

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
MVRD, MVHC, GVWD, and GVS&DD BOARDS**

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD), Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC), the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD), and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Boards of Directors held at 9:03 am on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delta, Chair, Director George V. Harvie
Anmore, Vice Chair, Director John McEwen
Belcarra, Director Jamie Ross (departed at 10:42 am)
Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino
Burnaby, Director Sav Dhaliwal
Burnaby, Director Mike Hurley
Coquitlam, Alternate Director Richard Stewart for Director Craig Hodge
Coquitlam, Director Teri Towner
Delta, Director Dylan Kruger
Electoral Area A, Director Jen McCutcheon (arrived at 9:16 am)
Langley City, Director Paul Albrecht*
Langley Township, Director Steve Ferguson
Langley Township, Director Eric Woodward
Maple Ridge, Director Dan Ruimy
New Westminster, Director Patrick Johnstone (departed at 10:41 am)
North Vancouver City, Director Linda Buchanan* (departed at 11:22 am)
North Vancouver District, Alternate Director Mike Little for Director Lisa Muri
Pitt Meadows, Alternate Director Tracy Elke for Director Nicole MacDonald

Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West (arrived at 9:05 am; departed at 10:39 am)
Port Moody, Director Meghan Lahti
Richmond, Director Chak Au
Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
Richmond, Director Bill McNulty
Surrey, Director Harry Bains
Surrey, Director Mike Bose
Surrey, Director Gordon Hepner (arrived at 9:23 am)
Surrey, Director Pardeep Kooner
Surrey, Director Brenda Locke
Surrey, Director Rob Stutt
Vancouver, Director Rebecca Bligh
Vancouver, Director Adriane Carr
Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato
Vancouver, Director Sarah Kirby-Yung*
Vancouver, Director Mike Klassen*
Vancouver, Director Lenny Zhou
West Vancouver, Alternate Director Sharon Thompson for Director Mark Sager (departed at 11:24 am)
White Rock, Director Megan Knight

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bowen Island, Director Andrew Leonard
Lions Bay, Director Ken Berry
sc̓əwáθən məsteyəx^w (Tsawwassen First Nation),
Director, Laura Cassidy*

Vancouver, Director Ken Sim

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer
Sonu Kailley, Director, Financial Planning, Financial Services
Janis Knaupp, Program Manager, Legislative Services, Board and Information Services
Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative officer, Policy & Planning
Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. April 17, 2024 Special Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD, MVHC, GVWD, and GVS&DD Boards adopt the agenda for their special meeting scheduled for April 17, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

9:05 am Director West arrived at the meeting.

B. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR COMMISSIONER/CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP BACKGROUND MATERIALS

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, and Sonu Kailley, Director, Financial Planning, Financial Services provided members with an on-table presentation titled “Board Budget Workshop 2025 Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan”.

9:16 am Director McCutcheon arrived at the meeting.

9:23 am Director Hepner arrived at the meeting.

In response to questions, Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Harji Varn, and Sonu Kailley informed members that:

- staff are working with a consultant to analyze the GVS&DD and GVWD Development Cost Charges waiver framework for non-profit affordable rental housing, and the feasibility of expanding the waiver to for-profit developers building affordable and social housing that will be transferred to a non-profit or public entity;
- having a single sewerage area is not possible prior to 2026; and
- a 2025 levy to include the adjusted NSWWTP Program budget achieves \$90M savings in debt servicing costs.

Members commented on:

- risks and cost implications of deferring infrastructure projects in the 2025 budget;

- historical and current cost allocation methods;
- how a change in cost allocation for the NSSWWTP Program may affect household impacts related to future capital projects; and
- the need for more information on the cost allocation methods and approaches to phase in the NSWWT Program costs in the next five-year budget.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the GVWD Board direct staff to bring a report to the Finance Committee on the dissolution of the Water Supply Agreements for Phase 2 of the Jericho Reservoir between the Greater Vancouver Water District and the Township of Langley and between the Greater Vancouver Water District and the City of Surrey.

CARRIED

Main Motion

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That staff be directed to provide 1) further analysis of options for allocating the household impact of the \$2.8 billion cost required to complete the NSWWT Program; and 2) further information on Tier 1, 2, and 3 costs related to the NSWWT Program for consideration at an additional Board Budget workshop.

10:39 am Director West departed the meeting.

10:41 am Director Johnstone departed the meeting.

10:42 am Director Ross departed the meeting.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the foregoing Main Motion be amended by replacing “allocating” with “phasing in”, and by replacing “to complete the NSWWT Program” with “to complete the NSWWT Program using current sewerage allocation model”.

Recorded Vote

A member requested that a recorded vote be conducted.

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P		2
Au. C	3	
Bains. H	5	
Bligh. R		5
Bose. M	4	
Brodie. M	4	
Buchanan. L		3
Calendino. P	4	
Carr. A		4

Name	For	Against
Dhaliwal. S	4	
Dominato. L		5
Elke. T		1
Ferguson. S		3
Harvie. G		3
Hepner. G	5	
Hurley. M	5	
Kirby-Yung. S		5
Klassen. M		5
Knight. M	2	
Kooner. P	5	
Kruger. D		3
Lahti. M		2
Little. M		5
Locke. B	5	
McCutcheon. J		1
McEwen. J		1
McNulty. W	4	
Ruimy. D		5
Stewart. R		4
Stutt. R	5	
Thompson. S		3
Towner. T		4
Woodward. E		4
Zhou. L		5
Total Votes	55	73

DEFEATED

11:22 am Director Buchanan departed the meeting.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion:

That staff be directed to provide 1) further analysis of options for allocating the household impact of the \$2.8 billion cost required to complete the NSWWTP Program; and 2) further information on Tier 1, 2, and 3 costs related to the NSWWTP Program for consideration at an additional Board Budget workshop.

CARRIED

11:24 am Alternate Director Thompson departed the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the GVS&DD Board direct staff to undertake an analysis of amending the GVS&DD's cost allocation formula to move to a single sewage area, including equity considerations with respect to current and past models, and report back to the Finance Committee.

DEFEATED

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD, MVHC, GVWD, and GVS&DD Boards adjourn their special joint meeting of April 17, 2024.

CARRIED

(Time: 11:26 am)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

George V. Harvie, Chair

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