

## **For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, January 25, 2019**

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## **Metro Vancouver Regional District**

### **Overview of Metro Vancouver’s Methods in Projecting Regional Growth**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report with an overview of Metro Vancouver’s role and methods for monitoring and projecting regional growth, primarily for population, housing, employment and land use activity.

Metro Vancouver’s projections are updated on a regular basis, as new sources of data become available and as the Census is undertaken. Keeping the projections up-to-date is critical to utility, transportation, housing and other forms of long range planning in the region. Metro Vancouver continues to work closely with member jurisdictions, other regional agencies and key stakeholders to provide and share data to build accurate and consistent population, housing and employment projections.

### **City of Burnaby’s Regional Context Statement – 5 Year Review**

**APPROVED**

The City of Burnaby has requested continued acceptance of its 2013 Regional Context Statement. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, each member jurisdiction’s regional context statement must be reviewed at least every five years, giving the local government an opportunity to consider whether any recent municipal planning studies or changes to its OCP trigger changes to its regional context statement.

The City’s 2013 Regional Context Statement remains generally consistent with the goals, strategies and actions in Metro 2040.

The Board accepted the City of Burnaby’s Regional Context Statement as submitted on November 20, 2018.

### **2019 Budgets and the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Requests for Information**

**RECEIVED**

This report provides responses to requests for information arising out of the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board’s Special Meeting held on November 30, 2018 and reconvened and completed on December 7, 2018.

1. Process and methodology of determining population numbers and projected growth
2. Annual budgets for the previous 10 years
3. Exempt employee list and roles within Metro Vancouver

4. List of budgeted and actual costs associated with completed regional capital projects over the last four years
5. Communication materials to assist member municipalities in explaining the increase in fees and taxes in the context of capital projects, aging infrastructure, upgrades to accommodate climate change initiatives, regulatory requirements, utility system demands, and grants received from senior levels of government
6. a) Optimal amortization period versus pay-as-you-go financial approach  
b) Background on debt-service ratio scenarios and reserves
7. Details in the five-year capital plan for MVHC
8. Options for pursuing GVWD develop cost charges to offset household impact of increasing water rate
9. Information regarding the increasing volume of organics in the region versus declining number of processing facilities to handle organics
10. Information regarding a comparison of the volume of waste diverted relative to population growth
11. Information regarding potential opportunities to increase Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation revenue
12. Information regarding the total cost of developing the odour management framework and measurement of odour units
13. Information regarding the particulates and pollutant data collected at the Vancouver Portside Air Mapping location
14. Background on the Regional Prosperity Initiative
15. How costs are allocated to members in the Labour Relations Function
16. List of mandated federal and provincial capital projects, and projects that can be delayed

**Amendment to the Metro Vancouver 2019 Appointment to E-Comm**

**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver received correspondence from E-Comm, which noted that Metro Vancouver's representative for the 2018-2019 term has resigned, leaving a vacancy to be filled. The Board appointed Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows, as the nominee to the E-Comm Board of Directors to complete the 2018-2019 term. Director Dingwall was previously nominated for the 2019-2020 term.

## Delegations Received at Committee - January 2019

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The Board received a summary of the following delegations to committees:

- Roderick Louis – Regional Planning Committee - January 11, 2019
- Roderick Louis – Finance and Intergovernment Committee – January 16, 2019

## NOTICE OF MOTION

REFERRED

Director Booth provided the following Notice of Motion on December 7, 2018 for consideration at the January 25, 2019 regular board meeting:

### **2019 – 2023 Financial Plan for the Aboriginal Relations Committee**

Review the Aboriginal Relations 2019-2023 Financial Plan, dated September 19, 2018, regarding an increase of \$193,035 that includes a new staff position of Program Manager.

The Board referred Director Booth’s motion to the Aboriginal Relations Committee for consideration.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

REFERRED/  
OUT OF ORDER

Director Jackson provided the following Notice of Motion on December 7, 2018 for consideration at the January 25, 2019 regular board meeting:

### **2019 Budget**

That the MVRD Board abandon the Regional Prosperity Initiative included in the 2019 budget.

Request staff to bring back a budget that reflects an overall increase of under 3%.

The first portion of the motion was referred to the Finance and Intergovernment Committee.

