
**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors held at 9:03 am on Friday, June 27, 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 (departed at 9:38 am)
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 9:04 am)
Maple Ridge, Director Dan Ruimy
New Westminster, 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, Alternate Director
Samantha Agtarap for Director Meghan Lahti

Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
Richmond, Director Alexa Loo
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
sc̓əw̓aθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation),
Alternate Director Bryce Williams for
Director Laura Cassidy
Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato*
Vancouver, Director Sarah Kirby-Yung (arrived at 9:07 am; departed at 9:38 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 (departed at 9:38 am)
White Rock, Director Megan Knight

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lions Bay, Director Ken Berry

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. June 27, 2025 Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board amend the agenda by adding Item C1 – Delegation – TransLink.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for June 27, 2025 as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. May 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

9:04 am Director Woodward arrived at the meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. TransLink – Olga Kuznetsova, Vice President, Financial Services; Dave Sauve, Director, Low Carbon Fleet Programs; Jason Minarto, Senior Manager, Capital Assets & Government Funding; and Dave Leicester, Senior Manager, Project Delivery.

TransLink provided a presentation titled “2025 Application for Canada Community-Building Funding from the Metro Vancouver Regional Fund,” which provided an overview of their funding request of \$479 million from the Canada Community-Building Funding. They requested that the MVRD approve the funding request outlined in item E2.3 of the June 27, 2025 MVRD Board meeting agenda.

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

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:

- 1.1 Scope of Work – Infrastructure Demand to Support Growth in the Metro Vancouver Region
- 2.3 TransLink’s 2025 Metro Vancouver Regional Fund Application
- 2.5 Best Practice Review & Proposed Updates for Development Cost Charge Categories
- 3.1 Governance Committee Update

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the recommendations for the following items as presented in the June 27, 2025 MVRD Consent Agenda:

- 1.2 Industrial Lands Bring-to-Market Initiative – Maple Ridge/Kwantlen First Nation Study Results
- 1.3 2025 Agriculture Awareness Grant Recommendations
- 1.4 2025 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects – Regional Planning
- 2.1 2024 Statement of Financial Information
- 2.2 Metro Vancouver's 2025 Financial Performance Report No. 1
- 2.4 2025 Regional Cultural Project Grants

CARRIED

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

1.2 Industrial Lands Bring-to-Market Initiative – Maple Ridge/Kwantlen First Nation Study Results

Report dated May 12, 2025 from Laurel Cowan, Division Manager, Regional Land Use Policy, Regional Planning & Housing Services, informing the MVRD Board of the findings of the Bring to Market Initiative.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the report dated May 12, 2025, titled “Industrial Lands Bring-to-Market Initiative – Maple Ridge/Kwantlen First Nation Study Results”; and
- b) direct staff to forward a copy of the report dated May 12, 2025, titled “Industrial Lands Bring-to Market Initiative – Maple Ridge/Kwantlen First Nation Study Results” to member jurisdictions with an offer of a presentation to Council upon request.

Adopted on Consent

1.3 2025 Agriculture Awareness Grant Recommendations

Report dated May 2, 2025 from Carla Stewart, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, recommending that the MVRD Board award \$55,000 in agriculture awareness grants to 19 nonprofit organizations within the region.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board award the annual Agriculture Awareness Grants in the total amount of \$55,000, as presented in the report dated May 2, 2025, titled “2025 Agriculture Awareness Grant Recommendations”, to the following 19 non-profit organizations:

1. A.S.T.C. Science World Society, for “Agriculture Awareness: What's In Your Lunchbox?” in the amount of \$2,000;
2. BC Agriculture Council, for “Speak Up Training – Punjabi Edition” in the amount of \$4,000;
3. BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, for “Take a Bite of BC!” in the amount of \$3,000;
4. Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust, for “Day At The Farm (DATF)” in the amount of \$1,500;
5. Earthwise Society, for “Tomato Festival” in the amount of \$2,000;
6. Elements Society for Environmental Education and Leadership (ELEMENTS), for “EcoCooks School Elementary Metro Vancouver” in the amount of \$3,500;
7. Environmental Youth Alliance, for “Plant Gifts for Community Project” in the amount of \$3,500;
8. Farm Folk / CityFolk, for “The Bitter Harvest: Bold Flavours of Chicories” in the amount of \$4,500;
9. Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society, for “Sustainable Opportunities for Youth Leadership (SOYL)” in the amount of \$2,500;
10. Grow Local Society, for “Gardening & Beyond” in the amount of \$2,000;
11. Institute for Sustainable Horticulture, for “Cultivating Knowledge Book Series” in the amount of \$3,000;
12. Langley Environmental Partners Society, for “Langley Eats Local” in the amount of \$1,500;
13. Lower Mainland Sheep Producers Association, for “LMSPA Wool n' Ewe A-Fair” in the amount of \$4,500;
14. Open Science Network Society, for “Microbes & Farming: The Hidden Helpers of Agriculture” in the amount of \$2,500;
15. Poultry in Motion, for “PNE Attendance, Maple Ridge Country Fest, Day at the Farm Delta” in the amount of \$3,000;
16. Public Health Association of BC, for “Community Garden Roots, Strong Roots, Strong Community” in the amount of \$3,500;
17. Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC), for “Growing Together - Out of School Care Garden Clubs” in the amount of \$3,500;
18. The Sharing Farm, for “14th Annual Garlic Fest” in the amount of \$2,000; and
19. Village Vancouver Transition Society, for “Community Seed Libraries/Community Seed Literacy” in the amount of \$3,000.

Adopted on Consent

1.4 2025 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects – Regional Planning

Report dated May 2, 2025 from Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, providing an update on the Regional Planning projects funded under the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund that are currently in progress or have been completed or discontinued since the last annual update to the standing committee.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report titled “2025 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects – Regional Planning”, dated May 2, 2025.

Adopted on Consent

2.1 2024 Statement of Financial Information

Report dated May 28, 2025 from Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer / General Manager, Financial Services, presenting for approval the 2024 Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI), which forms part of the reporting requirements of the *Financial Information Act*.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board approve the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Adopted on Consent

2.2 Metro Vancouver's 2025 Financial Performance Report No. 1

Report dated May 27, 2025 from Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer / General Manager, Financial Services, presenting the MVRD Board with Metro Vancouver's 2025 Financial Performance Report No. 1, including financial forecasts to the end of 2025, procurement activity, treasury, and continuous improvement reporting.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated May 27, 2025 titled “Metro Vancouver's 2025 Financial Performance Report No. 1”.

Adopted on Consent

2.4 2025 Regional Cultural Project Grants

Report dated May 20, 2025 from Lucy Duso, Division Manager Collaboration and Engagement, External Relations Department, and Sarah Faucher, External Outreach Coordinator, External Relations Department, providing the MVRD Board with an overview of the process and criteria for the 2025 *Cultural Grants Program*.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated May 20, 2025, titled “2025 Regional Cultural Project Grants”.

Adopted on Consent

F. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Items removed from the consent agenda were considered in numerical order.

1.1 Scope of Work – Infrastructure Demand to Support Growth in the Metro Vancouver Region

Report dated May 6, 2025 from Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, Regional Planning and Housing Services, seeking feedback and endorsement of the proposed scope of work for a project to estimate the order of magnitude level of infrastructure needs and corresponding investment required to support anticipated regional growth.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board endorse the proposed scope of work as presented in the report dated May 6, 2025, titled “Scope of Work – Infrastructure Demand to Support Growth in the Metro Vancouver Region”.

CARRIED

Directors Bains, Klassen, Kooner, Locke, and Stutt voted against.

