

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Wednesday, October 22 and Friday October 31, 2025**

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**Wednesday October 22, 2025**

**Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD)  
Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC)  
Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD)  
Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD)  
Special Joint Board Meeting**

**B1 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan**

**APPROVED**

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The 2026 Operating Budget was proposed at \$1.57 billion, funded by sewer levies, water sales, tipping fees, tax requisitions, housing rents, and other third-party funding. The total planned capital expenditure is \$11.59 billion over the five years, of which \$1.77 billion is planned spending for 2026 funded by a combination of debt, reserves, pay-as-you-go contributions, and other third-party funding.

The estimated average annual impact to existing homeowners is approximately \$897 for all Metro Vancouver services, an increase of \$22 (2.5%) from the 2025 average of \$875 per household.

The Board directed staff to prepare the 2026 Budget and 2026-2030 Financial Plan for approval at the October 31 Board meeting.

**B2 Metro Vancouver's Ten-Year Financial Outlook Presentation**

**RECIEVED**

The Boards received a presentation of the Metro Vancouver's draft Ten-Year Financial Outlook for 2026 – 2035 and was informed that this outlook aims to act as a planning tool to guide future decision making on household impact rate setting over the next ten years. Directors were informed of

an estimated \$3.5 billion reduction in capital expenditure and an overall capital outlook of \$24.7 billion for the next 10 years. Next steps in the finalization of the outlook include continued engagement with member jurisdictions and the Boards and continued review and adjustments as market and economic conditions change.

The Boards received the report for information.

**Friday October 31, 2025**

## **Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD)**

### **E1.1 Scope of Work for DCC Project 4 - New Regional Economic Analysis Model**

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The MVRD Board received the report for information.

### **E2.1 Local Government Toolkit for Streamlining Public EV Charging Approvals**

**RECEIVED**

Metro Vancouver staff collaborated with staff from the City of Coquitlam, City of Port Moody, City of Richmond, and District of North Vancouver, with funding from BC Hydro, to commission the *Local Government Toolkit for Streamlining Public EV Charging Approvals*. The toolkit provides guidance for streamlining local government processes for the review and approval of public EV charging installations to address common challenges and avoid unnecessary delays, staff time and costs. Clearer and more efficient processes can support faster EV charging deployment and support residents that choose an EV, with affordability, emissions reduction and clean air benefits for the region. Support for implementing the toolkit will be available for local government staff through the E-Mobility Peer Network.

The MVRD Board received the report for information and directed staff to provide a copy to member jurisdictions with an offer to provide a presentation to Councils.

### **E3.1 Electoral Area A Barge Clean-up Events – Service Establishment Options**

**APPROVED**

Since 2016, Metro Vancouver has provided barge clean-up events on a biennial rotation to water-access properties in Bowyer Island, Passage Island, Indian Arm, and Pitt Lake. These events have become a valued service among residents, who have expressed strong interest in seeing them continue and be supplemented with additional disposal opportunities.

To date, the service has been fully funded through the Electoral Area A Discretionary Reserve, which includes a \$50,000 annual unconditional provincial grant intended to support projects in rural and remote communities. However, fully relying on this grant to cover the cost of the program is not sustainable in the long term, due to increasing demand for the service and rising operational costs. Moreover, the grant is intended to support a range of priorities and projects across Electoral Area A's rural and remote communities, and dedicating the full amount to this single service limits the ability to respond to other emerging needs.

To fund the service sustainably, staff recommend a cost-sharing model consisting of:

- \$30,000 from the annual provincial grant, and
- \$20,000 through a tax requisition, based on assessed improvement values (rather than land values), ensuring that only properties benefiting from the service contribute.

In response to direction from the MVRD Board, staff have explored options to formalize this service. The estimated ongoing cost is approximately \$50,000 per year. Establishing this as a regular service requires the adoption of a service establishment bylaw, which must be approved by electors. Staff recommend that this approval be sought through a referendum held in conjunction with the 2026 local government election. This proposed service would only apply to residents of Electoral Area A who live in locations that would be directly served by the service. Accordingly, only these residents would be eligible electors for the purposes of approving the service establishment bylaw.

