Rural lands for:

 - a) supporting regional urban containment objectives;
 - b) protecting the region’s ecosystems and agricultural lands;
 - c) sequestering and storing carbon; and
 - d) buffering the impacts of climate change and natural hazards.”; and
 - (c) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area”, policy “1.4.3” is re-numbered as policy “1.4.4”.

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1412, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”

The Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1412, 2025”.

Amendment of Bylaw

2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022” is amended as follows:
 - (a) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards”, policy “3.2.5” is re-numbered as policy “3.2.6”, and the text reference to policy “3.2.7” is replaced with “3.2.8”;
 - (b) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under “Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards”, a new policy is added following policy 3.2.4 as follows:

“3.2.5 Work with Member Jurisdictions, First Nations, and other agencies to support the protection of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation designation, while recognizing both the need and intent to utilize lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation for agricultural purposes.”;
 - (c) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards”, policy “3.2.6” is re-numbered as policy “3.2.7”; and
 - (d) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards”, policy “3.2.7” is re-numbered as policy “3.2.8”.

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1413, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”

The Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1413, 2025”.

Amendment of Bylaw

2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022” is amended as follows:
 - (a) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under the heading “Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards”, policy 3.4.6 is deleted and replaced as follows:

“3.4.6 Develop and update local-scale hazard and risk datasets, striving for datasets that:

 - a) are kept current;
 - b) incorporate future climate change scenarios;
 - c) include both probable and severe scenarios;
 - d) are incorporated into Official Community Plans, zoning, and other land use regulations, as appropriate; and
 - e) are incorporated into planning and location decisions for new municipal utilities, assets, operations, and community services.”

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1414, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”

The Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1414, 2025”.

Amendment of Bylaw

2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022” is amended as follows:

- (a) In section “F. Implementation”, under the heading “6.4 Procedures for Regional Growth Strategy Amendments”, a new sub-heading and policy is added as follows:

“Environment and Climate Change Analysis

6.4.6 Where applicable, Member Jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver will collaborate to consider climate-related issues in Regional Growth Strategy amendment applications. Metro Vancouver will provide relevant environmental and climate change data and analysis, and the Member Jurisdiction proposing the amendment will include information that demonstrates how the amendment aligns with climate-related policies in their accepted Regional Context Statement, including issues such as:

- a) carbon storage levels in natural areas;
- b) changes in tree canopy cover and impervious surface;
- c) protection of ecosystems, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems identified in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory;
- d) green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity (e.g., changes to the Regional Green Infrastructure Network); and
- e) protection and retention of agricultural lands for agricultural purposes.”

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

To: Regional Planning Committee

From: Edward Nichol, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services

Date: August 9, 2024 Meeting Date: September 6, 2024

Subject: **Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based on the revised recommendations as described in Tables 1 and 2 of the report dated August 9, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations” to:

- a) support the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary; and
 - b) encourage environmental and climate change related analysis as part of appropriate *Metro 2050* amendment applications.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the May 10, 2024 Regional Planning Committee meeting, staff, as per MVRD Board direction received in early 2023, provided a report with recommendations to enhance and strengthen climate change policy in *Metro 2050*. The Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board supported four out of the six recommended policy areas, but the Committee recommended to the Board that two of the six recommendations be referred to staff to refine the language, citing concerns of overly prescriptive requirements. The Board supported the Committee’s recommendation. In response to this direction, this report provides alternative wording for the two recommended policy areas based on the feedback received from the Regional Planning Committee. If the amended wording is supported, staff will bring forward an amendment bylaw for *Metro 2050* for the six recommended policy areas for Regional Planning Committee and Board consideration.

PURPOSE

To provide the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board with alternative wording on two referred policy enhancement recommendations to strengthen climate change policies in *Metro 2050* for consideration and staff direction.

BACKGROUND

At its May 10, 2024 meeting, the Regional Planning Committee received a report dated March 13, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations” (Reference 1), and considered the following recommendation:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Metro 2050 for consideration based on the following recommendations and as described in Table 2 of the report dated March 13, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations” to:

- a) *develop a revised definition for the regional Rural land use designation;*

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- b) encourage the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary;
- c) require environmental and climate change-related analyses as part of all Metro 2050 amendment applications;
- d) encourage the development of local hazard and risk data that meets key requirements;
- e) add new climate-related performance monitoring metrics; and
- f) increase intersection density and permeability of the urban street grid.

