

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Council of Councils Committee held at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 in the in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John McEwen*, Anmore
Councillor Polly Krier*, Anmore

Mayor Jamie Ross*, Belcarra
Councillor Carolina Clark*, Belcarra
Councillor Bruce Drake*, Belcarra
Councillor John Snell*, Belcarra
Councillor Liisa Wilder*, Belcarra

Councillor Sue Ellen Fast*, Bowen Island
Councillor David Hocking*, Bowen Island
Councillor Alison Morse*, Bowen Island
Councillor Maureen Nicholson*, Bowen Island

Mayor Mike Hurley*, Burnaby
Councillor Pietro Calendino*, Burnaby
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Councillor Colleen Jordan*, Burnaby
Councillor Joe Keithley*, Burnaby
Councillor James Wang*, Burnaby

Mayor Richard Stewart*, Coquitlam
Councillor Brent Asmundson*, Coquitlam
Councillor Craig Hodge*, Coquitlam
Councillor Steve Kim*, Coquitlam
Councillor Dennis Marsden*, Coquitlam
Councillor Teri Towner*, Coquitlam
Councillor Chris Wilson*, Coquitlam

Mayor George Harvie*, Delta
Councillor Dan Copeland*, Delta
Councillor Jeannie Kanakos*, Delta
Councillor Dylan Kruger*, Delta

Mayor Val van den Broek*, Langley City
Councillor Paul Albrecht*, Langley City
Councillor Teri James*, Langley City
Councillor Gayle Martin*, Langley, City

MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):

Councillor Nathan Pachal*, Langley City
Councillor Rudy Storteboom*, Langley City

Mayor Jack Froese*, Langley Township
Councillor Petrina Arnason*, Langley Township
Councillor Steve Ferguson*, Langley Township
Councillor Margaret Kunst*, Langley Township
Councillor Bob Long*, Langley Township
Councillor Kim Richter*, Langley Township
Councillor Blair Whitmarsh*, Langley Township
Councillor Eric Woodward*, Langley Township

Mayor Ron McLaughlin*, Lions Bay
Councillor Fred Bain*, Lions Bay

Mayor Mike Morden*, Maple Ridge
Councillor Judy Dueck*, Maple Ridge
Councillor Chelsa Meadus*, Maple Ridge
Councillor Gordy Robson*, Maple Ridge
Councillor Ryan Svendsen*, Maple Ridge
Councillor Ahmed Yousef*, Maple Ridge

Mayor Jonathan Côté*, New Westminster
Councillor Chinu Das*, New Westminster
Councillor Patrick Johnstone*, New Westminster
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa*, New Westminster
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr*, New Westminster
Councillor Mary Trentadue*, New Westminster

Mayor Linda Buchanan*, North Vancouver City
Councillor Holly Back*, North Vancouver City
Councillor Don Bell*, North Vancouver City
Councillor Angela Girard*, North Vancouver City
Councillor Tina Hu*, North Vancouver City
Councillor Jessica McIlroy*, North Vancouver City
Councillor Tony Valente*, North Vancouver City

Mayor Mike Little*, North Vancouver District
Councillor Jordan Back*, North Vancouver District
Councillor Mathew Bond*, North Vancouver District
Councillor Betty Forbes*, North Vancouver District
Councillor Lisa Muri*, North Vancouver District

MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):

Mayor Bill Dingwall*, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Mike Hayes*, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Bob Meachen*, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Tracy Miyashita*, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Gwen O'Connell*, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Anena Simpson*, Pitt Meadows

Mayor Brad West*, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Steve Darling*, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Nancy McCurrach*, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Glenn Pollock*, Port Coquitlam

Mayor Robert Vagramov*, Port Moody
Councillor Diana Dilworth*, Port Moody
Councillor Meghan Lahti*, Port Moody
Councillor Amy Lubik*, Port Moody
Councillor Hunter Madsen*, Port Moody
Councillor Zoe Royer*, Port Moody