The MVRD Board approved the approach and directed staff to bring back the required bylaws.

### **E4.1 Alison Silgado, Chief Executive Officer, Seniors Services Society of BC**

**APPROVED**

At its October 17, 2025 meeting, the Mayors Committee considered the delegation from Alison Silgado, Chief Executive Officer, Seniors Services Society of BC. The Committee subsequently passed the recommendation asking the Board Chair to write a letter expressing support for the Senior Services Society of BC's Senior Housing Information and Navigation Ease (SHINE) program.

The MVRD Board approved the report and directed Board Chair to provide a letter of support to the Province.

**E4.2 Regional Housing and Development Context – Emerging Issues and Metro Vancouver Initiatives**

**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver’s housing and development landscape has changed significantly over the past five years, shaped by macroeconomic volatility, rapid policy shifts, and evolving market conditions. Senior governments have introduced major measures to influence housing demand and supply, which have had implications for municipal decision-making and financial capacity. These changes have created both opportunities and challenges across the region, including shifting development patterns, increased financial pressures, and complex implementation requirements. This report provides an overview of emerging housing and development issues and highlights related Metro Vancouver initiatives designed to support member jurisdictions. It accompanies a staff presentation intended to support a committee discussion on regional priorities and opportunities for coordinated action for housing delivery and advocacy. At its October 17, 2025 meeting, the Mayors Committee considered the report. During discussion, Committee members noted several concerns with the provincial legislation, including:

- Limited coordination and consultation with local governments in developing the legislation;
- Province-wide requirements that do not reflect Metro Vancouver’s land use and infrastructure context;
- Mandating six units on a residential lot (‘Small Scale Multi-Family Housing’) may be financially unviable, may not optimize land use, and may be inefficient from a broader planning and servicing perspective.

The MVRD Board approved the report and requested that the MVRD Chair coordinate a letter from Mayors to the Premier requesting repeal of legislation concerning Housing targets, Transit-oriented areas and small-scale multi-unit housing and for the Province to initiate consultation on amendments to address member jurisdictions concerns.

**E5.1 Standing Committees: Considerations for 2026**

**RECEIVED**

The Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review identified that there are opportunities to improve the Board Standing Committee structure, composition, meeting frequency, and flow of information to the Boards. In its final report, Deloitte was clear that the driver for considering any improvements is continuous improvement of governance and efficiency, not to achieve operational savings given the small impact Standing Committees have on the annual operational budget. This report reflects the issues to be addressed identified by Deloitte in considering any potential changes to Metro Vancouver’s Standing Committees, and provides initial thoughts on trade-offs to support the Committee’s discussion regarding:

- Number of Standing Committees;
- Number of Standing Committee meetings;
- Size and Composition of Standing Committees; and
- Choosing Standing Committee members.

The *Local Government Act* identifies that Standing Committees are formed at the Board Chair's discretion, and therefore this report is provided for information only to the Committee and Board. Any input or feedback received will be provided to the Board Chair to support their decision making regarding 2026 Standing Committees. A subsequent report will support a review of Standing Committee terms of reference to clarify roles and responsibilities.

The MVRD Board received the report for information.

## **E5.2 Communications about the Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review**

**RECEIVED**

The Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review, completed in May of this year, reinforced that the Metro Vancouver Boards' governance structure has worked for decades and is often recognized as a leader in regional planning and infrastructure delivery. Metro Vancouver is now actively evaluating and implementing recommendations from the Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review through the Governance Committee.

A communications plan has been developed to support public understanding of Metro Vancouver and its Board governance, and to ensure transparency and accountability to the public in the implementation of recommendations. The objective is to educate the public on Metro Vancouver's Board structure, mandate and decision-making process by making information more accessible, engaging, and visible.

Tactics include a webpage that will track the progress of the recommendations; public communications through social media and on the webpage highlighting upcoming committee and board meetings as well as highlights from those meetings; and a light educational campaign on Metro Vancouver's current Board governance structure.

The MVRD Board received the report for information.