The Committee passed the resolution as presented above in underline style, and referred recommendations b) and c) back to staff to consider adjustments to language, with some committee members citing concerns of overly prescriptive requirements. The matter was forwarded to the MVRD Board for consideration, and at its May 31, 2024 meeting the Board adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Metro 2050 for consideration based on the following recommendations and as described in Table 2 of the report dated March 13, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations” to:

- a) *develop a revised definition for the regional Rural land use designation;*
- b) *encourage the development of local hazard and risk data that meets key requirements;*
- c) *add new climate-related performance monitoring metrics; and*
- d) *increase intersection density and permeability of the urban street grid.*

Prior to providing the Committee and Board with an amendment bylaw for *Metro 2050*, this report endeavours to respond to Committee and Board concerns for the two policy areas referred back to staff. Depending on the Board’s response to this report, staff will either prepare an amendment bylaw covering four or six policy recommendations for consideration.

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the direction given, and the feedback received, by members of the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board, staff have revised the two referred recommendations to address concerns. The original and revised recommendation options are included in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1: Revised Recommendation #1

Original Recommendation
<i>Add new policies to Strategies 1.4, 2.3, and 3.1 of Metro 2050 for Metro Vancouver to work with key partners to encourage the protection and restoration of trees and other natural ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designation (i.e., Rural, Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation), and on lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary.</i>
Revised Recommendation
<i>Add a new policy to Strategy 3.2 for Metro Vancouver to work with key partners to support the protection and restoration of trees and other natural ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designation (i.e., Rural, Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation), and on lands</i>

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outside the Urban Containment Boundary **while recognizing both the need and policy intent to preserve the agricultural capability of lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation and preserve or enhance the natural ecosystems and features in these areas.**

Edits Applied to Revised Recommendation:

- Direct the policy to Metro 2050 Strategy 3.2 (Protect, enhance, restore, and connect ecosystems);
- Re-frame the recommendation as a “support” action; and
- Recognize the need to preserve agricultural capability of lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation.

Rationale for Recommendation:

- Trees and other ecosystems provide important climate-related ecosystem services by storing carbon, providing shading and cooling, and absorbing stormwater runoff;
- Metro 2050 contains a target for tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment Boundary but not for lands outside the UCB;
- Metro 2050 includes an ecosystem protection target for 50% of the region’s total land base;
- Agricultural, Rural, and Conservation and Recreation designated lands provide opportunities to protect natural ecosystems and increase tree canopy cover - this will be essential to supporting Metro 2050’s 50% protected areas target;
- 70% of Sensitive and Modified Ecosystem loss between 2014 and 2020 occurred within the Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation, and Rural regional land use designations; and 71% of Sensitive and Modified Ecosystem loss between 2014 and 2020 occurred on lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary.

Table 2: Revised Recommendation #2**Original Recommendation**

Add a new policy to Section F of Metro 2050 requiring Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions to include additional climate-focused analysis in Metro 2050 amendment applications. This would be implemented by a) requiring Metro Vancouver to work with member jurisdictions to provide relevant environmental and climate change data and analysis, and b) requiring member jurisdictions to demonstrate that the proposed amendment does not conflict with applicable commitments in OCPs / accepted Regional Context Statements pertaining to the following topic areas:

- Carbon storage levels in natural areas;
- Tree canopy cover;
- Impervious surfaces;
- Ecosystem protection, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems;
- Agricultural land; and
- Green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity.

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Revised Recommendation

Add a new policy to Section F of Metro 2050 for member jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver to **include / consider** climate-focused issues in Metro 2050 amendment applications, **where applicable**. This would be implemented collaboratively by a) ~~requiring~~ Metro Vancouver providing relevant **and up-to-date** environmental and climate change data and analysis and, **b) the member jurisdiction proposing the amendment including information / commentary that demonstrates how the amendment aligns with applicable policies in their accepted Regional Context**

Statements pertaining to topic areas such as:

- Carbon storage levels in natural areas;
- Tree canopy cover;
- Impervious surfaces;
- Ecosystem protection, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems;
- Agricultural land; and/or
- Green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity.

Edits Applied to Revised Recommendation:

- Re-frame to consider climate-focused issues, where applicable (rather than require);
- Revise to reference Regional Context Statements only; and
- Revise to suggest climate-focused topic areas for consideration (rather than including the topic areas as an exhaustive/prescriptive list).

