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For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, May 29, 2026

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Metro Vancouver Regional District

E1.1 Kanaka Creek Regional Park – Contribution Agreement for Operation of the Kanaka Creek Bell-Irving Hatchery 2027 - 2029 — APPROVED

This Contribution Agreement proposes a three-year funding amount of $28,000 per year for the Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS) to support the Society's operations at Kanaka Creek Bell-Irving Hatchery, with respect to fish production, conservation, education, and community involvement activities.

Metro Vancouver's contribution is combined with an annual contribution of $25,000 from the Canadian Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to fund a Hatchery Manager position, and related fish production and administration costs.

The Board approved the Contribution Agreement between Metro Vancouver Regional District and the Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society, on the terms and conditions set out therein.

E2.1 Metro 2050 Regional Context Statement – City of Surrey — ACCEPTED

The City of Surrey completed an update to its Official Community Plan (OCP) and submitted a revised Regional Context Statement demonstrating how the new OCP is consistent with the regional federation's goals, strategies and actions as laid out in *Metro 2050*. The MVRD Board considered acceptance of Regional Context Statements to ensure that local aspirations, as expressed in OCPs, align with the regional federation's goals as expressed in the Regional Growth Strategy.

The Regional Context Statement supports the regional federation's vision by advancing:

- Compact Urban Growth: Focusing new development within the City's Metro Centre, six Urban Centres, and five FTDAs, consistent with *Metro 2050* Goal 1.
- Environmental Protection and Climate Action: Working towards a 30% tree canopy cover target by 2038 and reducing GHG emissions, consistent with Goal 3.
- Housing Diversity and Affordability: Ensuring a diversity of housing forms, tenures and affordability levels throughout the city, especially for family-friendly housing in new apartment buildings in the City Centre, Town Centres and transit corridors.
- Sustainable Economy and Transportation: Protecting industrial and agricultural lands, supporting intensification of industrial and employment areas, and improving infrastructure for transit, walking, and cycling, consistent with Goals 2 and 5.

The Board accepted the City of Surrey's Regional Context Statement and directed staff to notify the City of Surrey of the decision.

E2.2 Metro 2050 Regional Context Statement – City of Coquitlam **ACCEPTED**

The City of Coquitlam has completed an update to its Official Community Plan (OCP) and submitted a revised Regional Context Statement demonstrating that the new OCP is consistent with the regional federation's goals, strategies and actions as laid out in *Metro 2050*. The MVRD Board considered acceptance of Regional Context Statements to ensure that local aspirations, as expressed in OCPs, align with the regional federation's goals as expressed in the regional growth strategy.

The Regional Context Statement supports the regional federation's vision by advancing:

- Compact Urban Growth: Focusing new development towards existing neighbourhoods, around frequent transit stations, neighbourhood centres, and significant community facilities.
- Environmental Protection and Climate Action: Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 45% below 2007 levels by 2030 and contributing to the region's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, consistent with Goal 3.
- Housing Diversity and Affordability: Encouraging a range of housing types, unit sizes and tenures to meet the needs of households of varying ages, incomes, abilities and sizes, as indicated by the City's most recent Housing Needs Report, consistent with Goal 4.
- Sustainable Economy and Transportation: Protecting industrial and agricultural lands and improving infrastructure for transit, walking, and cycling, consistent with Goals 2 and 5.

While the current OCP update introduces modest changes, primarily to align with provincial housing legislation, the City has indicated that a comprehensive review of the OCP is planned for 2027. Through the next OCP and Regional Context Statement update, Metro Vancouver and the City will work together to update growth targets for Centres and Corridors, strengthen nature protection policies, and provide clearer direction on areas where the plan is "working towards" *Metro 2050* alignment.

The Board accepted the City of Coquitlam's Regional Context Statement, and directed staff to notify the City of Coquitlam of the decision and to include in the correspondence to the City of Coquitlam that future updates to the Official Community Plan and Regional Context Statement be in line with the *Local Government Act*'s request to show how the Official Community Plan is to be made consistent with the regional growth strategy over time.

E3.1 Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland **ENDORSED**

At its May 8, 2026 meeting, the Air Quality Committee received an invited presentation from Gillian Fuss, Manager, Emergency Planning Secretariat, and Deborah Carlson, Staff Lawyer, West Coast Environmental Law, titled "Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition Joint Statement: Calling on Higher Levels of Government to Recognize the Lower Fraser".