## **E6.1 Metro Vancouver External Agency Status Report – October 2025**

**RECEIVED**

This report provides updates from Metro Vancouver representatives to external agencies.

The MVRD Board received the report for information.

## **G1.1 MVRD Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1434, 2025**

**APPROVED**

The proposed *Metro Vancouver Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1434, 2025*, presented for Board consideration, incorporates existing fees from four existing bylaws, introduces new fees related to routine information requests, to allow for partial recovery of administrative costs.

The MVRD currently does not have a general fees and charges bylaw into which common fees can be incorporated. The MVRD has taken the approach of embedding fees within the regulatory bylaws for each area of business, which requires amending individual regulatory bylaws to update fees. Staff

recommend establishing one general fees and charges bylaw for MVRD to reduce administrative effort in the annual review, and where applicable, the adjustment of fees for inflationary increases and relevant current market conditions.

The new fees proposed and included in the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1434, 2025* for routine information requests are as follows: camera video search, environmental site assessment search, Fire Services incident and/or investigation report, certified copies, photocopies, and search of Metro Vancouver records for the purposes of insurance claims or court cases where it is determined by the department head that research could involve staff time in excess of 15 minutes, and imposes a maximum amount for building permit fees for Electoral Area A, in situations when an applicant begins construction without first obtaining a building permit and the doubling of fees are applied.

The MVRD Board adopted the

- *Metro Vancouver Regional District Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1434, 2025;*
- *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Board of Variance Amendment Bylaw No. 1435, 2025;*
- *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Building Administration Amendment Bylaw No. 1436, 2025;*
- *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1437, 2025; and*
- *Metro Vancouver Regional District Freedom of Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1438, 2025.*

## **G2.1 Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment, Bylaw No. 1429, 2025 – City of Surrey    ACCEPTED (6480 - 152 Street)**

The City of Surrey is requesting a Type 2 amendment to *Metro 2050* for 6480 - 152 Street. The proposed regional land use designation amendment would redesignate portions of the site from Agricultural to Employment and expand the Urban Containment Boundary to accommodate a multitenant industrial building, commercial building, and a hotel and conference centre. The proposed amendment has been considered in relation to *Metro 2050's* goals, strategies, and policies. Staff have concluded that, on balance, the proposed amendment is supportable. The proposed amendment is aligned with *Metro 2050's* goals and strategies based on the following considerations:

- The proposed amendment will add 7.5 hectares of Employment designated lands to the region, supporting employment opportunities;
- The subject site consists of soils with limited agricultural capability due to excess water and inundation and has previously been excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);
- The subject site is proximate to other Employment and Industrial-designated sites, and residential uses, making it suitable for the proposed uses;
- Hyland Creek runs through the southern part of the property; however, it is not part of the requested amendment. This will create a split-designation and maintain Hyland Creek's Agricultural regional land use designation and convey these lands to the City; and
- The site is well-serviced for goods movement, and is adjacent to arterial roads, transit service, and active transportation, supporting industrial and employment uses as well as visitor access.

The requested *Metro 2050* Type 2 amendment bylaw requires adoption through an affirmative two thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board. An updated Regional Context Statement (RCS) reflecting the proposed regional land use designation change must also be approved by the MVRD Board and is required from the City of Surrey prior to final reading and adoption of the amendment bylaw.

The MVRD Board gave first, second, and third readings to “*Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1429, 2025*”; and initiated the *Metro 2050* amendment process, and directed staff to notify affected local governments, and to provide an opportunity to comment and notify First Nations.

### **G3.1 MVRD 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan and 2026 to 2030 Financial Plan Bylaw 1432, 2025** **APPROVED**

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For all Metro Vancouver Regional District Services, the 2026 operating budget is \$132.7 million and capital expenditures are \$47.9 million for Regional Parks.

In addition, being brought forward is a request to authorize the application of 2026 reserve funds which requires the approval of the MVRD Board pursuant to the Board’s *Operating, Discretionary, and Statutory Reserves Policy*.

The MVRD Board approved:

- The 2026 budget and endorsed the 2026-2030 Financial Plan for MVRD
- The 2026 Applications and Transfer of Reserves and

Anmore and Belcarra approved the 2026 budget and 2026-2030 Financial Plan for the Sasamat Fire Protection Service.

