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To speak to 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)

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The MV RD's **Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy** ("RGS") does not contain any information regarding "*The (projected) Costs of Infrastructure Required to Support Growth in the MV RD*"

Metro 2050 does not contain a single mandatory objective!!

- **ZERO references** to and **ZERO objectives** regarding any of the MV RD's many grievous examples of **growth management dysfunction** during 2005-2026:

- 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) **Liquid Waste Treatment plants**- Inadequate capacities... & the need to spend over **\$30 Billion** for upgrades and new plants during 2026- 40...
- c) **Massey Tunnel**- and other major infrastructure inadequacies;

Metro 2050 RGS

Content omissions:

- 1) Major Infrastructure;
 - 2) Bridges, Tunnels, Rail Rapid-transit lines;
 - 3) Liquid Waste Treatment Plants;
 - 4) k-12 schools & education services-
- The Metro 2050 RGS should contain projections for k-12 schools needs- and related education services needs- for each of MV's sub-regions 2026- 2050
- 5) **Public Safety & police services issues**, gun violence, crime levels, crime prevention programmes;
 - 6) **Implementation Agreements**

Metro 2050 RGS

Content omissions continued:

➤ **Police Services, crime levels;**

The Metro 2050 RGS should contain:

- **Projections- and objectives- for crime levels and guns & illicit drugs crime levels** across the region and its sub-regions 2026- 2050;
- Descriptions of strategies and measures that will be used to monitor, record and publish crime levels and guns & illicit drugs crime levels- and associated issues data- across MV region and its sub-regions 2026- 2050;
- **Descriptions of crime prevention strategies**, measures & projects that will be used (jointly and individually) by MV, member municipalities, police agencies & the BC and federal govts to reduce/ prevent crimes & and guns & illicit drugs crime... in MV and its sub-regions;

Requested Actions #1

Direct staff to promptly draft amendments to the **Metro 2050** Regional Growth Strategy- https://metrovanancouver.org/boards/Bylaws/MVRD_Bylaw_1339.pdf - to contain:

➤ **Specific mandatory objectives**, data and commentary regarding:

- 1) **Services for k-12 students**; k-12 schools' capacities, and portable classrooms;
- 2) **Major infrastructure**, including:
 - **Liquid Waste Treatment Plants**;
 - **Bridges, Tunnels, Bus-only lanes** on freeways;
 - **Rail rapid-transit lines** to connect the "South of Fraser" sub-region's 8 or 9 major Urban Centres, Town Centres & Commerce Hubs;
- 3) **Police Services, Crime levels, guns & illicit drugs crime levels**, & programmes to prevent & reduce crimes/ guns & illicit drugs crimes;
- 4) **Potential establishment of a "Metro Vancouver Police Department"**... to replace all or most of the MV region's (nearly 2-dozen) police depts & RCMP detachments;
- 5) **MV's debt levels**, debt limit(s), income, & annual debt service expenditures 2026-2050 ;

\$\$ To Pay For RGS Objectives slide #1

“Implementation Agreements”

An **RGS implementation agreement** is a **legally binding contract** between a Regional District and the BC govt and or federal govt...

An **RGS implementation agreement** could also include the regional district's **k-12 school boards** & public transit company(s) such as **Translink**... as parties...

Regional Growth Strategies: An Explanatory Guide

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

An implementation agreement (IA)

... is a partnership agreement between a regional district and other levels of government, their agencies or other bodies which spells out the details of how certain aspects of a regional growth strategy will be carried out...

*For example, an agreement may relate to the construction and funding of new or **upgraded highways, sewers, hospitals or regional parks.***

\$\$ To Pay For RGS Objectives slide #2

Local Govt Act RSBC:

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

451) Implementation agreements

(1) Without limiting section 263 of this Act or section 8 (1) of the Community Charter, a local government may enter into agreements respecting the coordination of activities relating to the implementation of a regional growth strategy...

(2) For the purposes of this section, **the Provincial government may enter into agreements** under subsection (1)... **to take actions necessary to implement a regional growth strategy**...

(3) In addition to agreements with the Provincial government and its agencies,

... agreements under subsection (1) may be made with the **federal government and its agencies**, other local governments, first nations, **boards of education**, greater boards, the **South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority** ("**Translink**"), improvement district boards and other local authorities.

Requested Actions #2

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➤ ... to contain **Implementation Agreement(s)** - as defined by Local Govt Act sections #451 and #435 (1) (b)

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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, liquid waste treatment plants, development of parks, bicycle routes, transportation infrastructure, and the like...

BC govt RGS booklet: "Regional growth strategies: an explanatory guide:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/rgs_explanatory_guide_2005.pdf (52 pages)

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

Requested Actions #3

Needed: Region-wide public consultation

- Direct staff to promptly facilitate a fulsome, transparent 6-12 months-long region-wide 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;
- Direct staff to promptly produce and by December 01-2026 provide a public report to the MV RD board that describes **Implementation Agreement(s)** and their potential constructive roles in Regional Growth Strategies...

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

https://metrovanancouver.org/boards/GVRD/RD_2022-Apr-20_PPT.pdf

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

Requested Actions continued

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