



METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (MVRD)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING

Friday, July 24, 2026

9:00 am

The meeting will be held electronically on the Zoom platform

ON TABLE

1. Delegation: Roderick Louis Re: E1.3 The Cost of Infrastructure Required to Support Growth in the Metro Vancouver Region
Executive Summary provided

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July 21-2026

Delegation Request for July 24-2026 MV RD board mtg re agenda Item **E 1.3- The Cost of Infrastructure Required to Support Growth in the MV RD:**

<https://metrovancover.org/boards/GVRD/RD-2026-07-24-AGE.pdf> (pgs 137- 219)

I own property & pay taxes in the City of White Rock. As such, am affected by MV RD planning, tax, expenditure & budget decisions... & factors that directly result in such decisions- such as the "**Metro 2050**" **Regional Growth Strategy** (RGS) and its egregious omissions & deficiencies..

Requested Actions:

1) Direct staff to promptly draft amendments to the *Metro 2050 RGS to contain:**

a) References to & specific, measurable (annual & 5-year objectives) regarding-

i) **Major Infrastructure** such as ***Liquid Waste Treatment Plants, bridges, tunnels, rail rapid-transit lines, k-12 schools***- the severe and worsening inadequacies of k-12 schools' student capacities and resultant "**portable classrooms**" problems in MV's "South of Fraser" sub-region 2011- 2026 (over 400 as of July-2026!!);

ii) **Crime levels**- and in particular- illicit drugs and gun violence crimes!!; ***Police agencies*** and ***crime prevention services***;

b) Implementation Agreements**

* https://metrovancover.org/boards/Bylaws/MVRD_Bylaw_1339.pdf

** An ***Implementation Agreement*** (IA) is a legally enforceable contract between a Regional District and senior level(s) of govt (contract between Metro Vancouver and the BC govt and or Canada govt)...

An IA could require specific actions from the govts of BC and or Canada to enable the implementation of a Regional Growth Strategy, its objectives and actions- such as the govts of BC & or Canada regularly providing grant funding to pay for construction of ***k-12 schools, rail rapid-transit lines, transportation infrastructure, liquid waste treatment plants, development of parks, bicycle routes***, and the like...

MV staff have never provided any (public) explanations for not publicly informing board members of what IA's are and the potential roles that IA's could perform if incorporated to the Metro 2050 RGS...

2) Direct staff to promptly facilitate a fulsome, transparent 6-12 months-long consultation with MV business owners, residents, k-12 school boards, k-12 parent-teacher associations & advocacy groups, and the region's police agencies.... regarding amendments to the Metro 2050 RGS;

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The Metro 2050 RGS does not contain a single mandatory objective.

.... and has ZERO references to and ZERO objectives regarding any of the region's worst examples (and evidence) of **growth management dysfunction** during the previous 2 + decades:

a) Lack of k-12 schools- Hundreds of portable classrooms (particularly in MV's South of Fraser sub-region'), with numbers increasing every year;

b) Inadequate capacities of the region's liquid waste treatment plants, and the need to spend over **\$30 Billion** for upgrades and new plants...

c) Massey Tunnel inadequacies:

This tunnel on Highway 99 connects the South of Fraser sub-region with the city of Richmond and the North of Fraser sub-region.... has only 4 lanes...

For over 20-years, due to lack of capacity to accommodate commuter and commercial traffic, during Monday to Friday mornings- 1 of the 4 lanes is "reversed" allowing for 3 northbound lanes and only 1 south bound lane... Monday to Friday afternoons- 1 of the 4 lanes is "reversed" allowing for 3 southbound lanes and only 1 north bound lane...

d) Crime levels and in particular... guns and illicit drugs crimes

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All of Metro Vancouver's *Regional Growth Strategy's* should contain... statistics, objectives and actions- and Implementation Agreements- regarding:

a) Crime levels (2011-2026); And strategies that, during 2026- 2050, will be implemented by the region's police agencies and related services... to prevent/ reduce crimes- and prevent and reduce specific types of crimes such as Metro Vancouver's severe and worsening-for-many-years guns and illicit drugs crimes;

b) The Region's two-dozen police services, RCMP detachments and agencies

c) The potential benefits of the establishment of a **Metro Vancouver Police Department-** that would replace all of, or most of, the Metro Vancouver Regional District's police agencies and member municipalities' police departments and RCMP detachments; And... the financial, logistical and other resources- and the legislative and administrative actions- that potentially would be required to establish such a Metro Vancouver Police Department;

d) The region's **rail rapid-transit lines** (2011- 2026): ***Expo, Millennium, Evergreen, Broadway*** and ***Canada Line SkyTrain*** lines; and the ***West Coast Express "Heavy Rail"*** line, their adequacies & inadequacies during 2011- 2026, current and future needed capacities, needed new rail rapid-transit lines; and the estimated remaining years before existing rail rapid-transit lines must be replaced;

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BC govt RGS booklet: "*Regional growth strategies: an explanatory guide*", (52 pages)

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/rgs_explanatory_guide_2005.pdf

Local Government Act (RSBC) sections 435 and 451 re Implementation Agreements:

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/r15001_13#section435

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/r15001_13#section451