Rationale for Recommendation:

- Metro 2050 Policy action 3.2.2 a) establishes Metro Vancouver's role to collect and report on the gains and losses for relevant environmental data;
- Metro 2050 Policy action 3.2.7 requires member jurisdictions to report on tree canopy cover, protected areas, and sensitive ecosystems in Regional Context Statements;
- Will provide consistent messaging for member jurisdictions, landowners / developers, First Nations, and agency partners to improve transparency for amendment requests and reinforce the connection between local planning and regional climate action targets;
- Would contribute towards Action 3.3 of the MVRD Board-endorsed Climate 2050 Nature and Ecosystems Roadmap and Action 1.7 of the MVRD Board-endorsed Climate 2050 Agriculture Roadmap;
- Would contribute towards Strategy 2.2 of the MVRD Board-adopted Ecological Health Framework; and
- Would support Metro 2050 performance monitoring.

NEXT STEPS

If the Board chooses Alternative 1, staff will add the two revised recommendations to the four policy recommendations previously supported by the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board (at the May 10 and May 30, 2024 meetings, respectively), and prepare a Metro 2050 amendment bylaw for Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board consideration.

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If the Board chooses Alternative 2, staff will prepare a *Metro 2050* amendment bylaw responding to the four policy areas endorsed in May 2024, and will not include the two policy areas considered in this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based on the revised recommendations as described in Tables 1 and 2 of the report dated August 9, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations” to:
 - a) support the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary; and
 - b) encourage environmental and climate change related analysis as part of appropriate *Metro 2050* amendment applications.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 9, 2024 titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations” and direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based only on the four previously endorsed recommendations received during the May 31, 2024 MVRD Board meeting.
3. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 9, 2024 titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report. All work was developed internally within the Regional Planning 2023 and 2024 work program.

CONCLUSION

The Regional Planning Committee considered a report at its May 10, 2024 meeting with recommendations to enhance and strengthen climate change policies in *Metro 2050*, as per MVRD Board direction given in early 2023. Two of the six recommended policy areas were referred back to staff to consider alternative language. In response to this direction, this report provides alternative wording for the two recommendations for Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board consideration, and seeks direction to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* accordingly for future consideration by the Board.

REFERENCES

1. [Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study - Recommendations](#)

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SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A LIVABLE REGION

To: MVRD Board of Directors

From: Jacque Killawee, Deputy Corporate Officer

Date: February 6, 2025

Meeting Date: February 28, 2025

Subject: **Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language**

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board receive for information the recommendations from the Regional Planning Committee regarding “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025”.

In May 2024, the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board endorsed four of six policy areas identified through the Board requested *Metro 2050* Climate Policy Enhancement Study with an aim to an early amendment to *Metro 2050* to strengthen climate related language and policies and directed staff to revise the wording for the remaining two policy areas citing concerns of overly prescriptive language. In September 2024, the Regional Planning Committee and Board endorsed all six policy areas, with revised wording for the two areas of initial concern, and the MVRD Board directed staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based on the endorsed six policy areas identified in the associated staff report.

At its February 6, 2025 meeting, the Regional Planning Committee considered the attached report titled “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025”, dated December 5, 2024 (**Attachment 1**). The Committee subsequently amended the recommendation as presented above in underline style. The Committee considered each of the six policies in the proposed amendment bylaw and passed the following resolutions:

*THAT the Regional Planning Committee endorse the following proposed policy:
Section G: adding new climate change-related performance monitoring measures for Metro Vancouver.*

*THAT the Regional Planning Committee endorse the following proposed policy:
Strategy 5.1: a policy for member jurisdictions to adopt Regional Context Statements that enhance the permeability of urban street networks for cycling, walking, and rolling.*

The Committee did not endorse the following four policies:

- Strategy 1.4: a policy for Metro Vancouver to work collaboratively with member jurisdictions to update the definition, intent, and appropriate uses for the Rural regional land use designation;
- Strategy 3.2: a policy for Metro Vancouver to work with member jurisdictions, First Nations, and other agencies to support the protection of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a

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Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation designation while acknowledging the policy intent of those regional designations and lands;

- Section F: a policy for member jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver to collaboratively consider climate-related issues in Metro 2050 amendment applications; and
- Strategy 3.4: a policy for member jurisdictions to develop and update local-scale hazard and risk datasets, striving for datasets that meet key requirements.

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025, as drafted by staff per MVRD Board direction given at the September 27, 2024 meeting, is included for Board consideration as **Attachment 2**. If this Board wishes to proceed with this bylaw, the motion is provided as Alternative 2.