The MVRD Board gave three readings and adoption to *Metro Vancouver Regional District 2026 to 2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1432, 2025*.

### **G3.2 MVRD Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 1439, 2025** **APPROVED**

On October 3, 2025, the MVRD Board directed staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Remuneration Bylaw No. 1425, 2025* to change Committee Chair remuneration from a monthly stipend to a fee per meeting chaired. *Metro Vancouver Regional*

*District Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 1439, 2025* is now presented to the Board for consideration of adoption.

The MVRD Board gave three readings and adoption to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 1439, 2025*.

## **I1 MVRD Board Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The Board received five information items and one delegation summary from standing committees as follows:

### **Regional Planning Committee – October 9, 2025**

Delegation:

#### **C1 Harpreet Sondh, City of Surrey**

Subject: City of Surrey Application No. 7924-0319-00 at 6480 152nd Street

### **Air Quality and Climate Committee – October 10, 2025**

Information Items:

#### **E4 Regional Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Analysis: Project Update**

With funding from the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund, as approved by the MVRD Board in April 2025, Metro Vancouver is undertaking a multi-year regional Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) project, spanning 2025–2027, to strengthen both local and regional resilience efforts. This initiative will be guided by the findings of the HRVA Options Assessment, which explored how a coordinated regional risk assessment approach could best support member jurisdictions and regional planning. The Options Assessment evaluated different approaches to undertaking the HRVA, considering Metro Vancouver’s role, legislative requirements for local governments, information accuracy and utility, costs, and trade-offs, among other characteristics.

Building from the findings of the Options Assessment, Metro Vancouver is retaining consultant services to support the project and begin outreach to potential partners, including member jurisdictions. The Air Quality and Climate Committee and MVRD Board will receive regular updates as the project progresses.

### **Electoral Area and Small Communities Committee – October 10, 2025**

Information Items:

#### **E4 Emergency Management Service Delivery in Small Communities – Scope of Work**

Small communities in the region, including the Village of Anmore, Village of Belcarra, Village of Lions Bay, Bowen Island Municipality, Tsawwassen First Nation, and Electoral Area A, are facing growing challenges in delivering emergency management services. These challenges stem from limited local resources, new obligations under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act, and the increasing frequency and severity of natural hazard events driven by climate change. In response to the MVRD

Board's July 2025 directive to explore collaborative approaches for emergency management among small communities, Metro Vancouver has engaged Dave Mitchell & Associates Ltd. to conduct a review. The scope of this work includes:

- Interviews with staff from each small community;
- Evaluation of service delivery models, including the status quo, agreements-based approaches, shared services, and a regional district service model;
- Consideration of new legislative requirements under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act;
- Review of emergency management models in other regional districts; and
- Assessment of high-level costs and risks associated with each option.

The report will be brought back to the Committee and MVRD Board for consideration in early 2026.

### **Indigenous Relations Committee – October 16, 2025**

Information Items:

#### **E2 Liquid Waste Management Plan Update – Overview of First Nations Engagement**

Engagement with First Nations has been integral to the development of the updated Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP), since the project began in 2021. Metro Vancouver has been in contact with 50 Indigenous groups, held more than 30 meetings and workshops, and received more than 650 comments from First Nations, through unique and tailored engagement approaches. Key themes heard from First Nations include a desire for: an equal, decision-making seat at Metro Vancouver boards; equal involvement in co-developing and co-managing the LWMP alongside Metro Vancouver and its members, with co-oversight of outcomes; and measurable water quality improvements resulting in a return to shellfish harvesting. Metro Vancouver has incorporated key input and contributions from First Nations into the updated LWMP where it aligns with the scope of the plan. This includes participation in regional forums and involvement in regional watershed management planning. Metro Vancouver remains committed to ongoing collaboration with First Nations throughout the implementation of the updated LWMP.

#### **E3 Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities**

This update report provides a summary of reconciliation events and activities undertaken or planned by the Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations Division for the second and third quarters of 2025.