Mayor Malcolm Brodie*, Richmond
Councillor Chak Au*, Richmond
Councillor Carol Day*, Richmond
Councillor Alexa Loo*, Richmond
Councillor Bill McNulty*, Richmond
Councillor Linda McPhail*, Richmond
Councillor Harold Steves*, Richmond
Councillor Michael Wolfe*, Richmond

Councillor Linda Annis*, Surrey
Councillor Doug Elford*, Surrey
Councillor Laurie Guerra*, Surrey
Councillor Brenda Locke*, Surrey
Councillor Allison Patton*, Surrey
Councillor Steven Pettigrew*, Surrey

Chief Ken Baird*, Tsawwassen First Nation

Councillor Christine Boyle*, Vancouver
Councillor Adriane Carr*, Vancouver
Councillor Lisa Dominato*, Vancouver
Councillor Pete Fry*, Vancouver
Councillor Colleen Hardwick*, Vancouver
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung*, Vancouver
Councillor Jean Swanson*, Vancouver
Councillor Michael Wiebe*, Vancouver

MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):

Mayor Mary-Ann Booth*, West Vancouver
Councillor Nora Gambioli*, West Vancouver
Councillor Peter Lambur*, West Vancouver
Councillor Bill Soprovich*, West Vancouver
Councillor Sharon Thompson*, West Vancouver
Councillor Marcus Wong*, West Vancouver

Mayor Darryl Walker*, White Rock
Councillor David Chesney*, White Rock
Councillor Helen Fathers*, White Rock
Councillor Erika Johanson*, White Rock
Councillor Scott Kristjanson*, White Rock
Councillor Anthony Manning*, White Rock
Councillor Christopher Trevelyan*, White Rock

ABSENT:

Councillor Timothy Laidler, Anmore
Councillor Kim Trowbridge, Anmore
Councillor Paul Weverink, Anmore

Mayor Gary Ander, Bowen Island
Councillor Michael Kaile, Bowen Island
Councillor Robert Wynen, Bowen Island

Vacant, Burnaby
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Councillor Dan Johnston, Burnaby

Councillor Trish Mandewo, Coquitlam
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam

Councillor Alicia Guichon, Delta
Councillor Lois Jackson, Delta
Councillor Bruce McDonald, Delta

Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Alternate Director Michael Feeley, Electoral Area A†

Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Langley City

Councillor David Davis, Langley Township

† Note: Electoral Area A Alternate Director is appointed and therefore does not constitute quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT (Continued):

Councillor Neville Abbott, Lions Bay
Councillor Norman Barmeier, Lions Bay
Councillor Jaime Cunliffe, Lions Bay

Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Maple Ridge

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, New Westminster

Councillor Megan Curren, North Vancouver District
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District

Councillor Nicole MacDonald, Pitt Meadows

Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Dean Washington, Port Coquitlam

Councillor Steve Milani, Port Moody

Vacant, Richmond

Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey
Councillor Jack Hundial, Surrey
Councillor Mandeep Nagra, Surrey

Councillor Louise Ahlm, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Laura Cassidy, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Valerie Cross, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Steve Stark, Tsawwassen First Nation

Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver
Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Vancouver

Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver

STAFF:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer
Lauren Cichon, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 3.6.2 of the *Procedure Bylaw*

Welcoming Remarks

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Boards, Mayor Linda Buchanan, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Boards, and Mayor Mike Hurley, Mayor, City of Burnaby, welcomed members, and introduced the meeting format and agenda.

Metro Vancouver 2022 Budget Workshop

Dean Rear, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services, updated members on the 2022 budget highlighting budget deliverables, process and timeline, impact of services on the average household (the household impact), operating and capital drivers, continuous improvements at the department level, and financial toolbox measures.