Staff have also drafted a revised *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2025* based on the recommendations received from the Regional Planning Committee at their meeting on February 6, 2025. The revised bylaw includes the addition of only the two new policies endorsed by the Committee, and is included for Board consideration as **Attachment 3**. If the Board wishes to proceed with this bylaw, the motion is provided as Alternative 3.

Alternatives:

1. That the MVRD Board receive for information the recommendations from the Regional Planning Committee regarding “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025”.
2. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) initiate the Metro 2050 amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to strengthen climate action policy language;
 - b) give first, second and third readings to “*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025*” as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025, titled “Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language” as Attachment 2; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments, in region First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.
3. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) initiate the Metro 2050 amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to strengthen climate action policy language;
 - b) give first, second and third readings to “*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2025*” as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025, titled “Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language” as Attachment 3; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments, in region First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an

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opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.

This matter is now before the Board for its consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. “Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language”, dated December 5, 2025.
2. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025*, as drafted by staff per MVRD Board direction given at the September 27, 2024 meeting.
3. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1408, 2025*, as revised to include the addition of only the two new policies endorsed by the Regional Planning Committee.

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To: Regional Planning Committee

From: Edward Nichol, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services

Date: December 5, 2024 Meeting Date: February 6, 2025

Subject: **Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaw to Strengthen Climate Action Policy Language**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to strengthen climate action policy language;
 - b) give first, second and third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025”; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments, in region First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

While considering adoption of *Metro 2050*, the MVRD Board directed staff to undertake further work with an aim to bringing back an early amendment to strengthen climate action language and policies. Following an extensive engagement process, recommendations were brought forward to the Regional Planning Committee at its May 10, 2024 meeting, and after additional work requested by the Regional Planning Committee, amended policy language at its September 6, 2024 meeting. The Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board supported six recommendations. This report provides a draft amendment bylaw with proposed changes to *Metro 2050* based on the feedback and recommendations.

The proposed new policies include:

- Strategy 1.4: a policy for Metro Vancouver to work collaboratively with member jurisdictions to update the definition, intent, and appropriate uses for the Rural regional land use designation;
- Strategy 3.2: a policy for Metro Vancouver to work with member jurisdictions, First Nations, and other agencies to support the protection of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation designation while acknowledging the policy intent of those regional designations and lands;
- Section F: a policy for member jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver to collaboratively consider climate-related issues in *Metro 2050* amendment applications;
- Strategy 3.4: a policy for member jurisdictions to develop and update local-scale hazard and risk datasets, striving for datasets that meet key requirements;
- Section G: adding new climate change-related performance monitoring measures for Metro Vancouver; and
- Strategy 5.1: a policy for member jurisdictions to adopt Regional Context Statements that enhance the permeability of urban street networks for cycling, walking, and rolling.

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If initiated, the proposed Type 2 Minor Amendment to Metro 2050 requires adoption through an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board.

PURPOSE

To provide the Regional Planning Committee and the MVRD Board with the opportunity to consider amending *Metro 2050* to strengthen climate action policy language through a Type 2 minor amendment aligned with direction provided by the Committee and Board.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on January 29, 2021, the MVRD Board endorsed the recommendations of the *Metro 2040 Climate Change and Natural Hazards Policy Review* (Reference 1) as the basis for climate change and natural hazard-related policies in the updated regional growth strategy. As a result, *Metro 2050* contains stronger climate change policies as compared to *Metro 2040* (Reference 2).

Notwithstanding these stronger climate-related policies, at its meeting on March 25, 2022, while considering first and second readings of the *Metro 2050* bylaw (Reference 3), the MVRD Board passed the following resolution:

Given the urgent need to respond to climate change and prepare for extreme weather events, direct staff to undertake work and engagement with an aim to proposing an early amendment to Metro 2050 post-adoption to strengthen climate action language and policy including the intent to improve integration of climate action into other Metro 2050 priorities.

In May 2022, the MVRD Board received a report that set out the process for how staff would respond to the Board direction to strengthen climate-related policies (Reference 4). This was followed by a report in February 2023 to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board with greater detail on the proposed scope of work and the engagement process for the study (Reference 5). *Metro 2050* was then adopted by the MVRD Board on February 24, 2023.

Since this time, staff completed a *Metro 2050* Climate Policy Enhancement Study to develop recommendations which were subsequently brought to the Regional Planning Committee and the MVRD Board for review and feedback. This report provides a draft amendment bylaw with proposed policy changes to *Metro 2050* based on Committee and Board feedback and recommendations.