2.3 TransLink’s 2025 Metro Vancouver Regional Fund Application

Report dated May 23, 2025, from Mark Seinen, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, presenting TransLink’s application for funding from the Metro Vancouver Regional Fund (MVRF) for the MVRD Board’s consideration.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board approve \$479 million in funding from the Metro Vancouver Regional Fund for the following electric bus and charging infrastructure projects proposed by TransLink in its Application for Canada Community-Building Funds from the Metro Vancouver Regional Fund as attached to the report dated May 23, 2025, titled “TransLink’s 2025 Metro Vancouver Regional Fund Application”:

1. 2025 Conventional Bus Replacement with battery-electric buses;
2. 2026 Conventional Bus Replacement with battery-electric buses;
3. 2027 Conventional Bus Replacement with battery-electric buses;
4. Port Coquitlam Transit Centre Infrastructure to Support Battery-Electric Buses – Phase 2;
5. 2028-2029 Conventional Bus Replacement (Pilot Trolley Bus);
6. Amendment to the 2021 MVRF Application – 2023 Conventional Bus Replacement with batteryelectric buses;
7. Amendment to the 2021 MVRF Application – Port Coquitlam Transit Centre Infrastructure to Support Battery-Electric Buses – Phase 1; and
8. Amendment to the 2022 MVRF Application – Marpole Transit Centre.

CARRIED

Directors Bains, Elford, Ferguson, Hepner, Kooner, Locke, and Stutt voted against.

2.5 Best Practice Review & Proposed Updates for Development Cost Charge Categories

Report dated May 23, 2025, from Laurel Cowan, Division Manager, Regional Land Use Policy and Planning, Regional Planning and Housing Services, informing the MVRD Board about work completed to date and proposed updates to Development Cost Charge (DCC) categories that will inform the 2027 DCC Program update.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated May 23, 2025, titled “Best Practice Review & Proposed Updates for Development Cost Charge Categories.”

CARRIED

3.1 Governance Committee Update

Report dated June 15, 2025 from Mike Hurley, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, providing an update on the newly formed Governance Committee.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board of Directors receive for information the report titled “Governance Committee Update,” dated June 15, 2025.

CARRIED

G. REPORTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Metro Vancouver Regional District DCC Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1419, 2025

Report dated April 22, 2025 from Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer / General Manager, Financial Services, seeking approval from the MVRD Board to enact a bylaw that would establish a DCC reserve fund for park land acquisition DCCs received pursuant to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1369, 2023*. The *Local Government Act* requires that reserve fund monies only be used for the purpose for which they were collected, and requires MVRD Board approval for any expenditure of such DCC reserve fund monies.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board give first, second, and third reading to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1419, 2025*.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1419, 2025*.

CARRIED

2.1 MVRD Remuneration Bylaw No. 1425, 2025

Report dated June 10, 2025 from Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer, presenting *Metro Vancouver Regional District Remuneration Bylaw No. 1425, 2025* for consideration of three readings and adoption.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Remuneration Bylaw No. 1425, 2025*.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Remuneration Bylaw No. 1425, 2025*.

CARRIED

2.2 MVRD Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025 – City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard)

Report dated June 16, 2025 from Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer, and Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, presenting the MVRD Board with comments received from affected local governments, local First Nations, and regional agencies regarding the proposed *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025*, and seeking adoption of the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025*, and acceptance of the City of Delta's amended Regional Context Statement.

9:38 am Directors Kirby-Yung, Sager and Towner departed the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) receive for information the comments from affected local governments, local First Nations, and regional agencies as presented in the report dated June 13, 2025, titled "Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025 – City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard)";
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025*; and
- a) accept the City of Delta's amended and corresponding Regional Context Statement showing portions of 4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard amended from an "Agricultural" to "General Urban" regional land use designation.

CARRIED

H. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

No items presented.

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 June 27, 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;
 - (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
 - (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;
 - (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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 June 27, 2025.

CARRIED

(Time: 9:39 am)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Mike Hurley, Chair