The Committee was presented with a joint statement calling on the provincial and federal governments to provide funding and support to local governments and First Nations for long-term investment in flood resilience infrastructure to protect people, communities, and ecosystems from flood risks. The Committee discussed the importance of the work presented and the advocacy efforts to address increasing flood risks in the region and the province. The Committee passed the following resolution:

> *THAT the Air Quality Committee recommend THAT the MVRD Board endorse the Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland prepared by the Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition.*

Metro Vancouver has actively participated in ongoing flood resiliency planning processes for many years. Since the release of the *BC Flood Strategy* in spring 2024, the MVRD Board's direction has focused on advocating to the BC Government to prioritize implementation of the strategy, as reflected in the resolution below passed in July 2024.

> *"That the MVRD Board write letters to the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, and the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, requesting that the implementation of the BC Flood Strategy be prioritized, expedited, and adequately resourced as it relates to the Metro Vancouver region."*

The joint statement aligns with the MVRD Board's advocacy efforts related to flood resiliency in the region.

The Board endorsed the Joint Statement.

E3.2 Orphan Dike Advocacy Letter to the Province **APPROVED**

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has sent a request to all regional districts to sign an advocacy letter asking the Province to assume responsibility for orphan dikes and establish a provincial management program. The RDOS also requests that the letter be shared with each regional district's member jurisdictions so that councils can consider signing the letter.

In the information provided, the RDOS notes that there are over 100 orphan dikes across the province that are in a deteriorating condition and that lack an identified owner, diking authority, or long-term maintenance program. It makes the case that the Province should assume responsibility for orphan dikes for the following reasons:

1. Public safety requires a single responsible authority *(for orphan dikes)*
2. Local governments & First Nations cannot shoulder the burden *(for capital costs and engineering expertise associated with the maintenance and upgrade of orphan dikes)*
3. These *(orphan dike)* structures are often on Crown land
4. Provincial risk assessment already identifies the threat *(to orphan dikes from structural deficiencies and natural hazards)*
5. Coordinated provincial stewardship prevents future failures *(by establishing consistent standards and predictable funding and maintenance, which reduces long-term risks and costs).*

There are several dikes on Metro Vancouver Regional Park Land, including one 300m section of orphan dike in Capilano River Regional Park. There is also a dike on Barnston Island in Electoral Area A that, while not orphaned, has faced similar challenges to orphan dikes. Based on the relevance of this issue to Metro Vancouver and the region, staff recommended showing support for this initiative by signing the letter and forwarding the RDOS request to member jurisdictions to enable each member council to consider also signing the letter.

The Board requested that the Regional District of Okanagan Similkimeen include specific references to the Lower Mainland orphan dikes, including the Surrey diking district; requested that the Board Chair send an advocacy letter on behalf of the MVRD requesting that the province assume responsibility for orphan dikes; and directed staff to forward a copy of the report to member jurisdiction staff.

E3.3 BC Retrofit Accelerator Program Update – Impacts and Next Steps **APPROVED**

The BC Retrofit Accelerator is a program delivered by the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC) to accelerate energy-efficient, low-carbon retrofits in large buildings with seed funding from Metro Vancouver's Sustainability Innovation Fund (SIF). Metro Vancouver's support enabled ZEIC to establish the BC Retrofit Accelerator from the ground up and to leverage an additional $18 million in diverse external funding. The program provides technical support, retrofit planning, and helps building owners navigate incentives and financing, delivering specialized services at a scale that individual municipalities do not have the capacity to provide, and supporting affordable housing while advancing climate action. Member jurisdictions have been actively involved in ZEIC's suite of programs for many years, including participation in the BC Retrofit Accelerator through advisory committees and program recruitment alongside Metro Vancouver staff. The program is now transitioning to ongoing delivery to 2028.

Project Impact (as of the end of 2025):
- 961 buildings registered
- 400 building owners participating
- 50,577 residential units represented
- Over 6 million m^2 of floor space
- 39,500 tonnes of annual GHG reduction potential identified
- 16,000 tonnes of annual GHG reductions moving toward implementation

Between the Retrofit Accelerator's launch to the end of 2025, four sector-specific programs have registered 961 buildings across BC, representing more than 50,000 residential units, with over 50% located in Metro Vancouver. Participants have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 39,500 tonnes to date, with more projects moving toward implementation. This report marks the conclusion of the SIF phase of the project, and outlines opportunities to increase participation and impacts including emissions reduction.