METRO 2050 CLIMATE POLICY ENHANCEMENT STUDY

To support the process to develop updated climate policy in *Metro 2050*, Metro Vancouver undertook a process to collaboratively identify, review, and refine policy ideas. A shortlist of these ideas was presented at two workshops held in early 2023. Attendees of the workshops included staff from member jurisdictions, government agencies, other regional and non-governmental organizations, and youth. Local First Nations were also invited to participate in the two workshops, to meet directly with project staff separately, and to provide written input on the draft lists of actions and policies.

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At its November 2, 2023 meeting, the Climate Action Committee hosted a joint discussion with members of the Regional Planning Committee. Participants at this session received a Backgrounder on the Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study (Reference 6) and provided feedback that was considered in the development of the final recommendations.

At its May 10, 2024 meeting, the Regional Planning Committee received a policy recommendations report (Reference 7), and considered the following recommendation:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Metro 2050 for consideration based on the following recommendations and as described in Table 2 of the report dated March 13, 2024, titled "Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations" to:

- a) develop a revised definition for the regional Rural land use designation;*
- b) encourage the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary;*
- c) require environmental and climate change-related analyses as part of all Metro 2050 amendment applications;*
- d) encourage the development of local hazard and risk data that meets key requirements;*
- e) add new climate-related performance monitoring metrics; and*
- f) increase intersection density and permeability of the urban street grid.*

The Regional Planning Committee passed a resolution supporting only items "a" and "d through f", as presented and underlined above, and requested that recommendations "b)" and "c)" be referred back to staff for adjustments. The matter was subsequently forwarded to the MVRD Board for consideration, and at its May 31, 2024 meeting, the Board adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Metro 2050 for consideration based on the following recommendations and as described in Table 2 of the report dated March 13, 2024, titled "Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations" to:

- a) develop a revised definition for the regional Rural land use designation;*
- b) encourage the development of local hazard and risk data that meets key requirements;*
- c) add new climate-related performance monitoring metrics; and*
- d) increase intersection density and permeability of the urban street grid.*

Based on the direction given and the feedback received by members of the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board, staff revised the two referred recommendations to address the Committee's comments and presented them for consideration at the September 6, 2024 Regional Planning Committee and September 27, 2024 MVRD Board meetings (Attachment 1), respectively. The revised recommendations were supported at both meetings.

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PROPOSED TYPE 2 MINOR AMENDMENT

Table 1 below summarizes the proposed policy changes to *Metro 2050* based on the six recommendations supported by the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board. All proposed policy changes to *Metro 2050* can be found in the draft bylaw to amend the Regional Growth Strategy (Attachment 2).

Table 1: Summary of Proposed Policy Changes to *Metro 2050*

Proposed Policy Additions (<u>underlined content is new</u>)		<i>Metro 2050</i> Policy Location
1.	<p>Metro Vancouver will:</p> <p><u>1.4.3. Work collaboratively with member jurisdictions to update and clarify the definition, intent, and appropriate uses for the Rural regional land use designation, articulating the importance of Rural lands for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Supporting regional urban containment objectives;</u> • <u>Protecting the region's ecosystems and agricultural lands;</u> • <u>Sequestering and storing carbon; and</u> • <u>Buffering the impacts of climate change and natural hazards.</u> 	Strategy 1.4 (Page 40)
2.	<p>Metro Vancouver will:</p> <p><u>3.2.5 Work with Member Jurisdictions, First Nations, and other agencies to support the protection of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation and Recreation designation, while recognizing both the need and intent to utilize lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation for agricultural purposes.</u></p>	Strategy 3.2 (Page 58)
3.	<p><u>Environment and Climate Change Analysis</u></p> <p><u>6.4.6 Where applicable, Member Jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver will collaborate to consider climate-related issues in <i>Metro 2050</i> amendment applications. Metro Vancouver will provide relevant environmental and climate change data and analysis, and the member jurisdiction proposing the amendment will include information that demonstrates how the amendment aligns with climate-related policies in their accepted Regional Context Statement, including issues such as:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carbon storage levels in natural areas;</u> • <u>Changes in tree canopy cover and impervious surface;</u> • <u>Protection of ecosystems, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems identified in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory;</u> • <u>Green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity (e.g., changes to the Regional Green Infrastructure Network); and</u> • <u>Protection and retention of agricultural lands for agricultural purposes.</u> 	Section F (Page 92)