### **Governance Committee – October 24, 2025**

Information Items:

#### **E3 Prioritization of Deloitte's Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review Recommendations**

At its September 12, 2025 meeting, the Governance Committee considered the report titled "Prioritization of Deloitte's Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review Recommendations" dated August 18, 2025. The Committee requested that the report be brought back for continued discussion at its next meeting on October 24, 2025.

**Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC)**

## **E1.1 MVHC 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan**

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For Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC), the 2026 operating budget is \$61.7 million with a capital expenditure of \$207.3 million.

In addition, being brought forward is a request to authorize the application of 2026 reserve funds which requires the approval of the MVHC Board pursuant to the Board's *Operating, Discretionary, and Statutory Reserves Policy*.

The MVHC Board adopted the 2026 MVHC budget and 2026-2030 Financial plan and approved the 2026 applications and transfers of reserves..

## **I1 MVHC Board Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The MVHC Board received no delegations and two information items from standing committees as follows:

### **Housing Committee – October 8, 2025**

Information Items:

#### **E4 Metro Vancouver Housing 10 -Year Plan Update - Strategic Options**

Metro Vancouver is updating the Metro Vancouver Housing 10-Year Plan to reflect progress since 2019 and respond to changing contexts. The update will refresh targets, key performance indicators, and actions under the four goal areas. A Strategic Options report has been prepared to guide this work, outlining five strategic areas for MVH's next decade: Financial Model, Growth and Impact, Housing Affordability and Diversity, Community and Tenant Wellbeing, and Asset Stewardship and Environmental Leadership. These areas build on the current plan while addressing emerging challenges and opportunities.

This report is intended to support Committee discussion and to seek direction on next steps. Given the number and complexity of proposed directions, discussions are proposed to be staged over multiple meetings, beginning with Financial Model and Growth and Impact, followed by the remaining themes at upcoming Housing Committee meetings. Once the Committee and Board have

discussed and considered all proposed directions, staff will utilize feedback to develop the updated Metro Vancouver Housing 10 Year Plan, which will be brought forward for consideration early in 2026.

**E5 Quarterly Projects Update Air Quality and Climate Committee – October 10, 2025**

This quarterly update provides the Housing Committee with a comprehensive overview of the progress of Metro Vancouver Housing’s active capital projects, including both new housing developments and major renewal initiatives. The report is intended to ensure ongoing engagement with the Committee as projects advance through various stages of design, construction, and completion. The update includes a high-level summary chart for each project, highlighting progress, schedule, budget, and upcoming milestones. More fulsome updates and individual project reports will be provided as needed, particularly when projects reach critical points in development or key decision-making milestones.

**Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD)**

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The GVWD Board received the report for information.

**E2.1 Award of ITT 25-239 for Construction of Port Moody Main No.3 – Scott Creek Section – Mariner Way Sub-Section** **APPROVED**

BD Hall Constructors Corp. (Hall Constructors) tender was identified as the lowest cost compliant bid, and on that basis it was recommended that the GVWD Board award ITT 25-239 to Hall Constructors. Hall Constructors has a successful track record of working with GVWD on similar projects.

The Port Moody Main No.3 – Scott Creek Section – Mariner Way Sub-Section includes the installation of approximately 1.6 kilometer of 0.9 metre steel pipe and is needed to replace an existing main built in 1950, which has reached the end of its service life.

ITT 25-239 was issued on July 23, 2025 to seven pre-qualified tenderers and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The ITT 25-239 evaluation team have considered the tenders received, and on that basis recommend that the GVWD Board award ITT 25-239 to Hall Constructors.

The GVWD Board approved the award of the contract.

### **E3.1 GVWD 2026 Budget and 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan**

**APPROVED**

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For Water Services, the 2026 operating budget is \$449.7 million with a 2026 Capital Expenditures target of \$488.4 million.

In addition, being brought forward is a request to authorize the applications and transfers of 2026 reserve funds which requires the approval of the GVWD Board pursuant to the Board’s *Operating, Discretionary, and Statutory Reserves Policy*.

The GVWD Board approved the 2026 Budget and 2026-2030 Financial Plan for the GVWD, approved the 2026 applications and transfers of reserves, and set the Water Rate for 2026.