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

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E3.4 Air Quality Warning Program and Wildfire Smoke Preparedness for 2026 **RECEIVED**

For over 30 years, Metro Vancouver has operated an air quality warning program in collaboration with health authorities and partners. Metro Vancouver issues air quality warnings to protect public health when regional air quality degrades. New in 2026, air quality warnings will be issued as yellow or orange warnings to improve public understanding of the level of risk, aligning with provincial and federal partners.

The length and intensity of the wildfire season in BC is influenced by rainfall in May and June, along with spring snowpack levels. Average snowpack levels as of April 1 were below normal in BC (92 per cent) and Metro Vancouver's watersheds (55 per cent). Metro Vancouver is experiencing the impacts of a changing climate now, with wildfire smoke and heat waves degrading regional air quality in seven of the last ten summers. This reflects a significant increase in wildfire activity from conditions that dominated much of the past century.

The Board received the report for information.

E4.1 Electoral Area A Community Works Fund – University Endowment Lands Project (University Marketplace Active Transportation Improvements) **APPROVED**

The Community Works Fund is delivered to all local governments in British Columbia through a direct annual allocation to support local eligible priorities and is distributed within Electoral Area A based on community population. The Electoral Area A Community Works Fund Reserve stands at approximately $1.1 million, with 17% of that apportioned based on population to the University Endowment Lands (UEL), which by the end of 2026 is projected to stand at approximately $162,000.

The UEL provides municipal-like services to its residents and is responsible for making and maintaining land improvements such as sidewalks and curbs within its boundaries. In spring 2026, UEL Administration staff consulted with the UEL Community Advisory Council (CAC) on a proposal to remediate 26 tree-pits surrounding the University Marketplace and hardscaping along the eastern side of Western Parkway at an estimated cost of $190,000. These improvements would make the area more accessible for pedestrian and active transportation users. In March 2026, the CAC and the Electoral Area A Director confirmed their support of this project and for seeking funding through the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund.

If the MVRD Board approves the recommendation, Metro Vancouver will enter into an agreement with the UEL to reimburse them for eligible costs up to $160,000 upon submission of required documentation and subject to Metro Vancouver receiving the grant funds from Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). The UEL has confirmed they will cover any remaining amount for the project.

The Board approved funding from the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund up to $160,000 as recommended.

E4.2 Electoral Area A Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan – Implementation ENDORSED

Following the completion of the Electoral Area A Wildfire Resiliency Plan in 2024, the MVRD Board directed staff to apply for a provincial FireSmart grant and to bring back a priority list of recommendations from the Plan for short-term implementation.

Metro Vancouver was notified in late 2025 that its grant application for $150,000 per year for two years was successful, and is in the process of hiring a temporary (two-year) full-time position that focuses on FireSmart activities in Electoral Area A and whose salary is wholly funded through the grant.

Based on feedback from Electoral Area A residents, which highlighted a strong interest in practical, property-specific advice and training for rural and remote areas, staff recommended prioritizing resident education and FireSmart Home Ignition Zone assessments for individual properties. Staff recommended that a secondary priority be interagency cooperation to strengthen ties with emergency management partners in the region.

The Board endorsed the priority recommendations for implementation from the Electoral Area A Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.

E5.1 Major Local Investment Attraction Events Update 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) 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 locally without the added burden of travelling outside the region.

Building on lessons learned from Web Summit 2025, Invest Vancouver has refined its coordinated strategy focused on partner alignment, high-impact groups and environments, and global awareness to drive targeted investor outreach.

For the FIFA World Cup, Invest Vancouver has the opportunity to engage senior decision makers, corporate delegations, and institutional investors across multiple markets while they are in the Metro Vancouver region. Invest Vancouver aims to convert this heightened 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 the report to member jurisdictions for information.