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4.	<p>Member Jurisdictions will:</p> <p><u>3.4.6 Develop and update local-scale hazard and risk datasets, striving for datasets that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>are kept current;</u> • <u>incorporate future climate change scenarios;</u> • <u>include both probable and severe scenarios;</u> • <u>are incorporated into Official Community Plans, zoning, and other land use regulations, as appropriate; and</u> • <u>are incorporated into planning and location decisions for new municipal utilities, assets, operations, and community services.</u> 	Strategy 3.4 (Page 66)
5.	<p>G. Performance Monitoring</p> <p>Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards</p> <p>Ecosystem Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Within Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, and Major Transit Growth Corridors: Percentage tree canopy cover, Percentage impervious surface, and Hectares of Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems</u> <p>Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Percentage of new growth (dwelling units and employment) in areas with known and unmitigated hazards</u> • <u>Change in the percentage of impervious surface within the Urban Containment Boundary</u> • <u>The presence of cooling and clean air centres within Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, and Major Transit Growth Corridors</u> 	Section G (Page 99)
6.	<p>Member Jurisdictions will:</p> <p>5.1.14 Adopt Regional Context Statements that:</p> <p>g) <u>enhance permeability of urban street networks for cycling, walking, and rolling (e.g., through increased intersection density, reduced block lengths, mid-block crossings, and traffic calming).</u></p>	Strategy 5.1 (Page 80)

Metro 2050 policy 6.33 (f) states that the addition or deletion of, or amendment to, the descriptions of the regional land use designations or actions listed under each strategy constitute a Type 2 amendment to the regional growth strategy. The *Metro 2050* policy changes summarized above and outlined in detail in Attachment 2 propose changes to specific strategy actions and therefore, if initiated by the MVRD Board, the amendment would constitute a Type 2 minor amendment.

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ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for a Type 2 Minor Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to strengthen climate action policy language;
 - b) give first, second and third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025”; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments, in region First Nations, appropriate agencies, and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.
2. That the MVRD Board decline to advance the proposed amendment.

NEXT STEPS

If the amendment is initiated and the associated bylaw receives 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings, it will then be referred to all affected local governments, 10 in region First Nations, as well as adjacent regional districts, the Agricultural Land Commission Executive Committee, TransLink Board, Fraser Health Board, Vancouver Coastal Health Board, Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. The amendment will also be posted on the Metro Vancouver website for a minimum of 45 days to provide an opportunity for comment.

All comments received will be summarized and included in a report advancing the bylaw to the MVRD Board for consideration of final adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the MVRD Board chooses Alternative 1, there are no financial implications for Metro Vancouver related to the initiation of the proposed amendment. Implementation of the actions included in the proposed amendment would be undertaken through the regular Regional Planning work plan and budget.

CONCLUSION

Further to MVRD Board direction, staff provided recommendations to enhance and strengthen climate change policy in *Metro 2050* to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board, and a total of six recommendations were supported. These recommendations provided the basis for a draft bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* with stronger climate policy language. If initiated, the proposed Type 2 Minor Amendment to the regional growth strategy requires adoption through an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *Metro 2050* Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations (Regional Planning Committee).
2. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1403, 2025*.

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REFERENCES

1. [Metro 2040 Climate Change and Natural Hazards Policy Review - Recommendations \(MVRD Board\)](#)
2. [Comparison of Climate Related Policies of Metro 2040 and Metro 2050 \(MVRD Board\)](#)
3. [Consideration of Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339 \(MVRD Board\)](#)
4. [Process to Consider Stronger Climate Action Language and Policy for Metro 2050 \(MVRD Board\)](#)
5. [Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Project Initiation \(Regional Planning Committee\)](#)
6. [Climate Action Committee and Regional Planning Committee Joint Discussion on the Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study \(Climate Action Committee\)](#)
7. [Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations \(Regional Planning Committee\)](#)

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To: Regional Planning Committee

From: Edward Nichol, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services

Date: August 9, 2024 Meeting Date: September 6, 2024

Subject: **Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based on the revised recommendations as described in Tables 1 and 2 of the report dated August 9, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations” to:

- a) support the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary; and
 - b) encourage environmental and climate change related analysis as part of appropriate *Metro 2050* amendment applications.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the May 10, 2024 Regional Planning Committee meeting, staff, as per MVRD Board direction received in early 2023, provided a report with recommendations to enhance and strengthen climate change policy in *Metro 2050*. The Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board supported four out of the six recommended policy areas, but the Committee recommended to the Board that two of the six recommendations be referred to staff to refine the language, citing concerns of overly prescriptive requirements. The Board supported the Committee’s recommendation. In response to this direction, this report provides alternative wording for the two recommended policy areas based on the feedback received from the Regional Planning Committee. If the amended wording is supported, staff will bring forward an amendment bylaw for *Metro 2050* for the six recommended policy areas for Regional Planning Committee and Board consideration.

