

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, February 27, 2026**

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**Metro Vancouver Regional District**

**E1.1 2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update No. 1**

**RECEIVED**

This report provides a status update of the Regional Parks Capital Program with summaries for larger projects (over \$3M value) that highlight progress, schedule, budget and upcoming milestones, and an overall summary of remaining projects. As part of the Regional Parks capital planning process, the timing of each project is reviewed and updated annually based on available resources, strategic prioritization, risk to system operations, and financial sustainability. Overall, the capital program is progressing on time and within budget, with some manageable scheduling impacts on two projects due to archaeological and permitting requirements.

These updates are provided three times a year for the Regional Parks Committee and MVRD Board in February, July, and November to provide timely line of sight for the April Board Budget Workshop, input into the annual budget and five-year financial plan for October, and an end-of-year update. Individual project reports will continue to be provided as needed, particularly at key decision-making milestones.

The Board received this report for information.

**E1.2 Permitting Alcohol Consumption in Designated Areas of Regional Parks**

**APPROVED**

In March 2024, the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board approved a pilot program permitting alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks. The pilot program was implemented during the 2024 summer season and was extended for a second season in 2025.

After two successful pilots, the program has proven to be operationally feasible with minimal impacts to visitor experience. Staff recommended proceeding with operationalizing the program by making it permanent, enabling adults to responsibly consume alcohol in clearly defined locations within select regional parks. This transition aligns with the direction taken by other jurisdictions, and supports opportunities for recreational gathering and social connection in regional parks.

The Board directed staff to bring forward a bylaw to designate areas within regional parks where alcohol may be consumed on a permanent year-round basis in five of the six regional parks recommended. Iona Beach Regional Park was not included as a designated area.

**E2.1 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grants for UBC/UEL and Barnston Island APPROVED**

The Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) is the local authority responsible for emergency management in Electoral Area A and works with partners to prepare for and respond to emergencies in its various communities. Staff were recently made aware of a provincial funding opportunity (\$40,000 per grant) focused on the development of new or updated evacuation route plans and/or public notification plans. While Metro Vancouver has evacuation and public notification information in its Electoral Area A Emergency Response Plan, staff have identified room for improvement and the potential for additional detail to bolster Metro Vancouver and its partners’ ability to manage evacuations in two communities: UBC/UEL and Barnston Island.

In the UBC and UEL area, where 98% of Electoral Area A residents live, multiple jurisdictions, a large and fluctuating student population, and location on a peninsula near a large regional park add complexity to evacuation and public notification planning and would benefit from additional detailed work. Similarly, Barnston Island is a farming community with livestock whose sole access is by a small ferry, where additional focus on the logistics of transporting and housing animals would be helpful.

The grant application requires local governments to provide a supporting resolution and confirmation of overall grant management. Staff recommended the Board do so to enable staff to apply for two grants during the upcoming application intakes in the spring and fall of 2026.

The Board directed staff to apply for Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning grants for UBC/UEL and Barnston Island through the Community Emergency Preparedness fund, and committed Metro Vancouver to providing overall grant management.

**E2.2 Enforcing Speed Limits on Indian Arm APPROVED**

At its February 6, 2026 meeting, the Electoral Area Committee discussed feedback received from the public information meeting held on January 28, 2026 regarding the establishment of Temporary Use Permits as a tool for Electoral Area A, and noted that repeated concerns were raised by residents about damages to docks and other negative impacts (e.g. shoreline, marine life) caused by the boats coming up and down the Indian Arm.

Given the lack of jurisdiction of Metro Vancouver on this matter, the Electoral Area Committee therefore recommended that the MVRD Board request the Board Chair write a letter to both the Port of Vancouver and Minister Mackinnon, Minister of Transport of Canada, requesting that the existing speed limits be closely monitored and that more actions be taken to enforce speed limits on Indian Arm, British Columbia, to reduce negative impacts from boat wakes.

The Board requested that the Board Chair write a letter to both the Port of Vancouver and Minister Mackinnon, Minister of Transport of Canada, requesting that more actions be taken to enforce speed limits on Indian Arm, British Columbia, to reduce negative impacts from boat wakes.

**E2.3 Reviewing Fees in the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw**

**APPROVED**

At its February 6, 2026 meeting, the Electoral Area Committee considered the report titled “Electoral Area A Temporary Use Permits MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1446, 2026 MVRD Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1450, 2026”, dated January 27, 2026.

During the discussion of this report, it was noted that the current fees in the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw may not reflect current costs. The Electoral Area Committee therefore discussed the opportunity to review the current fees in the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw to address the identified issue.

The Board directed staff to review the current fees in the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw and report back with options to ensure that fees reflect current costs.