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E5.2 Investment Attraction Update Q1 **RECEIVED**

This report provides an update on Invest Vancouver's foreign direct investment (FDI) attraction activities during the first quarter of 2026. As of Q1 2026, Invest Vancouver is managing 179 active investment leads, representing $3.5 billion in potential direct investment over three years and 2,701 projected jobs. Five companies landed in the region in Q1 2026, expected to contribute $128.9 million in direct investment over three years and 400 high-quality jobs. Invest Vancouver generated leads through inbound delegations, partner engagement, and targeted outbound missions including outbound missions to UK (London Tech Week), Spain (Mobile World Congress), Japan (Smart Energy Week), Portugal (Bio Sprin Europe).

During Q1 2026, Invest Vancouver also prepared for Web Summit Vancouver, the FIFA World Cup, and five strategic outbound missions scheduled for Q2 (Hannover Messe, CANSEC, Global Affairs Canada Spring Roadshow, VIVA Tech/Eurosatory, and BIO International Convention) designed to generate further leads.

Recognizing the complexities of the current global economic climate, Invest Vancouver focused heavily on improving targeted investment attraction and aftercare programs. During Q1, Invest Vancouver advanced specialized subsector strategies, launched an Account-Based Marketing (ABM) pilot project to systematically engage key multinational prospects, and developed the "Team Invest Vancouver" regional collaboration framework to coordinate efforts across member jurisdictions. The organization also supported over 15 multinationals already operating in the region, hosted domestic events to spur investment into key industries, and conducted four international outbound missions and one Canadian mission.

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

E5.3 Invest Talent Update Q2 2026 **RECEIVED**

This report outlines Invest Vancouver's progress and next steps in advancing Invest Talent, an employer-led, skills-first workforce development model designed to strengthen regional talent pipelines, supporting investment readiness and economic growth. With talent availability identified as a top driver of foreign direct investment, Invest Vancouver completed a successful pilot that trained 136 learners, engaged over 80 employers, and established medical technology and cybersecurity talent hubs. Building on this foundation, the next phase focuses on scaling the cybersecurity workforce hub through employer-validated training, coordinated sector engagement, and targeted cohort delivery in 2026. Activities include launching the hub, validating priority cybersecurity roles, co-designing applied training with industry and education partners, and deepening employer participation in hiring and evaluation. Together, these steps strengthen the Metro Vancouver region's cybersecurity ecosystem, making it more attractive for global investment as well as building a more resilient, future-ready workforce.

The Board received the report for information.

E6.1 Metro Vancouver External Agency Status Report – May 2026 **RECEIVED**

This report provides the MVRD Board with updates from representatives to external agencies.

The Board received the report for information.

E6.2 Update On Implementing Recommendations From the 2025 Independent Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review completed by Deloitte Canada **RECEIVED**

The presentation attached to the report provides a summary and status update on the work of the Governance Committee and MVRD Board to date to consider and implement recommendations from the 2025 independent Metro Vancouver Board Governance Review completed by Deloitte Canada in May 2025. The Committee, struck in June 2025, has met nine times, and has addressed 20 of the recommendations for Metro Vancouver, as well as two recommendations for the Province of BC. All Committee recommendations have been approved by the MVRD Board. The Committee has considered changes to the Remuneration Bylaw for Board Directors as well as Committee Chairs, has worked to streamline the number, number of meetings, and composition of Standing Committees, has endorsed a Board Orientation Program, developed a Board Annual Calendar, endorsed a Board Self-Evaluation Tool, and reviewed all 57 Board policies and endorsed a schedule for their review, as well as Committee accountabilities. The Committee is now engaged in a multi-month exploration of ways to optimize the size and structure of Metro Vancouver's four Boards with recommendations expected in July 2026, post a fulsome engagement period.

The Board received the report for information.

E6.3 Support for Bowen Island Municipality Short Term Accommodation Tax Bylaw **APPROVED**

Bowen Island Municipality recently sent a letter to Metro Vancouver requesting support for the introduction of a local tax on short-term accommodation as part of the provincial Municipal Regional District Tax program. The program allows local governments to raise revenues for tourism and affordable housing initiatives by applying an up-to three percent tax on sales of short-term accommodation that is collected by the Province and remitted back.

One of the requirements for municipalities who wish to participate in the program is to consult with, and seek support from, their regional district board for their local tax bylaw. Bowen Island has given first reading to, and referred *Bowen Island Municipality Short Term Accommodation Tax Bylaw No. 701, 2026* to Metro Vancouver. The bylaw would impose a three percent municipal tax on local short-term accommodation and would function directly under the provincial program. Therefore, it has no financial implications to Metro Vancouver.

