



**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (MVRD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

BOARD MEETING

Friday, September 29, 2023

8:30 am

28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

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C. DELEGATIONS

1. Roderick V. Louis

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Subject: Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy and Board Procedure Bylaw
Executive Summary Provided

G. REPORTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA

2. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

**2.2 kʷikʷəłəm First Nation Comments on RGS Amendment Bylaw No. 1366 – City of
Surrey (Fraser Heights)**

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Name or Organization: Roderick Louis

Subject: E 1.1 Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy and G 1.1 Board Procedure Bylaw

Presenting to: MVRD Board

Date of Meeting: September 29, 2023

This as a corrected & amended Delegation Request for the September 29-2023 MV RD board mtg*... regarding agenda Items E 1.1 “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Policy” and G 1.1: proposed replacement Board Procedure Bylaw; and is also an “executive summary”... Pls delete previously sent;

* https://metrovanvancouver.org/boards/GVRD/RD_2023-Sep-29_AGE.pdf

I own property, pay taxes & reside in the city of White Rock, BC... As such, I'm affected by most types of MV RD board & committee decisions- including decisions that are made as a result of board/ committee members' unethical activities, negligence, impropriety and misconduct... and I'm affected by proposed new/ replacement bylaws that- if approved- would act to prevent public scrutiny of- and impede public input to the MV RD board's- and MV staff's- activities- such as the proposed new Board Procedure Bylaw #1368, 2023; Agenda Item G 1.1 proposed replacement Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1368, 2023:

- Staff recommend board members vote in favour of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd reading of the (proposed) bylaw- & vote to adopt the Bylaw- at the Sept 29 mtg... But staff have not indicated & have not provided any evidence that there is urgency for the bylaw to be approved as is, or in an amended form... Approval of a new procedure bylaw should be delayed for at least 60-90 days to allow for MV's business owners & residents (the public) to be notified of the proposed bylaw & its new public input restrictions & record-retention reductions... and to invite the public to provide their views...

Page 316 of agenda package:

“Delegations – clarify that delegations cannot appear more than once “on the same subject matter” instead of “on the same agenda item” within six months; specify that only the executive summary of up to two pages from delegations is retained; limit the maximum number of delegations at each meeting to three, except with unanimous board approval;

The specific actions requested of the MV RD board are:

1) Approve the (draft) Code of Conduct Policy- but only with the following (or similar) amendments:

a) Require: regular (2x annually) evaluations of & in-writing public reporting on all individual board members' performance and their levels of compliance with the Policy; And make the policy retroactive to January-2022;

2) Refer the proposed Board Procedure Bylaw back to staff for the following (or similar) amendments:

a) Add section(s) that would explicitly require all MV RD board meetings and committee meetings**:

i) To be live-streamed (over the Internet) with meetings' live-streams required to be publicly-accessible from a prominent, easy-to-locate part of the MV website;

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ii) To be video recorded, and promptly uploaded (on same day as the respective meeting) to an easy-to-find, prominent, publicly-accessible part of the MV website; and

- In a video-format that is down-loadable (for free) by members of the public from the MV website (to rectify the recent (April-2023??) arbitrary, not-explained MV staff decision to block members of the public from being able to download committee mtgs & board mtgs' videos;

** To rectify the arbitrary & not-explained Feb-2023 staff decisions to: end the live-streaming of all committee meetings, and end the video recording of committee meetings, & end posting of committee mtgs' videos to the MV website;

b) Delete the (new) prohibition of members of the public (“delegations”) appearing more than once before

an MV committee or board “on the same subject matter” within six months...