**E3.1 2026 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan, and the Invest Vancouver 2026 Annual Plan**

**ENDORSED**

Invest Vancouver provides a unified regional approach to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) for the Metro Vancouver region. This report brings forward the Invest Vancouver Management Board’s Terms of Reference, Annual Meeting Schedule, and Work Plan, as well as the Invest Vancouver 2026 Annual Plan that guides the investment attraction work of Invest Vancouver.

The Terms of Reference for the Invest Vancouver Management Board sets out the standing committee’s responsibilities and provides guidance and oversight on the implementation of its Work Plan. Work Plan priorities include implementation of investment attraction initiatives, completion of an update to the Impact of FDI in BC report, development of a Subsector Strategy, conclusion of a Value Proposition and Governance Structure Review, submission of funding application for CanExport Community Investments Grants Program, completion of the Expansions Drivers Project, implementation of a global marketing strategy, and program support in the lead up to Web Summit Vancouver. The Work Plan priorities are consistent with the endorsed 2026 Budget and align with the Invest Vancouver 2026 Annual Plan. Pursuant to the Terms of Reference, the meeting schedule proposes four meetings to be held in 2026.

The 2026 Annual Plan sets out strategic priorities that aim to grow the regional economy through the attraction of FDI to secure well-paying and high-quality jobs for the region’s residents. FDI plays a critical role in the strength of the regional economy as it creates direct and indirect jobs, stimulates the development of local supply chains, boosts productivity, and strengthens the tax base for regional prosperity. This year’s proposed strategic priorities include: drive investment attraction through strategic partnerships; increase the Metro Vancouver region’s global profile; and strengthen investment readiness through data-driven decision making and business intelligence.

The Board endorsed the Invest Vancouver 2026 Annual Plan and directed staff to forward a copy of the plan to member jurisdictions for information, with an offer of a staff presentation to Council upon request.

**E3.2 FDI Growth and Expansion Drivers Survey****RECEIVED**

A survey of foreign multinational enterprises (MNEs) with operations in the Metro Vancouver region found that firms in export-oriented, high-growth industries widely regard the region as an attractive business location. This finding is valuable for the value proposition advanced by Invest Vancouver because positive peer experiences are one of the most important considerations for prospective investors.

The survey revealed that foreign MNEs typically enter the Metro Vancouver region with a modest initial presence then scale significantly over time. Among surveyed firms, 85 per cent increased employment after entry, with average employment more than tripling from 76 employees at entry to 260 at the time of the survey. While half of the firms employed 30 or more workers at entry, by the time of the survey, employment growth meant that half employed 100 or more. This pattern of reinvestment and expansion demonstrates that the region's value proposition delivers. Similarly, 83 per cent of the firms said they are likely to expand locally within the next three years, a remarkable result given the increasing uncertainty created by tariffs, volatile trade policy, and geopolitical tensions. Most MNE's (74 per cent) expect expansion in the region to be easy, although global economic risks and local cost pressures continue to pose challenges and slow down decision making.

The Board received the report for information and directed staff to forward a copy of the report to member jurisdictions for information, with an offer of a staff presentation to Council upon request.

**E3.3 Investment Attraction 2025 Results and Analysis****RECEIVED**

Foreign direct investment (FDI) activity remained subdued in 2025 amid persistent inflation and interest rate pressures and ongoing trade and policy uncertainty. Despite this, Invest Vancouver continued to support high value investment opportunities and strengthen the region's global competitiveness. Given that approximately 85 per cent of Canada's FDI lands in city regions, maintaining a strong global profile is essential as competition for investment with other major centres like Toronto, Montréal, and Calgary has intensified.

As of December 31, 2025, staff are managing 154 active leads with a potential value of \$3.7B in direct investment and 2,650 jobs—up 52 leads, \$700M, and 800+ jobs compared to December 31, 2024. High Tech, Green Economy, Digital Media & Entertainment, and Life Sciences continue to constitute a large majority of the FDI pipeline value. New leads were generated from Europe, Asia, and the US, driven by partner referrals and Invest Vancouver program activity, including 11 outbound missions, 15 inbound delegations, and 12 executive familiarization tours. Invest Vancouver also leveraged major local events, most notably Web Summit Vancouver, to engage investors and promote the region to a global audience.

Despite global economic headwinds in 2025, Invest Vancouver delivered stronger results than the previous year and supported eleven companies land or expand in the region, totaling \$190M in direct investment and 514 expected jobs. To further focus investor targeting, Invest Vancouver also initiated multiple projects including a Subsector Strategy Action Plan to strengthen investment attraction opportunities in 2026 and 2027.

The Board received the report for information and directed staff to forward a copy of the report to member jurisdictions for information.

