

**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 Friday, May 17, 2024, in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delta, Chair, Director George V. Harvie	Richmond, Director Chak Au
Anmore, Vice Chair, Director John McEwen	Richmond, Director Malcolm Brodie
Belcarra, Director Jamie Ross	Richmond, Director Bill McNulty
Bowen Island, Director Andrew Leonard	Surrey, Director Harry Bains (arrived at 9:20 am)
Burnaby, Director Pietro Calendino	Surrey, Director Mike Bose
Burnaby, Director Sav Dhaliwal	Surrey, Director Gordon Hepner (arrived at 9:10 am)
Burnaby, Director Mike Hurley	Surrey, Director Pardeep Kooner
Coquitlam, Director Craig Hodge	Surrey, Director Brenda Locke
Coquitlam, Director Teri Towner	Surrey, Director Rob Stutt
Delta, Director Dylan Kruger	Vancouver, Director Rebecca Bligh
Electoral Area A, Director Jen McCutcheon	Vancouver, Director Adriane Carr
Langley City, Director Paul Albrecht	Vancouver, Director Lisa Dominato
Langley Township, Director Steve Ferguson	Vancouver, Director Sarah Kirby-Yung
Langley Township, Director Eric Woodward	Vancouver, Director Mike Klassen (arrived at 9:07 am)
Lions Bay, Director Ken Berry	Vancouver, Alternate Director Meiszner for Director Ken Sim
Maple Ridge, Director Dan Ruimy*	Vancouver, Director Lenny Zhou
New Westminster, Director Patrick Johnstone	West Vancouver, Director Mark Sager
North Vancouver City, Director Linda Buchanan	White Rock, Director Megan Knight*
North Vancouver District, Director Lisa Muri	
Pitt Meadows, Director Nicole MacDonald	
Port Coquitlam, Director Brad West	
Port Moody, Director Meghan Lahti	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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Director Laura Cassidy

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner
Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer
Rick Gallilee, Director, Support Services & Strategic Initiatives, Liquid Waste Services
Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Sonu Kailley, Director, Financial Planning, Financial Services

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

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. May 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 May 17, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

B. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR COMMISSIONER/CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. 2025 Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan Scenarios for Consideration

Report dated May 10, 2024 from Jerry W. Dobrowolny, Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner, providing the MVRD, MVHC, GVS&DD, and GVWD Boards with further analysis of options for allocating the household impact of the additional cost to complete the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP) Program including providing further information on Tier I, II, and III costs as defined in the GVS&DD Cost Apportionment Bylaw, and seeking direction for the 2025 - 2029 budget process.

9:07 am Director Klassen arrived at the meeting.

9:10 am Director Hepner arrived at the meeting.

9:20 am Director Bains arrived at the meeting.

Jerry W. Dobrowolny provided members with a presentation titled "Board Budget Workshop #2: 2025 Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan".

In response to questions, Jerry W. Dobrowolny, Sonu Kailley, Director, Financial Planning, Financial Services, and Rick Gallilee, Director, Support Services & Strategic Initiatives, Liquid Waste Services, informed members that:

- the current cost allocation model was approved by the Board in 1995, staff would be seeking Board direction to make any changes;
- Metro Vancouver's existing 5-Year Plan already includes previous Board-approved budget increases for the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project;
- the project, at the request of the north shore municipalities, would be amortized over 30 years rather than the usual 15 years; and
- the details in this report are to address the accommodation of the \$2.8 billion increase to the NSWWTP budget.

Members discussed:

- unprecedented cost escalations for large capital projects and the impact on financial planning for future capital projects in the region;
- the desire to work together as one regional body to address the financial challenges associated with upgrading and replacing major infrastructure;
- the significant financial hardship that north shore residents will face if they have to fund the cost of this project alone; and
- moving towards a single sewerage area model where costs of upgrading and replacing major infrastructure are shared across the region.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD / MVHC / GVS&DD / GVWD Boards direct staff to prepare the 2025 Budget and 2025-2029 Financial Plan by allocating the \$2.8B required to complete the NSWWTTP Program according to Option 6 from Table 6 and phasing the levy in according to Option 4 from Table 7 in the report dated May 10, 2024, titled “2025 Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan Scenarios for Consideration”.

The Chair, in recognition of:

- 1) the general acceptance of adopting a single sewerage area model for funding sewerage infrastructure; and
 - 2) the possibility of delaying the household impact for the North Shore Sewerage Area for the NSWWTTP through adjustments to phasing options and/or amortization periods for a sufficient length of time to allow for the adoption of a single sewerage area prior to allocating the full cost of the NSWWTTP;
- proposed referring the motion to a Special Joint meeting to be held on May 31, 2024 so that staff can provide information on an option that attenuates 2025 and 2026 household impact on the North Shore sewerage area while pursuing the adoption of a single sewerage area model.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the foregoing motion be referred to a Special Joint Board Meeting to be held in two weeks.

Recorded Vote

Name	For	Against
Albrecht. P	2	
Au. C	3	
Bains. H		5
Berry. K	1	
Bligh. R	5	
Bose. M		4
Brodie. M	4	
Buchanan. L	3	

Calendino. P	4	
Carr. A	4	
Dhaliwal. S	4	
Dominato. L	5	
Ferguson. S		3
Harvie. G	3	
Hepner. G		5
Hodge. C		4
Hurley. M	5	
Johnstone. P		4
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
McEwen. J		1
McNulty. W	4	
Meiszner. P	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	77	67

CARRIED

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

(Time: 11:06 am)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

George V. Harvie, Chair

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