PURPOSE

To provide the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board with alternative wording on two referred policy enhancement recommendations to strengthen climate change policies in *Metro 2050* for consideration and staff direction.

BACKGROUND

At its May 10, 2024 meeting, the Regional Planning Committee received a report dated March 13, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations” (Reference 1), and considered the following recommendation:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Metro 2050 for consideration based on the following recommendations and as described in Table 2 of the report dated March 13, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations” to:

- a) *develop a revised definition for the regional Rural land use designation;*

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- b) encourage the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary;
- c) require environmental and climate change-related analyses as part of all Metro 2050 amendment applications;
- d) encourage the development of local hazard and risk data that meets key requirements;
- e) add new climate-related performance monitoring metrics; and
- f) increase intersection density and permeability of the urban street grid.

The Committee passed the resolution as presented above in underline style, and referred recommendations b) and c) back to staff to consider adjustments to language, with some committee members citing concerns of overly prescriptive requirements. The matter was forwarded to the MVRD Board for consideration, and at its May 31, 2024 meeting the Board adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Metro 2050 for consideration based on the following recommendations and as described in Table 2 of the report dated March 13, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Recommendations” to:

- a) *develop a revised definition for the regional Rural land use designation;*
- b) *encourage the development of local hazard and risk data that meets key requirements;*
- c) *add new climate-related performance monitoring metrics; and*
- d) *increase intersection density and permeability of the urban street grid.*

Prior to providing the Committee and Board with an amendment bylaw for *Metro 2050*, this report endeavours to respond to Committee and Board concerns for the two policy areas referred back to staff. Depending on the Board’s response to this report, staff will either prepare an amendment bylaw covering four or six policy recommendations for consideration.

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the direction given, and the feedback received, by members of the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board, staff have revised the two referred recommendations to address concerns. The original and revised recommendation options are included in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1: Revised Recommendation #1

Original Recommendation
<i>Add new policies to Strategies 1.4, 2.3, and 3.1 of Metro 2050 for Metro Vancouver to work with key partners to encourage the protection and restoration of trees and other natural ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designation (i.e., Rural, Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation), and on lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary.</i>
Revised Recommendation
<i>Add a new policy to Strategy 3.2 for Metro Vancouver to work with key partners to support the protection and restoration of trees and other natural ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designation (i.e., Rural, Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation), and on lands</i>

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outside the Urban Containment Boundary **while recognizing both the need and policy intent to preserve the agricultural capability of lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation and preserve or enhance the natural ecosystems and features in these areas.**

Edits Applied to Revised Recommendation:

- Direct the policy to Metro 2050 Strategy 3.2 (Protect, enhance, restore, and connect ecosystems);
- Re-frame the recommendation as a “support” action; and
- Recognize the need to preserve agricultural capability of lands with a regional Agricultural land use designation.

Rationale for Recommendation:

- Trees and other ecosystems provide important climate-related ecosystem services by storing carbon, providing shading and cooling, and absorbing stormwater runoff;
- Metro 2050 contains a target for tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment Boundary but not for lands outside the UCB;
- Metro 2050 includes an ecosystem protection target for 50% of the region’s total land base;
- Agricultural, Rural, and Conservation and Recreation designated lands provide opportunities to protect natural ecosystems and increase tree canopy cover - this will be essential to supporting Metro 2050’s 50% protected areas target;
- 70% of Sensitive and Modified Ecosystem loss between 2014 and 2020 occurred within the Agricultural, Conservation and Recreation, and Rural regional land use designations; and 71% of Sensitive and Modified Ecosystem loss between 2014 and 2020 occurred on lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary.

Table 2: Revised Recommendation #2**Original Recommendation**

Add a new policy to Section F of Metro 2050 requiring Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions to include additional climate-focused analysis in Metro 2050 amendment applications. This would be implemented by a) requiring Metro Vancouver to work with member jurisdictions to provide relevant environmental and climate change data and analysis, and b) requiring member jurisdictions to demonstrate that the proposed amendment does not conflict with applicable commitments in OCPs / accepted Regional Context Statements pertaining to the following topic areas:

- Carbon storage levels in natural areas;
- Tree canopy cover;
- Impervious surfaces;
- Ecosystem protection, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems;
- Agricultural land; and
- Green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity.