**E3.4 Leveraging Major Local Events for Investment Attraction in 2026****RECEIVED**

In 2026, the Metro Vancouver region will host two major local events: Web Summit Vancouver (WSV) and the FIFA World Cup. These events will create a rare opportunity to accelerate foreign direct investment (FDI) attraction into the region. They will significantly increase investor presence, global visibility, and opportunities for curated engagement, enabling Invest Vancouver to compress multi-year relationship-building into a concentrated window of access without the added burden of travelling outside the region. Building on lessons learned from Web Summit 2025, Invest Vancouver has developed a coordinated strategy focused on partner alignment, high-impact groups and environments, and global awareness to drive targeted investor outreach. For the FIFA World Cup, the region's role as a host city positions the Metro Vancouver region as a global gateway capable of engaging senior decisionmakers, corporate delegations, and institutional investors across multiple markets. Results are, in part, dependent on resourcing and cross-government collaboration, Invest Vancouver aims to convert this increased global attention into increased high-value investment aligned with Metro Vancouver's priority sectors.

The Board received the report for information and directed staff to forward a copy of the report to member jurisdictions for information.

**E4.1 2027 Budget: Public Engagement Approach****RECEIVED**

This report outlines the approach to public engagement to support the creation of Metro Vancouver's 2027 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan. The objectives of this engagement include sharing how Metro Vancouver has integrated feedback from previous engagement, sharing information about costs and revenues for Metro Vancouver services, and collecting input on proposed budget targets and key priorities.

Engagement will take place over two phases. The first phase will take place February to March, and results will be shared with Committees and the Boards as part of the April Board Budget Workshop. The second phase will take place July to September and integrate final proposed budget numbers, with results to be shared with Committees and the Boards in the October phase of the budget process. In addition to public engagement, there are scheduled opportunities for the Boards, Committees, and member jurisdiction staff to provide input into the development and revisions to the draft 2027 Budget and the next Five-Year Financial Plan.

The Board received the report for information.

**E4.2 Financial Board Policy Review – Amended Corporate Allocation Policy**

**REFERRED**

This report responds to Board direction to complete a review of Metro Vancouver’s relevant financial policies in advance of the 2026 April Board Budget Workshop. The *Corporate Allocation Policy* was adopted in 2017 and provides a budget framework for allocating the costs of Metro Vancouver’s centralized support departments to Metro Vancouver’s four legal entities. Centralized support includes Corporate Services, External Relations, Financial Services, Human Resources, Indigenous Relations, Legislative Services, Procurement and Real Estate Services, and Project Delivery. Subsequent to review, this report recommended the following amendments:

- a) administrative updates to reflect the organizational structure;
- b) modifications to the calculation of allocating costs to: exclude one-time funded expenditures; and exclude total debt service costs for Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) and Sasamat Fire Protection Services; and
- c) the addition of an allocation method for Project Delivery’s Project Management Office.

The proposed amendments more accurately reflect service levels provided, reduce operating budget fluctuations and incorporate current practices not captured in the existing policy.

The Board referred the *Corporate Allocation Policy* back to staff to gather further comments from the Regional Finance Advisory Committee and KPMG.

**E4.3 Financial Board Policy Review – Amended Operating, Statutory and Discretionary Reserves Policy – Proposed Title: Financial Reserves Policy**

**APPROVED**

This report responds to Board direction to complete a review of Metro Vancouver’s relevant financial policies in advance of the 2026 April Board Budget Workshop. The *Operating, Statutory and Discretionary Reserves Policy* was adopted in 2018 and provides a framework on the establishment, use, and management of reserves for Metro Vancouver’s four legal entities and regional district services. The policy clarifies the priority for allocating surpluses while reinforcing the fundamental principle that surpluses are allocated within their originating purpose and are not transferable between reserves or functions. Metro Vancouver does not hold excess ratepayer funds in reserves, ensuring prudent financial management of programs. Subsequent to review, this report recommended the following amendments:

- a) administrative and policy principle updates to reflect regional district services, including changing the policy name to *Financial Reserves Policy*; and
- b) introduction of a maximum balance for the centralized support discretionary reserve.

The proposed amendments strengthen financial stability while improving clarity, consistency, and long-term resilience across Metro Vancouver’s reserves to align with long-term financial plans.

The Board approved the amendments to the *Operating, Statutory and Discretionary Reserves Policy*.

**E4.4 Financial Board Policy Review – Amended Financial Management Policy****APPROVED**

This report responds to Board direction to complete a review of Metro Vancouver’s relevant financial policies in advance of the 2026 April Board Budget Workshop. The Financial Management Policy was adopted in 2018, and provides a framework for funding decisions through a “pay-as-you-go” approach for operating and recurring capital expenditures, and long-term borrowing for major capital infrastructure costs.