During 2011-today, it has been routine procedure for MV staff and others (such as invited delegations) to submit multiple reports (IE sequential, amended reports) regarding a particular issue to MV committees and boards on more than 1 occasion during a 6-month period,

->>> There are no ethical, administratively-justifiable reasons why MV’s business owners & residents (“the public”) should be barred from making submissions to MV committees and or boards regarding each of the sequential reports that are provided to the respective committee/ board and re each report’s (potentially evolving) recommendations & subjects;

c) Delete the (new) specification that only the 1-page or 2-page executive summary that is provided by individual delegations to a committee and or board... is to be retained by MV...

d) Require that the 2011-today (current) practices of MV accepting and retaining delegations’ PowerPoint submissions to committees and boards, and retaining delegations’ “additional written materials”- such as explanatory letters, reference-documents and the like.... are to be continued;

e) Require that, after the deadline for members of the public to submit applications to appear (as delegations) at an upcoming committee & or board mtg has passed, delegations’ executive summaries must be distributed (by MV staff) to all board members- if possible before commencement of the respective mtg;

f) Require that in circumstances when a member of the public has been approved to appear (as a delegation) at a committee mtg or board mtg- the agenda package for the mtg that is posted to the MV website must be amended*** to indicate the addition of the delegation, and to include the delegation’s “executive summary” and to indicate whether the delegation has or has not provided “additional materials” such as a PowerPoint presentation... (To rectify the arbitrary, not-explained late-2022 staff decision to end these procedures... procedures that had been consistently implemented between 2011 and late-2022)

*** Amended as soon as is practicable- if possible before the commencement of the respective mtg...

g) Add section(s) that would explicitly require delegations’ “executive summaries” & PowerPoint submissions to MV boards & committees... to be posted to a publicly-accessible part of the MV website after the respective mtg has concluded (IE: continue the 2011-today practices...)

h) Delete the proposed (new) maximum number of 3 delegations at each committee mtg & board meeting... There is no evidenced need for this proposed, anti-democratic, public confidence-destroying prohibition: During 2011 to today, nearly all (over 98 percent) of MV’s committee & board meetings did not have more than 3 members of the public attending as delegations, & most mtgs did not have any members of the public attending as delegations... There is no evidence that MV committees and or board have been impaired or somehow impeded or prevented from conducting their duties as a result of “more than 3” members of the public appearing as delegations...



To: MVRD Board

From: Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services

Date: September 25, 2023

Meeting Date: September 29, 2023

Subject: **kʷikʷəłəm First Nation Comments on RGS Amendment Bylaw No. 1366 –
City of Surrey (Fraser Heights)**

The kʷikʷəłəm First Nation emailed referral comments on Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1366 after the MVRD Board agenda was published. The comments relate to the City of Surrey's Fraser Heights application, which is item 2.2 of Section G on the September 29, 2023 MVRD Board agenda. The comments are provided in the Attachment.

Attachment

kʷikʷəłəm First Nation email with comments, dated September 25, 2023.

From: Referrals <referrals@kwikwetlem.com>

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 9:39 AM

To: Maureen Trainor <Maureen.Trainor@metrovanancouver.org>

Cc: Chair Harvie <chair@metrovanancouver.org>; Jerry Dobrovolny <Jerry.Dobrovolny@metrovanancouver.org>; Heather McNell <Heather.McNell@metrovanancouver.org>;

Jonathan Cote <Jonathan.Cote@metrovanancouver.org>; Jessica Blesch

<Jessica.Blesch@kwikwetlem.com>; Lance Myers <lance@kwikwetlem.com>; Maryam Amini <maryam.amini@kwikwetlem.com>

Subject: RE: Proposed Land Use Designation Amendment to Metro 2050 City of Surrey – Fraser Heights

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Hi Maureen,

Apologies on our delayed response.

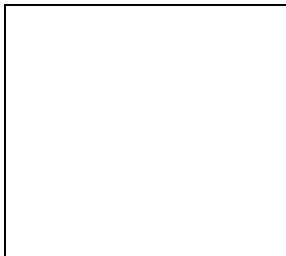
kʷikʷəłəm First Nation has some concerns regarding the rezoning of the industrial lot at 11420 – 157A Street to General Urban to eventually accommodate a 38-lot residential development.

From what we understand, the lot is adjacent to three recorded HCA archaeological sites. As a provision of the amendment, we recommend the City conduct an Archaeological Overview Assessment, which will outline further recommendations related to redevelopment at this property.

Regards,

Kathleen

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We acknowledge that we operate on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of kʷikʷəłəm First Nation.