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Revised Recommendation

Add a new policy to Section F of Metro 2050 for member jurisdictions and Metro Vancouver to **include / consider** climate-focused issues in Metro 2050 amendment applications, **where applicable**. This would be implemented collaboratively by a) ~~requiring~~ Metro Vancouver providing relevant **and up-to-date** environmental and climate change data and analysis and, **b) the member jurisdiction proposing the amendment including information / commentary that demonstrates how the amendment aligns with applicable policies in their accepted Regional Context**

Statements pertaining to topic areas such as:

- Carbon storage levels in natural areas;
- Tree canopy cover;
- Impervious surfaces;
- Ecosystem protection, including Sensitive and Modified Ecosystems;
- Agricultural land; and/or
- Green infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity.

Edits Applied to Revised Recommendation:

- Re-frame to consider climate-focused issues, where applicable (rather than require);
- Revise to reference Regional Context Statements only; and
- Revise to suggest climate-focused topic areas for consideration (rather than including the topic areas as an exhaustive/prescriptive list).

Rationale for Recommendation:

- Metro 2050 Policy action 3.2.2 a) establishes Metro Vancouver's role to collect and report on the gains and losses for relevant environmental data;
- Metro 2050 Policy action 3.2.7 requires member jurisdictions to report on tree canopy cover, protected areas, and sensitive ecosystems in Regional Context Statements;
- Will provide consistent messaging for member jurisdictions, landowners / developers, First Nations, and agency partners to improve transparency for amendment requests and reinforce the connection between local planning and regional climate action targets;
- Would contribute towards Action 3.3 of the MVRD Board-endorsed Climate 2050 Nature and Ecosystems Roadmap and Action 1.7 of the MVRD Board-endorsed Climate 2050 Agriculture Roadmap;
- Would contribute towards Strategy 2.2 of the MVRD Board-adopted Ecological Health Framework; and
- Would support Metro 2050 performance monitoring.

NEXT STEPS

If the Board chooses Alternative 1, staff will add the two revised recommendations to the four policy recommendations previously supported by the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board (at the May 10 and May 30, 2024 meetings, respectively), and prepare a Metro 2050 amendment bylaw for Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board consideration.

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If the Board chooses Alternative 2, staff will prepare a *Metro 2050* amendment bylaw responding to the four policy areas endorsed in May 2024, and will not include the two policy areas considered in this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based on the revised recommendations as described in Tables 1 and 2 of the report dated August 9, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations” to:
 - a) support the protection and restoration of trees and other ecosystems on lands with a non-urban regional land use designations and lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary; and
 - b) encourage environmental and climate change related analysis as part of appropriate *Metro 2050* amendment applications.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 9, 2024 titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations” and direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* for consideration based only on the four previously endorsed recommendations received during the May 31, 2024 MVRD Board meeting.
3. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated August 9, 2024 titled “Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study – Revised Recommendations”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report. All work was developed internally within the Regional Planning 2023 and 2024 work program.

CONCLUSION

The Regional Planning Committee considered a report at its May 10, 2024 meeting with recommendations to enhance and strengthen climate change policies in *Metro 2050*, as per MVRD Board direction given in early 2023. Two of the six recommended policy areas were referred back to staff to consider alternative language. In response to this direction, this report provides alternative wording for the two recommendations for Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board consideration, and seeks direction to prepare a bylaw to amend *Metro 2050* accordingly for future consideration by the Board.

REFERENCES

1. [Metro 2050 Climate Policy Enhancement Study - Recommendations](#)

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1403, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”

WHEREAS:

- A. The Metro Vancouver Regional District Board (the “Board”) adopted “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022” on February 24, 2023;
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- C. The Board supported six recommendations to strengthen climate change policy in the Regional Growth Strategy at its May 31, 2024 and September 27, 2024 Board meetings, respectively.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

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Amendment of Bylaw

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- (e) In section “E. Goals, Strategies & Actions”, under “Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards”, a new policy is added following policy 3.2.4 as follows:

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NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Director Kooner at the February 28, 2025 MVRD meeting:

That the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to repeal Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1369, 2023.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS AND DELEGATION SUMMARIES

Metro Vancouver Regional District

Board Meeting Date – Friday, March 28, 2025

This information item, listing recent information received by committee, is provided for the MVRD Board's information. Please access a complete PDF package [here](#).

Regional Parks Committee – March 5, 2025

Delegations:

C1 Martin Peters

Subject: Pilot Project planned for Pacific Spirit Park involving off leash dogs and their utilization of areas of the park

Executive Summary provided

Information Items:

E2 Derby Reach Regional Park – Campground Expansion