The *Financial Management Policy* sets the policy framework for amortization for Metro Vancouver’s capital program – currently set at 15 years for all capital projects, with the exception of 30 years for North Shore municipalities’ share of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program. Amortization period has been a topic of discussion at multiple Board meetings over the past number of years; this report provides a range of scenarios and applies them to Metro Vancouver’s 10 Year Capital Outlook – received by the Boards in October 2025 as a tool to be used in discussions about how best to manage the future capital program and the resulting financial implications. The scenarios demonstrate how amortization can be used as one means of addressing future financial challenges, with trade-offs.

Subsequent to review and engagement with the Municipal Finance Authority, this report recommended amending the amortization period for capital projects to 20 years, and to 30 years for projects exceeding \$1 billion in net borrowing. In addition, the funding principle of “transitioning to a growth-pays-for-growth” model through development cost charges (DCCs) has been added to align with Board direction over the past number of years.

The policy amendments strengthen financial stability while improving clarity, consistency, and long-term resilience to align with long-term financial plans.

The Board approved the amended *Financial Management Policy*.

**E4.5 Financial Board Policy Review - Procurement and Asset Disposal****RECEIVED**

This report is responding to the January 30, 2026 MVRD Board resolution “THAT *the MVRD Board direct staff to review the Procurement and Asset Disposal Authority Policy (“Procurement Policy”) as a priority for Q1 2026.*” The Procurement Policy was reviewed, updated, and subsequently approved by all Metro Vancouver Boards in April 2024. The Procurement Policy update was the result of a comprehensive and collaborative review process involving internal stakeholders, subject matter experts, end users, and comparative analyses of other jurisdictions to ensure a well-informed and modernized framework. The Procurement Policy provides strong oversight and internal controls, enables operational efficiency, aligns with market and regulatory conditions, and is consistent with practices in comparable public sector organizations.

The Board received the report for information.

**E5.1 Board Size and Structure: Evaluation Framework**

**RECEIVED**

Metro Vancouver’s four Boards - the Greater Vancouver Water District, Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District, Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation, and Metro Vancouver Regional District - provide strategic direction and oversight to Metro Vancouver’s core services to over 3 million people: Drinking Water, Liquid Waste and Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver Housing, Regional Parks, Regional Planning, Air Quality Management, and Invest Vancouver. At its January 30, 2026 meeting, as part of the implementation of the 2025 Board Governance Review, the MVRD Board endorsed the process to consider the size and structure of Metro Vancouver’s four Boards. This important process began this month with receipt of a “Current State Analysis”, discussion regarding agreed upon problem statements for each Board, and consideration of guiding principles and evaluation criteria. The intent is to inform the planned March Governance Committee and MVRD Board discussion on size and structure options for each of the four Metro Vancouver Boards, including pros and cons and implications. Deloitte is supporting the Committee and Boards’ discussion and has prepared a report to guide the conversation.

This report has been updated subsequent to the February 12 and February 19, 2026 Governance Committee meetings to reflect the committee’s discussion, and is provided by the Governance Committee for the Board’s information at its February 27, 2026 meeting. The bolded sections reflect input and feedback from Governance Committee members – providing a record of discussion points, not decisions or consensus of the Committee.

The Board received the report for information.

**E6.1 Participating Area Approval for MVRD Loan Authorization – Sasamat Fire Hall Replacement Funding**

**RECEIVED**

The MVRD Board gave three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1443, 2026* at their meeting held on January 30, 2026 and forwarded the bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. The MVRD Board also directed the Corporate Officer to, upon approval from the Inspector of Municipalities, obtain approval from the councils of the Village of Anmore and the Village of Belcarra to satisfy participating area approval requirements per the *Local Government Act*.

On February 13, 2026, the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs requested that the MVRD obtain participating area approval prior to requesting statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities. This report informs the MVRD Board that the Corporate Officer will seek participating area approval from the councils of Anmore and Belcarra prior to receiving approval from the Inspector of Municipalities as directed by the Ministry.

Once participating area approval and approval from the Inspector of Municipalities are obtained, *Metro Vancouver Regional District Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1443, 2026* will be presented to the MVRD Board for consideration of adoption.

The Board received the report for information.

**G1.1 MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1447, 2026 (Wigwam Inn, Indian Arm) ADOPTED**

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC) has recently applied to Metro Vancouver to amend the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw to remove time-sharing as a use in the Resort Commercial Zone - C-1 that applies to their Wigwam Inn property to enable the discharge of a related covenant. Staff have been engaged in recent discussions with the RVYC about uses at the Wigwam Inn, a private inn and marina located in northern Indian Arm. During these discussions, RVYC representatives identified a covenant dating back to 1980, which names the MVRD and which limits the number of days a person may stay on the property, that they would like to see discharged. This covenant and its restrictions relate to a 1980 zoning bylaw amendment that allowed a time-sharing use, envisioning that some rooms would be sold as time-shares. RVYC representatives have confirmed that they do not use the site for this purpose and have no intent to do so. Removing this use would make the covenant unnecessary, and staff would then support its discharge.