Members commented on:

- amortization periods for large Wastewater Treatment Plant projects
- exploring partnerships with non-profit organizations for housing within the region
- incentivizing adding a water surcharge for jurisdictions that do not have a water metering program including finding natural based solutions for water conservation
- evaluating Metro Vancouver assets for cost recovery in the future

Presentation material titled “Metro Vancouver 2022 Budget Workshop” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Planning for the Future

Jerry Dobrovolsky, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, updated members on the Board Strategic Plan including phases of public engagement, and updates to the *Clean Air Plan*, *Regional Parks Plan*, *Solid Waste Management Plan*, *Liquid Waste Management Plan*, *Drinking Water Management Plan*, *Climate 2050*, and *Metro 2050*.

Presentation material titled “Planning for the Future” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Climate 2050 Update

Adriane Carr, Chair, Climate Action Committee, and Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks and Environment, informed members on *Climate 2050* highlighting the anticipated impacts of climate change in the region, *Climate 2050* discussion papers, current projections of emissions impact, *Climate 2050* roadmaps, buildings and transportation action highlights, and actions taken by Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions.

Members commented on:

- considering a tree protection bylaw to protect tree canopies and the environment
- implementing a future environmental levy to help with climate change
- investigating how to move away from natural gas

In response to questions, Metro Vancouver is identifying natural assets through natural climate solutions and ecological services that natural assets provide. Members were advised that Metro

Vancouver does not have authority over the *BC Energy Step Code* as it falls under the responsibility of the municipality.

Presentation material titled “Metro Vancouver’s *Climate 2050 Strategy*” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Metro 2050 Update

Jonathan Coté, Chair, Regional Planning Committee, and Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, updated members on the *Regional Growth Strategies* and *Metro 2040*, *Metro 2050*’s five goals, process, engagement, and next steps.

Members were asked to participate to answer five questions regarding *Metro 2050*’s five goals with an interactive tool to respond to the following questions:

- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community put growth in the right places?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community support a strong and sustainable regional economy?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community protect the environment and take strong climate action?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community provide more diverse and affordable housing?
- Of these tools/policies which could most help your community support stronger transportation choices?

Members commented on:

- researching growth projection and its effect on the job market, in light of reduction in immigration due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- supporting density in town centres to generate employment including creating jobs locally to reduce commuting
- assisting Indigenous communities due to lack of housing and limited resources
- addressing noise at a regional level for people working from home
- creating higher wage jobs for employees and advocating to senior levels of government
- defining “affordable housing”
- addressing lack of regional parking near regional parks

Presentation material titled “*Metro 2050 Overview*” is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

TransLink 2050

Geoff Cross, Vice President, Planning and Policy, Translink, updated members on the *Translink 2050* highlighting the process, draft goals, actions, and next steps.

In response to questions, members were informed that transit will be free for 12 and younger across the region effective in the fall, including investigating an enforcement strategy and working

with Metro Vancouver Transit Police on reduce ticketing youth. Members were advised that Translink is exploring limited opportunities for passenger ferries and electric sea buses.

Presentation material titled "Translink 2050" is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Updates – Cleveland Dam and North Shore Wastewater Treatment Project

Marilyn Towill, General Manager, Water Services, updated members on the Cleveland Dam, highlighting project objectives, public warning system enhancements, public safety information signs, installation of the public alarm system, long-term public safety enhancements, engagement, and communications.

Presentation material titled "Cleveland Dam Public Warning System" is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Cheryl Nelms, General Manager, Project Delivery, updated members on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Project highlighting its progress, cost and schedule.

Presentation material titled "North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program" is retained with the May 8, 2021 Council of Councils agenda.

Roundtable

Members commented on:

- the status of Metro Vancouver's Corrosion Control Program and if there was any change to water quality due to the increased PH and alkalinity levels
- if Metro Vancouver has done an operational assessment of the anticipated lifetime of the Cleveland Dam and whether it is under Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction
- the status of the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

Closing Remarks

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, and Linda Buchanan, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors offered closing remarks.

Adjournment

The meeting was declared concluded at 12:21 p.m.



Lauren Cichon,
Legislative Services Coordinator



Sav Dhaliwal, Chair