## **I1 GVWD Board Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The GVWD Board received no delegations and two information items summaries from standing committees as follows:

### **Water Committee – October 15, 2025**

Information Items:

#### **E3 Renewed Drivers for Advancing Water Metering in Metro Vancouver**

Without universal metering, there is uncertainty about how water is being used in the region. Advancing residential water metering allows the identification of leaks and the implementation of active conservation measures, which support reductions in per capita water use, and enables accurate, data-driven decision making. Reductions in per capita water use allow both water and liquid waste utilities to serve more people with the existing infrastructure.

Despite being one of the last utilities of its size to meter drinking water at all residential properties, recently several members have adopted residential metering programs. The public supports metering, with recent polling showing a 5 to 1 preference for a user-pay model over flat-rate billing. Proposed strategies in the Drinking Water Management Plan update focus on advancing residential water metering by setting regional targets that individual members can advance. This regional commitment approach is the same as the one taken in the successful Drinking Water Conservation Plan – where Metro Vancouver sets regional policy on water use restrictions and members manage through their respective bylaws.

#### **E4 Health Canada PFAS Guidelines**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are persistent chemicals found in various products and have raised environmental and health concerns. This includes the potential for contamination of drinking water supplies; however, given Metro Vancouver’s protected water supply areas, the local risk of PFAS exposure through regional drinking water supplies is minimal.

Health Canada updated the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality in August 2024, introducing a new PFAS objective, as well as expanding the list of parameters from two to twenty-five. In response, Metro Vancouver updated its PFAS testing and reporting protocols to include the additional parameters. PFAS has been below standard detectable limits in its sources, and treated water entering the transmission system, since testing began in 2020.

There are established treatment processes that may be implemented should PFAS contamination become a concern in the future as a consequence of evolving research and water quality standards.

## **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD)**

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The GVS&DD Board received the report for information.

### **E2.1 Updated Liquid Waste Management Plan**

**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver has updated its *Liquid Waste Management Plan* (LWMP). The updated plan focuses on protecting the environment and reducing infrastructure costs by conserving existing system capacity. This will be achieved by reducing wet weather flows and organic loadings, along with encouraging water conservation to reduce dry weather flows.

The plan was developed in collaboration with member jurisdictions and incorporates input from First Nations, advisory committees, and the public. Since October 2024, staff have presented to municipal councils and held meetings with First Nations. Input received from First Nations was incorporated into the draft plan and presented to the Liquid Waste Committee and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board in June 2025.

The plan includes a \$5.3 million increase to the annual operational budget and no increase to capital costs in the existing five-year financial plan. The updated LWMP that will be submitted to the Minister of Environment and Parks.

The GVS&DD Board authorized staff to submit the LWMP to the Minister of Environment.

### **E2.2 Award of RFP No. 25-140 for Detailed Design & Construction Engineering Services for the North Surrey Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Overflow Storage Tank**

**APPROVED**

WSP Canada Inc. proposal ranked highest overall, had the highest technical score, and demonstrated best value overall for Metro Vancouver. WSP Canada Inc. has a successful track record of completing design projects for Liquid Waste Services Engineering, Design, and Construction.

The work to be provided under RFP No. 25-140 includes the consulting engineering services to complete detailed design, support procurement, construction and commissioning of the North Surrey Interceptor (NSI) Sanitary Overflow Tank Project over the next 6 years. The project is a key component of an upgrade program to prevent sewer overflows into the Fraser River during wet weather.

RFP No. 25-140 was issued on May 23, 2025 to prequalified proponents and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and condition of Metro Vancouver's Procurement Policy. The evaluation considered the proposals received, and on that basis recommend that the GVS&DD Board award RFP No. 25-140 to WSP Canada Inc.

The GVS&DD Board approved the award of the RFP.