To enable the tax to be implemented starting March 1, 2027, Bowen Island Municipality must submit its application to the Province by June 1, 2026 along with MVRD Board input.

The Board approved sending a letter to Bowen Island Municipality to advise of the Board's support for *Bowen Island Municipality Short Term Accommodation Tax Bylaw No. 701, 2026.*

E6.4 Metro Vancouver request to be made whole for DCC reductions through the Building Communities Strong Fund **APPROVED**

This report follows the Board's April 15, 2026 decision to roll back the 2026 DCC rate increase to 2025 levels, reduce the 2027 rate increase, and extend the move to a 1% assist factor to 2029. The provincial and federal governments are currently negotiating the terms of the new federal infrastructure funding program (Build Communities Strong Fund). The federal government has previously indicated that local governments would be kept whole for any required reductions to development cost charges (DCCs). This report provides an opportunity for the Board to request that the Chair send a formal request to the province to ensure that the foregone revenue in the amount of $332 million over the next five years resulting from DCC rate reductions, be covered by federal and provincial funding.

The Board requested that the Chair send a letter to Premier David Eby and Minister Christine Boyle, requesting that the Province, as part of their negotiations with the federal government on the Build Communities Strong Fund, ensure that Metro Vancouver is 'made whole' for foregone revenue of $332 million over the next five years resulting from Development Cost Charge (DCCs) rate reductions.

G1.1 Electoral Area A Building Bylaw – Climatic Design Values and Fees Update: **ADOPTED**
MVRD Electoral Area A Building Administration Amendment Bylaw No. 1460, 2026
MVRD Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1461, 2026

Climatic design values are referenced in the BC Building Code and include temperatures, precipitation, snow loads, wind pressures, heating degree-days, and moisture indices. In recognition of the diverse geography and local weather patterns in Electoral Area A communities, the report proposes an amendment to the Electoral Area A Building Administration Bylaw to replace the current general reference to BC Building Code climatic data with community-specific climatic design values for the four areas where Metro Vancouver provides building inspection services: Barnston Island, Howe Sound, Indian Arm, and Pitt Lake. The amendment would insert a table of climatic design values directly into the bylaw to be used in the design of new buildings to provide location-specific direction for building design.

In addition, the report proposes a minor amendment to the Fees and Charges Bylaw related to building permits in Electoral Area A. The change would cap the existing 1.0 percent construction value deposit at $2,000. The deposit would continue to be refundable upon project completion and would remain available to cover any incidental costs associated with permit administration. Introducing a maximum amount would reduce upfront financial requirements for applicants while preserving the purpose of the deposit.

The Board gave three readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Building Administration Amendment Bylaw No. 1460, 2026*. The Board also gave three readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1461, 2026.*

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G2.1 Alternative Approval Process for MVRD Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1462, 2026 **APPROVED**

At its April 24, 2026 meeting, the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board gave three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Lands in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1462, 2026* (the Bylaw). After the Bylaw received three readings it was noted that three additional legal titles were required to be included in the Bylaw. This report presents the corrected Bylaw for third reading.

The Bylaw requires approval of the electors pursuant to section 269(b) of the *Local Government Act*. This can be obtained through an Alternative Approval Process (AAP), as outlined in the report titled "Alternative Approval Process for MVRD Park Dedication Removal of Certain Lands in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1462, 2026", dated May 6, 2026.

The Board rescinded third reading of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Lands in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1462, 2026,* gave third reading to the bylaw as amended and presented, and approved the recommendations regarding the Alternative Approval Process.

G2.2 Alternative Approval Process for MVRD Electoral Area A Clean-up Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1433, 2026 **APPROVED**

At the March 27, 2026 regular Board meeting, the MVRD Board gave three readings to MVRD Bylaw No. 1433, 2026 and directed the Corporate Officer to submit the bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval and initiate an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to obtain electoral approval of MVRD Bylaw No. 1433, 2026 pursuant to section 269(b) of the *Local Government Act*. Approval from the Inspector of Municipalities was received on May 11, 2026.

The Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) intends to adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Clean-up Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1433, 2026* (MVRD Bylaw No. 1433, 2026), which authorizes the establishment of a barge and bin clean-up service for water-access communities in Electoral Area A.

