METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
MAYORS COMMITTEE

MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2024
9:00 am
28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia
Webstream available at https://www.metrovancouver.org

A G E N D A¹

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. April 11, 2024 Meeting Agenda
   That the Mayors Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for
   April 11, 2024 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
   That the Mayors Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held on
   March 14, 2024 as circulated.

C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Carole Saab, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and
   Mathieu Bélanger, Executive Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Federation of
   Canadian Municipalities
   Subject: FCM Pre-Budget 2024 Advocacy Update

¹ Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.
E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. **UBCM 2024 Community Excellence Awards Nominations**
   That the MVRD Board support Metro Vancouver’s entries for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2024 Community Excellence Award. The nominations include:
   a) Excellence in Service Delivery: Ferguson Road Upgrades
   b) Excellence in Asset Management: Earthquake Early Warning System and Strategic Response System
   c) Excellence in Sustainability: Seňáḵw Development Sewer Heat Recovery District Energy System

2. **Manager’s Report**
   That the Mayors Committee receive for information report dated March 22, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report”.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

*Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.*

That the Mayors Committee close its meeting scheduled for April 11, 2024 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act and the Community Charter provisions as follows:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
   (k) negotiations and relation discussion respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and

90 (2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
   (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.
I. ADJOURNMENT

That the Mayors Committee adjourn its meeting of April 11, 2024.

Membership:

Locke, Brenda (C) – Surrey
West, Brad (VC) – Port Coquitlam
Berry, Ken – Lions Bay
Brodie, Malcolm – Richmond
Buchanan, Linda – North Vancouver City
Cassidy, Laura – scəwaθəm masteyaxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation)
Harvie, George V. – Delta
Hurley, Mike – Burnaby
Johnstone, Patrick – New Westminster
Knight, Megan – White Rock
Lahti, Meghan – Port Moody
Leonard, Andrew – Bowen Island
Little, Mike – North Vancouver District
MacDonald, Nicole – Pitt Meadows
McCUTCHEON, Jen – Electoral Area A
McEwen, John – Anmore
Pachal, Nathan – Langley City
Ross, Jamie – Belcarra
Ruimy, Dan – Maple Ridge
Sager, Mark – West Vancouver
Sim, Ken – Vancouver
Stewart, Richard – Coquitlam
Woodward, Eric – Langley Township
METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
MAYORS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Mayors Committee held at 9:00 am on Thursday, March 14, 2024 in the 28th Floor Boardroom Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor Brenda Locke, Surrey
Vice Chair, Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam* (arrived at 9:42 am)
Mayor Ken Berry, Lions Bay* (arrived at 9:34 am)
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Chief Laura Cassidy, sc̓əwaθcn məsteyaxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation)* (arrived at 9:04 am)
Mayor George V. Harvie, Delta
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby
Mayor Patrick Johnstone, New Westminster
Mayor Megan Knight, White Rock
Mayor Meghan Lahti, Port Moody
Mayor Andrew Leonard, Bowen Island
Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District (arrived at 9:09 am)
Mayor Nicole MacDonald, Pitt Meadows*
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Nathan Pachal, Langley City
Mayor Jamie Ross, Belcarra
Mayor Dan Ruimy, Maple Ridge*
Mayor Mark Sager, West Vancouver
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Mayor Eric Woodward, Langley Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mayor Ken Sim, Vancouver

STAFF PRESENT:
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Rapinder Khaira, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, Regional Planning and Housing Services
Jacquie Griffiths, President, Invest Vancouver
Heather McNeill, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning
Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by the Procedure Bylaw
A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. March 14, 2024 Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Mayors Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for March 14, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. November 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Mayors Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held November 16, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

2. December 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Mayors Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held December 15, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS
No items presented.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. 2024 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan
Report dated February 20, 2024, from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, providing the Mayors Committee with the 2024 Work Plan, Terms of Reference, and the Annual Meeting Schedule.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Mayors Committee:
   a) receive for information the Mayors Committee Terms of Reference and the 2024 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated February 20, 2024, titled “2024 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”; and
   b) endorse the 2024 Work Plan, as presented in the report dated February 20, 2024, titled “2024 Mayors Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”.

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9:04 am Chief Cassidy arrived at the meeting.
9:09 am Mayor Little arrived at the meeting.

   Report dated February 22, 2024, from Jacquie Griffiths, President and Sue Mah, Vice President of Collaboration, Invest Vancouver, providing the Mayors Committee with the 2024 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan, and the Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Plan.

   Jacquie Griffiths and Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, provided a presentation titled “Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Plan”, with an overview Invest Vancouver’s 20204 Annual Plan and priorities.

   **It was MOVED and SECONDED**
   That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated February 22, 2024, titled “Report on 2024 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan, and the Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Plan”.

   **CARRIED**

3. **Provincial Housing Legislation: Provincial Advocacy and Supportive Roles**
   Report dated February 23, 2024, from Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, and Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, Regional Planning and Housing Services, providing the MVRD Board with an update on the new provincial housing legislation, the feedback that Metro Vancouver has received through engagement with member jurisdictions, and recommendations for Metro Vancouver supportive actions including advocacy to the Province.