Some clean-up amendments that Metro Vancouver staff identified are also proposed, such as removing references to parking for this water-access only site, allowing more than one accessory building, and reducing setbacks to match other zones. These amendments would help update the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw to reflect actual uses at the Wigwam Inn and bring this zone in line with recent changes made to other zones.

The Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) is the local government for Electoral Area A and has a zoning bylaw and official community plan in place for the rural and remote areas where it is responsible for local land use planning, including Indian Arm.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1447, 2026*.

**G1.2 Electoral Area A Temporary Use Permits – Zoning Bylaw and Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendments REFERRED**

At its February 6, 2026 meeting, the Electoral Area Committee considered the report titled, “Electoral Area A Temporary Use Permits MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1446, 2026 MVRD Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1450, 2026”, dated January 27, 2026. The Electoral Area Committee discussed the Delegation of Authority section of the *MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1446, 2026* (the “MVRD Bylaw No. 1446”) and recommended that it be amended to explicitly add the language around bringing applications to the MVRD Board that have strong public interest, large scale of impact, or lack of clear community support, which is included in the staff report.

In considering revising the bylaw language, staff determined that it would need to be precise to delineate which applications would be delegated and which would be considered by the MVRD Board (broad categories would not be sufficient for the bylaw). Given this is a new tool and to ensure the MVRD Board retains its ability to directly consider applications that come forward, staff have revised MVRD Bylaw No. 1446 by removing the “Delegation of Authority” section. This means that all temporary use permit applications will be brought to the MVRD Board for consideration if the MVRD Board adopts this bylaw. The small population in the area covered by the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw mean that the number of temporary use permit applications is expected to be very low (i.e. 0-3 per year). If, in the future, the MVRD Board determines that it would like to delegate the issuance of temporary use permits to staff, it can direct staff to bring forward a bylaw amendment to do so at any time.

*MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1446, 2026 and Metro Vancouver Regional District Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1450, 2026* were presented for consideration.

The Board referred this item back to staff with the direction to undertake further public consultation on the enabling of Temporary Use Permits in Electoral Area A.

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

On October 31, 2025, the MVRD Board initiated a Type 2 amendment to *Metro 2050*, and gave first, second, and third readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1429, 2025* (“MVRD Bylaw No. 1429, 2025”). The amending bylaw would re-designate portions of 6480 - 152 Street from Agricultural to Employment to accommodate a multi-tenant industrial building, commercial building, and a hotel and conference centre.

As required by the *Local Government Act* and *Metro 2050*, Metro Vancouver notified affected local governments, local First Nations, and regional agencies of the proposed amendment to provide an opportunity for comment. Six responses were received, and a summary of the responses is provided in the report. *MVRD Bylaw No. 1429, 2025* was before the Board for consideration of adoption.

The Board received information and comments from affected local governments, accepted the City of Surrey’s amended Regional Context Statement, and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1429, 2025*.

**H1 Notice of Motion REFERRED**

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Director Locke on January 19, 2026 for February 27, 2026 MVRD Board meeting:

THAT the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board direct Metro staff to prepare an amendment to the Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) to expand the Urban Containment Boundary to include the geographical area of Surrey that is not in the Agricultural Land Reserve, acknowledging that the Metro bylaw will be subject to the City updating its official plan (OCP) and regional context statement (RCS) in accordance with RGS implementation guidelines.

THAT the Board also direct staff to prepare instruments and enactments required to include the geographical area of Surrey that is not in the Agricultural Land Reserve within the Fraser Sewerage Area upon adoption of the RGS amendment, and to move the sewerage area extension forward by coordinating with the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District.

THAT the Board also direct staff to prepare an amendment to the RGS to align the Metro RGS land use designations with Surrey’s OCP and regional context statement while the RGS is in force and effect, and to prepare the requisite amendment to Metro’s implementation guidelines, in addition to flexibility under sections 6.2.7 and 6.2.8 of the RGS.

The Board referred the Notice of Motion to staff for a report back outlining the impact of this approach to amendments, the options available, and the relevant procedures.

