

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the  
General Purposes Committee  
meeting held on Monday, February  
21, 2011.

## Mayor and Councillors

**From:** CityHallWatch (MetroVanWatch) [citizenyvvr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** February 21, 2011 3:44 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
**Subject:** For Richmond Council (Feb 21) on Regional Growth Strategy (General Purposes Ctee)

Dear Mayor and Council,  
Please accept this as our submission from MetroVanWatch.ca for today's committee meeting regarding the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy.  
Sincerely,  
Randy Helten, Coordinator, MetroVanWatch

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Mayor Brodie and Councillors:

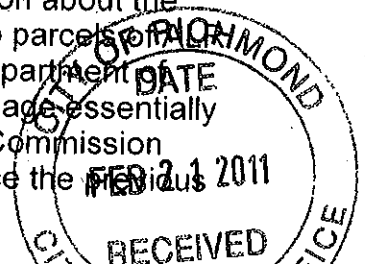
Re: Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy: Please withhold acceptance.

I am a citizen of Richmond, and I am reading this on behalf of MetroVanWatch, a coordinating group that I'm part of.

We encourage you to withhold acceptance of Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy bylaw until serious issues can be addressed, not only in Richmond but also in the entire region.

Metro Vancouver and even municipal staff appear to have kept municipal councils and the public in the dark about important aspects of the Regional Growth Strategy. This is the most important document ever produced by Metro Vancouver, and it will have impacts far beyond its thirty-year scope. Our civic society deserves more fairness of process and more correctness of information on the impacts of the RGS. More time and discussion are needed before municipalities make an irreversible decision to accept it and put the RGS bylaw into force within weeks.

From going through your agenda package for today, for example, you can see that Richmond Council did not receive important letters from the Agricultural Land Commission about the illegality of the bylaw. In particular, ALC chair Richard Bullock referred to "two parcels of land totaling 112 ha in area." We know that as the Garden City Lands and Department National Defence Lands. The staff report at the beginning of the agenda package essentially states that there is nothing new to report, even though the Agricultural Land Commission letters would probably be new to Council members and are certainly new since the Metro bylaw and the city's Official Community Plan.



This is just one example of what we believe to be problems with the process and content of the RGS. Please withhold acceptance of the Regional Growth Strategy until these problems are addressed.

Sincerely,  
April Reeves and MetroVanWatch