   **It was MOVED and SECONDED**
   That the MVRD Board:
   a) direct staff to provide an ‘opt in’ opportunity for member jurisdictions for Metro Vancouver to undertake the Housing Needs Reports as per the provincial methodology and requirements;
   b) direct staff to advance and coordinate ‘opt in’ opportunities for co-operative procurement of consultants for member jurisdictions necessary for implementing the new provincial housing legislation; and
   c) advance advocacy actions to the Province directed towards: infrastructure programs and funding to ensure that sufficient infrastructure is in place to accommodate the increases in population and housing projected; better alignment with Metro 2050; and stronger support for non-market and affordable housing.

   **CARRIED**
9:34 am Mayor Berry arrived at the meeting.

4. Manager’s Report
Report dated March 1, 2024, from Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, providing the Mayors Committee with an update on the 2024 Metro Vancouver Regional Wildfire Workshop and the Snow Survey and Water Supply Outlook for 2024.

It was MOVED and SECONDED That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated March 1, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report”.

CARRIED

F. INFORMATION ITEMS
No items presented.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion
Mayor Pachal put forward the following notice of motion at the November 16, 2023 Mayors Committee meeting:

That the Mayors Committee:

a) schedule annual strategic planning sessions at the beginning of each year to determine which top regional issues, while not necessarily within the mandate of the Board, would benefit from coordinated advocacy to the provincial and/or federal government by the Mayors Committee on behalf of member municipalities, and to determine tangible advocacy actions addressing those issues; and

b) direct staff to work with the Chair of the Mayors Committee to refine the tangible advocacy actions resulting from the annual strategic planning sessions to be forwarded for deliberation at the regularly scheduled Mayors Committee meetings before starting advocacy efforts.

Chair Locke ruled the motion out of order.

Appeal of the Chair’s Decision
Mayor Pachal appealed the Chair’s decision relative to the foregoing motion being ruled out of order.

At the request of the Chair, the Corporate Officer confirmed that the question on the appeal would be immediately put by the Chair and decided without debate.
It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the ruling of the Chair, Mayor Locke, with respect to the above motion being out of order, be sustained.

CARRIED
Mayor Pachal voted in the negative.

9:42 am Vice Chair West arrived at the meeting.

2. Draft Correspondence titled “Urgent Appeal: Deny Parole for Robert Pickton” to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
George V. Harvie, Mayor, City of Delta, provided a verbal update on an opportunity to co-sign a letter to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding reconsideration of parole eligibility for Robert Pickton.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Mayors Committee receive for information the verbal update from George V. Harvie, Mayor, City of Delta, regarding draft correspondence regarding an appeal to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada to deny parole to Robert Pickton.

CARRIED

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

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CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Mayors Committee adjourn its meeting of March 14, 2024.

CARRIED
(Time: 9:46 am)

Rapinder Khaira, Legislative Services Coordinator
Brenda Locke, Chair

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RECOMMENDATION
That the MVRD Board support Metro Vancouver’s entries for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2024 Community Excellence Award. The nominations include:

a) Excellence in Service Delivery: Ferguson Road Upgrades
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The UBCM Community Excellence Awards recognize UBCM members that have implemented projects or programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government. Metro Vancouver is seeking Board support for the following projects “Ferguson Road Upgrades”, “Earthquake Early Warning System and Strategic Response System”, “Seňąḵw Development Sewer Heat Recovery District Energy System”.

PURPOSE
To seek Board support for three Metro Vancouver projects to be considered for the UBCM 2024 Community Excellence Awards.

BACKGROUND
Metro Vancouver is a member of UBCM and may submit one project per award category for the UBCM Community Excellence Awards. UBCM requires a board resolution indicating support for projects to be considered for a 2024 Community Excellence Award.

UBCM 2024 COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS
The UBCM Community Excellence Awards recognize UBCM members that have implemented projects or programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government. Awards will be presented during UBCM’s 2024 Convention.

Award categories include:
- Excellence in Governance
- Excellence in Sustainability
- Excellence in Service Delivery
- Excellence in Asset Management
All applications will be scored against the following criteria:

- Leadership
- Financial management and planning
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Innovation and promising practices
- Engagement and communications
- Transferability
- Performance measurement

Staff have reviewed the award categories and criteria and are recommending the following entries in three categories.

**Excellence in Service Delivery**
This category includes projects/programs that provide effective services in a proactive manner, demonstrate benefit to the community, and are integrated with community plans and aligned with financial plans.

**Ferguson Road Upgrades**
Metro Vancouver has partnered with the Vancouver Airport Authority with a 50/50 cost sharing agreement to deliver a realigned and upgraded Ferguson Road, which is the only vehicle access point to Iona Island. The upgraded road will address the existing poor road conditions, lack of separation between pedestrians and cyclists with vehicular traffic, and meet the requirements for the construction of the new Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Substantial completion of the project is expected by April 2024 and demonstrates Metro Vancouver’s commitment to the Regional Recreation Greenway Network. These upgrades are part of critical work needed prior to starting ground improvements for the new treatment plant.