**I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The Board received five information items and two delegation summaries from five standing committees

**Regional Parks Committee – February 4, 2026**

Delegations:

**C1 Candy Saga**

Subject: Objection to Proposed Trail Designation Changes

**Electoral Area Committee – February 6, 2026**

Delegation:

**C1 Peter Powers, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**

Subject: MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1447, 2026 (Wigwam Inn, Indian Arm)

Subject: Electoral Area A Temporary Use Permits

MVRD Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1446, 2026

MVRD Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1450, 2026

**Governance Committee – February 12, 2026**

Information Items:

**E1 2026 Standing Committee Terms of Reference**

The Governance Committee Work Plan includes an item to review the Terms of Reference for all Standing Committees. The Local Government Act identifies that Standing Committees are formed at the Board Chair’s discretion. In October and November 2025, the Governance Committee discussed Standing Committee structure, number of meetings, size and composition, and provided recommendations to support the Chair of the Boards that included changes to Standing Committee terms of reference for 2026. The Chair has amended the Standing Committee structure and terms of reference reflecting the Governance Committee’s recommendations. This report provides the Governance Committee with the updated Standing Committee Terms of Reference for information to close this workplan item.

**Indigenous Relations Committee – February 13, 2026**

Information Items:

**E1 2026 Indigenous Relations Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan**

The Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Relations Committee set out the committee’s responsibilities in the areas of relationship-building and reconciliation efforts with local First Nations, treaty negotiations, and the broader Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations program.

Work plan priorities for 2026 include: continuing to engage local First Nations on preferred ways to continue improving relationships, including events, relationship agreements, and/or other modalities, and provide recommendations as necessary; lead or participate in government-to-government discussions and active treaty table meetings; receive information on and consider progress towards the Province’s goal of including First Nations on British Columbia’s regional district committees and boards; oversee Phase 2 of an improved, online system aimed at streamlining communication with First Nations on project referrals; and receive updates on Metro Vancouver training, events, and workshops to foster and enhance cultural competency at Metro Vancouver. These key priorities are consistent with the endorsed 2026 Budget.

Pursuant to the Terms of Reference, the meeting schedule proposes four Committee meetings, which, unless otherwise determined, will be held in-person.

**E2 Indigenous Relations 2025 Accomplishments**

This report highlights key accomplishments of Metro Vancouver’s Indigenous Relations program in 2025, demonstrating significant progress in supporting meaningful engagement and strengthening relationships with First Nations, in line with Metro Vancouver’s commitment to reconciliation. The achievements outlined showcase the program’s success in supporting internal operations, deepening relationships with First Nations, and building staff cultural competency and capacity. Notable metrics include responding to over 15,000 email requests and attending 213 meetings with First Nations over the course of the year.

**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 fourth quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026. Key activities include launching a new in-house Indigenous Relations training for Metro Vancouver supervisors on relationship-building, reconciliation, First Nations Engagement, and laws and policies relating to Indigenous peoples; developing and distributing a newsletter to staff concerning reconciliation, training opportunities, and engagement with First Nations; and running Technical Working Groups with kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation), ǵʷɑ:ńłəń (Kwantlen First Nation), scəwəθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation), and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

**Invest Vancouver Management Board – February 18, 2026**

Information Items:

**E2 Invest Vancouver Value Proposition and Governance Structure Review**

The value proposition and governance structure review was initiated following the MVRD Board’s cost services and efficiencies review conducted in early 2025, as well as the rapidly evolving political and economic context over the five years Invest Vancouver has operated as a regional service. Invest Vancouver engaged the firm Dalberg to conduct the value proposition and governance structure review.

The review found that Invest Vancouver delivers essential investment attraction and economic development services for the Metro Vancouver region. Partners recognize the organization has built a strong foundation during a period of economic and institutional volatility, praising its brand building, research, convening, and intensified foreign direct investment (FDI) efforts. However, its current governance model creates a “vicious cycle” of pressure for short-term results and limits operational flexibility, constraining long-term impact.

Municipal, provincial, and federal partners see value in Invest Vancouver but seek stronger alignment, coordination, and continued growth in FDI for the region. Municipalities identified the need for increased support for inbound investment, outbound marketing, and local readiness, while senior governments desire a unified regional voice and deeper collaboration on high-impact opportunities.

Shifting Invest Vancouver to an arm’s-length governance model, which is common among peer Canadian economic development organizations, would unlock greater effectiveness, operational agility, and access to diversified funding. Interviewees identified investment readiness and industry cluster development as priority service gaps where Invest Vancouver is well-positioned to lead. These functions align with its core mandate, support tangible outcomes, and create pathways to external provincial, federal, and private-sector funding, improving long-term sustainability and reducing reliance on MVRD resources.

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The Board approved the amendments to the *Operating, Statutory and Discretionary Reserves Policy*.

**E2.3 Financial Board Policy Review – Amended Financial Management Policy****APPROVED**

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Subsequent to review and engagement with the Municipal Finance Authority, this report recommended amending the amortization period for capital projects to 20 years, and to 30 years for projects exceeding \$1 billion in net borrowing. In addition, the funding principle of “transitioning to a growth-pays-for-growth” model through development cost charges (DCCs) has been added to align with Board direction over the past number of years.