The second portion was ruled out of order by the Chair.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Director De Genova provided a Notice of Motion on January 25, 2019 for consideration at the next regular board meeting, paraphrased below:

That the MVRD Board refer to the Mayor’s Committee to consider the possibility of regional initiatives to deter and prevent money laundering and the business of organized crime in local government, and furthermore, that the committee report back to the MVRD Board with a report for information, and/or any possible recommendations.

## Greater Vancouver Water District

### 2019 GVWD Capital Projects

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a high level overview of the capital programs and projects for 2019, as approved by the Board on October 26, 2018.

## Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

### 2017 Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Management Summary

RECEIVED

The Board received for information the annual update on the reduction, recycling and disposal of solid waste from the Metro Vancouver region for the calendar year 2017. In 2017, the waste diversion rate for the region was estimated to be 63%, up slightly from 62% in 2016. Metro Vancouver's per capita waste disposal in 2017 was 0.51 tonnes per person, up from 0.49 tonnes in 2016.

Per capita waste disposal in 2017 was 0.51 tonnes per person, up from 0.49 tonnes in 2016. Other communities both in British Columbia and around North America are seeing a flattening of reductions in per capita waste disposal. Per capita disposal in Metro Vancouver continues to be well below the national average of 0.71 tonnes per person per year.

### 2018 Regional Food Scraps Recycling Campaign Results

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report with a summary of the results of the 2018 regional "Food Scraps Recycling" campaign.

The regional "Food Scraps Recycling" campaign supports the organics disposal ban and objectives established in the Integrated Solid Waste Resource Management Plan.

Overall, just over eight-in-ten (83%) residents typically use the food scraps bin or compost for one or more of the types of waste presented in the survey, an increase of six percentage points from 2017.

Fifty-eight per cent of residents who recalled the ads said they are now more likely to use the food scraps bin to dispose of food soiled paper. The remaining four-in-ten (41%) say they are about as likely.

### North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Status Update

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a status update on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

As identified in Metro Vancouver's Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan, approved by the BC Ministry of Environment in May 2011, and consistent with the federally mandated

Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations, the Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant is to be upgraded to secondary treatment no later than December 31, 2020.

The 60% design for the NSWWTP has been submitted and reviewed. The 90% design is expected to be submitted early in 2019 and the final detailed design of the entire facility is scheduled to be submitted in October of 2019.

In terms of construction, Acciona, the project contractor, has so far focused on establishment of the project office, relocation of the existing storm sewer, site remediation and ground improvements. Over 3,700 stone columns were installed to densify the soil for improved seismic performance. With installation of the stone columns complete, Acciona proceeded with preloading the site. Acciona is currently moving the preload material from the initial preload area and will progressively treat the site from west to east. By releasing the preload, deep excavations and construction of the permanent facility can begin on the western portion of the site in 2019. With respect to the project timeline, Acciona is contracted to deliver the project on the timeline approved by the Board.

The approved budget for the NSWWTP project is \$777.9 million. This includes a \$30 million contingency to account for unforeseen items associated with the NSWWTP and Conveyance projects. The updated project costs have been assessed with respect to the GVS&DD Board endorsed in the five-year financial plan.

## **Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – Project Definition Update**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received an update on the work underway to complete the Project Definition Phase for the new Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In May 2011, Metro Vancouver’s Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan was approved by the BC Minister of Environment. The plan requires that the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade should be completed within 20 years.

The Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant is underway with completion of the first of eight integrated design workshops. The second workshop, held on January 21 and 22, 2019, will develop the plant design objectives hierarchy and evaluation process. Stakeholder and First Nations engagement is also underway. The first community workshop was held January 9, 2019, and other engagement activities will continue throughout 2019 and 2020.

## **2019 Liquid Waste Capital Projects**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received a report about the liquid waste capital projects under its purview for 2019, as approved by the Board on October 26, 2018.

Financial information for the projects within the liquid waste capital budget are to be provided to the Committee and Board in the fall of each year as part of the annual budget and five-year financial planning process.

## **Delegations Received at Committee - January 2019**

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The Board received a summary of the following delegation to committee:

- Josh JansenVandoorn, Waste Management Association of British Columbia: Zero Waste Committee - January 10, 2019