Before proceeding with an AAP, the Board must establish a fair determination of the eligible number of voters and approve the Elector Response Form. Once this has been completed, staff will publish notices and provide at least 30 days for voters to submit forms. After the approval process has been completed, staff will report back to the MVRD Board on the results, and if participating area approval has been obtained, will seek adoption of MVRD Bylaw No. 1433, 2026.

The Board approved the recommendations regarding the Alternative Approval Process.

G2.3 Sasamat Fire Service – MVRD Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1443, 2026 **ADOPTED**

On January 30, 2026, the MVRD Board gave three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1443, 2026* to facilitate the replacement of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department's (SVFD) fire halls in the Village of Anmore and the Village of Belcarra. The MVRD Board directed staff to submit the bylaw for ministerial approval and then participating area approval. On February 13, 2026, the Ministry requested that participating area approval be obtained prior to requesting approval by the Inspector of Municipalities. The Councils of Anmore and Belcarra provided participating area approval on March 17, 2026 and April 13, 2026 respectively. Inspector approval was received on May 7, 2026. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1443, 2026* is now presented to the Board for consideration of adoption.

The Board adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1393, 2026*.

G2.4 Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1393, 2026 – City of Surrey (Hazelmere) **ADOPTED**

On March 27, 2026, 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. 1393, 2026* ("MVRD Bylaw No. 1393, 2026"). The amending bylaw would extend the Urban Containment Boundary and redesignate a 23.7-hectare area, known as Hazelmere, from Rural to General Urban.

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. Seven responses were received, and a summary of the responses was provided.

The Board received for information the comments from affected local governments and other agencies, and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1393, 2026*.

G2.5 Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1451, 2026 – City of Maple Ridge (North 256 Street Industrial Lands Area Plan) **ADOPTED**

On March 27, 2026, 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. 1451, 2026* ("MVRD Bylaw No. 1451, 2026") . The amending bylaw would re-designate Rural and Industrial lands in the North 256 Street Industrial Lands Area Plan to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation and expand the Urban Containment Boundary to accommodate a light industrial hub.

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. Nine responses were received, and a summary of the responses was provided.

The Board received for information the comments from affected local governments, local First nations, and regional agencies, adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1451, 2026*; and accepted the City of Maple Ridge's amended and corresponding Regional Context Statement.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

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

Regional Parks Committee – May 6, 2026

Information Items:

E1 Regional Parks 2025 Annual Reports

In 2025, Regional Parks continued to protect natural areas and connect people to nature, progressing towards the vision of a resilient network of regional parks and greenways that provide important climate, health, and other benefits to park visitors and the wider region.
In 2025, there were an estimated 14.7 million visits to regional parks and greenways with records set at two locations. A total of 46,802 people took part in 606 programs, events, and outreach activities, while 6,617 volunteers and park partners contributed 21,068 hours to stewardship, education activities, and interpretive programs and events. Staff advanced numerous planning, design, and asset management initiatives.

Regional Planning Committee – May 7, 2026

Information Items:

E3 Invasive Species Best Management Practices – Lesser Celandine and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

With the support of member jurisdictions, Metro Vancouver collaboratively develops and shares best practice guidance for managing invasive species of regional concern. Since 2018, 26 guides have been produced, plus two new guides described in this report. Members periodically propose and sponsor new guides, and the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver summarizes local research and expertise. Metro Vancouver provides peer review and graphic design, while additional review is undertaken by experts from member jurisdictions, the Provincial government, and other organizations. This coordinated process supports a consistent, evidence-based regional approach to invasive species management.

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the City of Burnaby recently funded new best practice guides for lesser celandine and brown marmorated stink bug. These guides provide practical advice for practitioners – including local government staff, field crews, project managers, contractors, developers, and stewardship groups – to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of management efforts across the region. The Invasive Species Council will promote the guides and associated public-friendly fact sheets.

Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation

E1.1 Mortgage Renewal 10711 Shepherd Drive, Richmond (Odlinwood) **APPROVED**

The mortgage for MVHC's Odlinwood project, located in Richmond, at 10711 Shepherd Drive, in the amount of $3,108,082 is up for renewal on August 1, 2026.