The policy amendments strengthen financial stability while improving clarity, consistency, and long-term resilience to align with long-term financial plans.

The Board approved the amended *Financial Management Policy*.

**E2.4 Financial Board Policy Review - Procurement and Asset Disposal Authority Policy**

**RECEIVED**

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The Board received this report for information.

**Greater Vancouver Water District**

**E1.1 2026 GVWD Capital Program Update No. 1**

**RECEIVED**

This report provides a status update of the GVWD Capital Program with summaries for larger projects (i.e. cost of >\$100M), highlighting progress, schedule, budget, and upcoming milestones, and an overall summary of remaining projects. As part of the GVWD capital planning process, the timing of each project is reviewed and updated annually based on available resources, strategic prioritization, risk to system operations and financial sustainability. These updates are provided three times a year for the Water Committee and GVWD Board in February, July, and November to provide timely line of sight for the April Board Budget Workshop, input into the annual budget and five-year financial plan for October, and an end of year update. Individual project reports will continue to be provided as needed, particularly at key decision-making milestones.

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The Board approved the amended *Financial Management Policy*.

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## Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

### **E1.1 2026 Solid Waste Services Capital Program Update No. 1**

**RECEIVED**

This report provides a status update of the Solid Waste Capital Program with summaries for projects, highlighting progress, schedule, budget, and upcoming milestones, and an overall summary of remaining projects. These updates are provided three times a year for the Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board in February, July, and November to provide timely line of sight for the April Board Budget Workshop, input into the annual budget and five-year financial plan for October, and an end of year update. Individual project reports will continue to be provided as needed, particularly at key decision-making milestones.

Solid waste capital projects include projects at the Coquitlam Landfill, recycling and waste centres and the Waste-to-Energy Facility. Key projects include the recycling and waste centre recycling depot construction at North Surrey and Langley recycling and waste centres and various Waste-to-Energy Facility projects. Projects are proceeding on schedule and on budget. Any updates will be provided in future capital update reports.

The Board received this report for information.

### **E2.1 North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program Update and Due Diligence Committee Report**

**RECEIVED**

This North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP) Program update summarizes recent and upcoming project activity and communications, and includes a report delivered by the NSWWTP Program Due Diligence Committee. The Due Diligence Committee is an oversight group established to conduct due diligence reviews and provide advice on the NSWWTP Program. The Due Diligence Committee comprises three senior advisors—Tim Stanley, P.Eng., Frank Margitan, B.A.Sc., and Barry Nazar, P.Eng.—with over 100 years combined experience in the delivery of major infrastructure. The Due Diligence Committee meets with the NSWWTP Program Team monthly and will provide a bi-annual advisory report to the Liquid Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board.

Main findings of the Due Diligence Committee report indicate that key project positions have been filled across the Metro Vancouver, Designer of Record (AECOM), and Construction Manager (PCL) teams. While concentration in the field has been new concrete and structural steel construction activities, some of the legacy construction and engineering deficiencies are still being discovered and are impacting construction progress. New construction appears to be of good quality and built in a safe manner. Key issues currently being managed include addressing the remaining construction deficiencies from the previous contractor; the transfer of major equipment contracts; the interest and availability of subcontractors; and the impact of taxes, duties, and tariffs.

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**E2.2 2026 Liquid Waste Services Capital Program Update No. 1****RECEIVED**

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**E2.3 Award of RFP 25-245 for Owner’s Engineer, Project Management, and Preliminary Design Services for Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Regional Biosolids Dryer****APPROVED**

Stantec Consulting Ltd.’s proposal ranked highest overall, provided the lowest cost, had the highest technical score, and demonstrated best value overall for Metro Vancouver.

Metro Vancouver requires consulting engineering services to provide the necessary expertise to perform engineering services to deliver the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (AIWWTP) Regional Biosolids Dryer Project, which is needed by the mid-2030s to process the projected increase in biosolids produced by Metro Vancouver’s five wastewater treatment plants.

RFP 25-245 was issued on June 20, 2025 to three prequalified respondents of RFQ 24-111 – Project Management, Owner’s Engineer, and Preliminary Design Services for Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Regional Biosolids Dryer. RFP 25-245 was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The RFP 25-245 evaluation team considered the proposals received, and on that basis recommend that the GVS&DD Board award RFP 25-245 – Owner’s Engineer, Project Management, and Preliminary Design Services Biosolids Dryer to Stantec Consulting Ltd.