**Excellence in Asset Management**
Asset management is an integrated business approach that involves planning, finance, engineering, and operations to effectively manage existing and new infrastructure in order to maximize benefits, reduce risk and provide satisfactory levels of service to community users in a sustainable manner. This category includes projects/programs that demonstrate a comprehensive system of asset management policies and practices that meet and/or exceed accepted best practices.

**Earthquake Early Warning System and Strategic Response System (EEW-SRS)**
One of Metro Vancouver’s strategic priorities, per the Board’s Strategic Plan, includes “Resilient Services and Infrastructure”. In this regard, the Earthquake Early Warning System and Strategic Response System includes the placement of a network of EEW-SRS sensors at the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Plant (SCFP), Coquitlam Water Treatment Plant (CWTP) and Metro Vancouver Head Office. These integrated early warning and strong motion detection sensors, with associated peripherals, provide early warning alarms and measure the earthquake shaking on the instrumented facilities to collect real-time data of seismic events that may disrupt the region’s drinking water.
As a result, the success of the project is leading to: a review of what automated actions can be initiated once the alarms are activated; expansion of the system to cover more sites throughout the region; potential lessons (replicability) for municipal water distribution systems to protect their assets and people; and potential uses beyond the water supply system such as wastewater and housing.

This project meets the objectives of the Excellence in Asset Management category, as it is aligned with the Core Elements of Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery, and BC Framework. The expansion of the project includes learnings and new investigations applied in which the coverage, robustness and redundancy in the system will fully institutionalize the system for the Greater Vancouver Water District. In addition, the project enables its potential use for other critical operations at Metro Vancouver and for member jurisdictions to potentially apply similar approaches, while demonstrating leadership by enhancing Metro Vancouver’s emergency preparedness, coordination with the Province and regional public health and safety. This project and its expansion ensures the resiliency of the water system and providing uninterrupted service by providing greater EEW/SHM coverage, improving warning times, adding water supply system robustness and resiliency, and enhancing Metro Vancouver’s pre- and post-earthquake response for the region.

**Excellence in Sustainability**

This category recognizes UBCM members that incorporate a long-term sustainability lens by considering the four pillars – cultural, social, economic, and environmental issues - in planning, policy and practice.

*Seňákʷ Development Sewer Heat Recovery District Energy System*

Metro Vancouver and Creative Energy are collaborating to develop a district energy system for the new Seňákʷ development, which will use heat recovered from municipal sewage as the main source of heat, ensuring no fossil fuels are required to meet the heating needs of its occupants. Seňákʷ will include over 6,000 rental units with over three million square feet of residential floor space. The project is slated to become one of the first large-scale net zero carbon housing projects in the world. Metro Vancouver has developed and is implementing a Sewage and Waste: Heat Recovery Policy that enables access to waste heat, to encourage its beneficial use and greenhouse gas emission reductions. The project will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by over 4,000 tonnes per year.

This project meets the objectives of the Excellence in Sustainability category, as it:

- Employs creative waste management practices to recover and use heat without the use of fossil fuels while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Recognizes waste as a valuable resource with positive outcomes.
- Pioneering climate leadership by standing out as one of the world’s first large-scale net-zero carbon housing initiatives.
- Aligns seamlessly with broader strategic objectives.
ALTERNATIVES
1. That the MVRD Board support Metro Vancouver’s entries for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2024 Community Excellence Award. The nominations include:
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2. That the MVRD Board receive the report titled “UBCM 2024 Community Excellence Awards Nominations” dated March 25, 2024 and provide alternate direction to staff.

3. That the MVRD Board direct staff to not apply for the UBCM 2024 Community Excellence Awards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no financial implications to this report.

CONCLUSION
The UBCM Community Excellence Awards recognize members and projects that demonstrate promising practices and innovation. The recommended projects for the 2024 awards are strong examples of Metro Vancouver’s collaboration and innovation that can be replicated by other jurisdictions. With the support of the MVRD Board, these award applications would help profile outstanding projects and programs delivered by Metro Vancouver and increase awareness of Metro Vancouver and its services.

REFERENCES
2024 UBCM Community Excellence Awards

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To: Mayors Committee

From: Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer

Date: March 22, 2024

Meeting Date: April 11, 2024

Subject: Manager’s Report

RECOMMENDATION
That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated March 22, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report”.

Mayors Committee Work Plan
Attachment 1 to this report sets out the Committee’s Work Plan for 2024. The status of the Committee’s key priorities is shown as pending, in progress, or complete together with the quarter that each is expected to be considered by the Committee.

Attachment
1. 2024 Mayors Committee Work Plan
Mayors Committee 2024 Work Plan
Report Date: February 20, 2024

**Priorities**

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