The current and prior mortgages were arranged through British Columbia Housing Management Commission (BCHMC), whereby BCHMC tenders the loan and chooses a lender of their choice. The interest rates secured by BCHMC's preferred lender have historically been equal to or better than any the MVHC could obtain elsewhere from outside lenders. Continuing with BCHMC-arranged financing is a key requirement for maintaining eligibility for the annual BC Housing operating subsidy of approximately $55,000. Refinancing outside of BCHMC's framework would be subject to BCHMC approval and would likely result in the loss of this subsidy. As such, the financing decision has direct and ongoing operating budget implications.

It was recommended that the MVHC Board continues this funding relationship and authorizes BCHMC to act on MVHC's behalf to renew the existing mortgage.

The Board approved the recommendation.

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Greater Vancouver Water District

E1.1 Metro Vancouver request to be made whole for DCC reductions through the Building Communities Strong Fund — APPROVED

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G1.1 Update on Stage 2 Water Restrictions — RECEIVED

The Board received for information the verbal report from the Commissioner.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received three information items from one standing committees and no delegation summaries.

Water Committee – May 13, 2026

Information Items:

E1 Water Supply Preparedness for Summer 2026

As of May 1, snowpack levels were approximately 44% per cent of the historical average, and spring and summer forecasts indicate above-normal temperatures and lower-than-normal precipitation. Environment and Climate Change Canada is forecasting 2026 to be one of the hottest years on record. To protect the system over the summer, Metro Vancouver implemented Stage 2 water restrictions — which prohibit all lawn watering — starting on May 1. These measures are needed to conserve water amid low snowpack conditions, mitigate the impacts of potential drought, and maintain system pressure during critical infrastructure upgrades. Stage 3 restrictions are anticipated to begin in early June to further support the reliable delivery of water throughout the summer. It is anticipated that the existing snowpack and expected full-source reservoirs, supported by widespread compliance with watering restrictions, will ensure sufficient source water to meet water demands during the high-demand season. Proactive public education supported by strong member jurisdiction enforcement of the water restrictions will be essential this summer.

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E2 Water Use by Sector Report: 2004-2023

The Greater Vancouver Water District "Water Use by Sector Report 2004 – 2023" (the 2023 report) outlines the trends in water use in the Metro Vancouver region from 2004 to 2023. The 2023 report is based on data provided by 20 member jurisdictions.

The percentage of water consumed in the region that is metered at the end-user has increased by 4.1 per cent since 2021. Almost half, 49.2 per cent, of water consumed in the region is unmetered. However, the percent of water consumed that is metered is expected to increase with the implementation of new metering programs (both mandating universal metering and voluntary programs) across the region.

In 2023, the average total per-capita water consumption is calculated at 387 litres per-capita per day for the region. Most of the water used in the region was by the Residential sector, 64.3 per cent. The Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector accounted for 29.7 per cent, and the Agricultural sector 1.3 per cent. These figures are calculated using a total system loss estimate of 13.2 per cent, based on self-reported estimates by member jurisdictions.

E3 2026 Major Projects Update No. 1 – Water

Metro Vancouver follows best practices related to governance and oversight on all of Metro Vancouver's capital projects. A key deliverable is to provide regular updates on the portfolio of high value, risk, and consequence capital projects being delivered by the Project Delivery Department. This report provided the first of two annual updates on the major water projects.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

E1.1 Metro Vancouver request to be made whole for DCC reductions through the Building Communities Strong Fund — APPROVED

This report follows the Board's April 15, 2026 decision to roll back the 2026 DCC rate increase to 2025 levels, reduce the 2027 rate increase, and extend the move to a 1% assist factor to 2029. The provincial and federal governments are currently negotiating the terms of the new federal infrastructure funding program (Build Communities Strong Fund). The federal government has previously indicated that local governments would be kept whole for any required reductions to development cost charges (DCCs). This report provided an opportunity for the Board to request that the Chair send a formal request to the province to ensure that the foregone revenue in the amount of $332 million over the next five years resulting from DCC rate reductions, be covered by federal and provincial funding.

The Board requested that the Chair send a letter to Premier David Eby and Minister Christine Boyle, requesting that the Province, as part of their negotiations with the federal government on the Build Communities Strong Fund, ensure that Metro Vancouver is 'made whole' for foregone revenue of $332 million over the next five years resulting from Development Cost Charge (DCCs) rate reductions.