The Board approved the award of RFP 25-245 for Owner’s Engineer, Project Management, and Preliminary Design Services for Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Regional Biosolids Dryer, in the amount of up to \$11,951,011.40 (exclusive of taxes) to Stantec Consulting Ltd.

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

The Board received four information items from two standing committees and no delegation summaries.

### **Zero Waste Committee – February 5, 2026**

Information Items:

#### **E1 Initial Draft Solid Waste Management Plan**

The Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board have received updates at each phase of the solid waste management plan update process, including approving goals and a waste hierarchy for the updated plan in 2025.

An initial draft of the updated solid waste management plan is now published on the Metro Vancouver website. Feedback will help shape a revised draft that will be provided to the Zero Waste Committee and GVS&DD Board, followed additional public comment opportunities prior to submitting the final draft plan to the Minister of Environment and Parks for approval.

The initial draft plan includes 30 strategies and 117 actions, highlighting priorities such as multi-family waste reduction, construction and demolition, infrastructure, residuals management, and cross-sector collaboration to advance a circular economy. Many of the actions help to address challenges observed in solid waste data, including actions to support multi-family and construction and demolition recycling. Affordability is embedded in the solid waste management plan's guiding principles and will be a key consideration as plan actions are implemented. Member jurisdiction actions are intended as potential areas of focus for members to consider – they are not requirements.

The updated plan will help Metro Vancouver build on its success as a North American leader in waste reduction and recycling.

#### **E2 2024 Annual Solid Waste Statistics**

Metro Vancouver achieved a 65 per cent diversion rate in 2024, consisting of 62 per cent recycled materials and 3 per cent recovered materials. The diversion rate has been constant since 2022 despite challenging economic conditions and weakening market demand for some commodities such as wood. Since approval of the 2011 solid waste management plan, Metro Vancouver's per capita disposal rate has decreased from 0.57 tonnes per capita in 2011 to 0.43 tonnes per capita in 2024, a decrease of 24 per cent. 2024 per capita disposal increased slightly from 2023, primarily due to a change in disposal quantities attributed to the commercial and institutional sector. Per capita recycling was slightly lower than 2023, with wood showing the largest decrease. The draft updated solid waste management plan includes multiple strategies and actions to increase reuse and recycling of construction and demolition materials such as wood.

For 2024, the solid waste statistics reporting approach was revised to reflect the updated performance monitoring framework recommended for the draft updated solid waste management plan. Major updates include delineating recovered and recycled materials, excluding asphalt from recycling calculations, and updating concrete recycling values from conservative estimates to current reported data.

Metro Vancouver aims to continue to improve solid waste data reporting in 2026 potentially through third party checks on concrete values reported by private concrete processing facilities that are exempt from licensing. The 2024 biennial report, which will include a summary of progress on solid waste management plan initiatives, will be presented at a future meeting.

#### **E4 Zero Waste Conference 2025**

The 2025 Zero Waste Conference featured international, national, and local speakers sharing knowledge and experiences with approximately 500 attendees both in-person and online. The conference, presented by Metro Vancouver in collaboration with the National Zero Waste Council, focused on waste prevention and the circular economy with sessions building on the theme, “Innovation and the Business Case for Waste Prevention”. The program included networking opportunities and afternoon workshops. Survey results indicate that more than 85 per cent of attendees were “very” or “somewhat satisfied” with the conference and are likely to apply ideas from the conference to advance zero waste and circular economy initiatives.

The conference was delivered at a cost of \$390,000; \$70,000 less than the original budget of \$460,000. This cost reduction was achieved by moving to a single-day event and implementing other cost-saving measures. The conference was funded through MVRD funding, conference registration fees, and GVS&DD support for attendees from, for example, the National Zero Waste Council Management Board members, Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee members, and Solid Waste Management Plan Public/Technical Advisory Committee members. The next Zero Waste Conference is tentatively scheduled for fall 2027, with more information to be provided closer to the event.

#### **Liquid Waste Committee – February 11, 2026**

Information Items:

#### **E3 2025 "Wipe It, Green Bin It" Campaign Results**

The disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the sewer system is an ongoing issue that costs the region over \$4.3 million every year. The 2025 “Wipe It, Green Bin It” campaign ran from October 6 to November 16, asking residents to put fats, oils, and grease in their green bins and not down their sinks. The campaign included social media, Pinterest, YouTube, Google Ads, digital banners, and out-of-home advertising on bus sides, SkyTrain stations, and in elevators.

The campaign reached over 718,000 residents, delivering 71 million impressions, 2,159 engagements, 8,060 clicks for more information, and 6,733 web page views. A post-campaign survey of residents showed a trend of improved knowledge and practices related to fats, oils, and grease disposal. The campaign will run again in 2026, likely targeting a younger audience, as research shows this demographic remains most likely to put fats, oils, and grease down the drain.