### **E3.1 GVS&DD 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan**

**APPROVED**

From November 2024 to April 2025, Metro Vancouver staff supported the Boards in undertaking a Cost and Services Efficiency Review. The review identified areas where operational savings and capital expenditure reductions could be made and assessed the financial and service impacts of these potential revisions. At the Board Budget Workshop held April 9, 2025, the Boards received the final review results, which provided options for applying \$364 million in operating savings and a reduction in capital expenditures of \$1.1 billion to its 2026 – 2030 Five-Year Financial Plan resulting in household impact (HHI) targets for 2026 at 2.5%, 2027 at 3.0%, 2028 to 2030 at 5.0% increase per year. The cost savings enabled a reduction from previously projected HHI of 5% for both 2026 and 2027. The Boards directed staff to prepare the budget according to those findings.

For Liquid Waste Services, the 2026 operating budget is \$756.3 million with a 2026 Capital Expenditure target of \$981.4 million. For Solid Waste Services, the 2026 operating budget is \$169.9 million with a 2026 Capital Expenditure target of \$41.0 million.

In addition, being brought forward is a request to authorize the application of 2026 reserve funds which requires the approval of the GVS&DD Board pursuant to the Boards' *Operating, Discretionary, and Statutory Reserves Policy*.

The GVS&DD Board approved the GVS&DD 2026 Budget and 2026-2030 Financial Plan and approved the 2026 applications and transfers of reserves.

### **G1.1 GVS&DD Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 393, 2025 - Amends Bylaw No. 379, 2024**

**APPROVED**

The *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Bylaw No. 379, 2024* (Tipping Fee Bylaw) sets rates and requirements at Metro Vancouver solid waste facilities.

This report proposes an increase to the 2025 garbage tipping fees of \$7 per tonne, or between a 4.0 per cent and 5.5 per cent increase depending on load weight. The proposed 2026 garbage tipping fees

increase of \$7 per tonne is equal to the projected tipping fee increase in the previous five-year financial plan. The generator levy, included in the garbage tipping fees at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver's solid waste facilities, is proposed to increase by \$3 per tonne. The report also proposes increasing the mattresses and foundations/box springs recycling fee by \$5 per unit to \$20, to move towards cost recovery for recycling mattresses and foundations/box springs. Other changes and proposed revisions are as described in this report.

The GVS&DD Board gave three readings and adoption to the *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 393, 2025*.

**G2.2 Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Trucked Liquid Waste Amendment Bylaw No. 391, 2025** **APPROVED**

The *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Trucked Liquid Waste Amendment Bylaw No. 391, 2025* is presented for Board consideration and adoption. In January 2025, staff received Board direction to phase in rate increases over two years. This amendment bylaw proposes new trucked liquid waste discharge fees for 2026 that will recover 90% of costs to receive and treat trucked liquid waste discharges. Full cost recovery through fees is scheduled to be achieved in 2027. Going forward, rates will be amended annually to maintain full cost recovery for the service.

Language reinforcing existing rules on what wastes can be discharged at the Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant's trucked liquid waste facility has also been added in the amendment bylaw.

Five-year rate projections are provided to help the industry anticipate future fee changes.

The GVS&DD Board gave three readings and adoption to the *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Trucked Liquid Waste Amendment Bylaw No. 391, 2025*.

## **I1 GVS&DD Board Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The GVS&DD Board received one information item and one delegation summary from standing committees as follows:

### **Liquid Waste Committee – October 15, 2025**

Delegations:

#### **C1 Sue Maxwell, Chair, Zero Waste BC**

Subject: Residual Options and Costs for Solid Waste Management Planning

Information Items:

### **E5 2025 Adult Toilet Training Regional Campaign Results**

The 2025 Adult Toilet Training regional campaign ran from May 12 to June 22, 2025. The campaign's objective was to reduce the disposal of wipes into the wastewater system. The campaign focused on residents aged 18–34, as research shows this group is most likely to flush wipes. A regional paid media buy included digital (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Netflix, banners), radio, and advertising in public washrooms and elevators in multi-family buildings. The campaign performed well with 17.5 million impressions, 3 million video views, 4,932 social media engagements, 5,445 web page views, and 27 media stories. Operations staff have noted a general decrease in clogs since education campaigns began in 2016. The campaign will run again in 2026 and will include a post campaign survey to help assess campaign effectiveness