

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Climate Action Committee held at 1:07 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby
Vice Chair, Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver
Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay
Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam
Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta
Councillor Robert Masse, Maple Ridge (departed at 3:06 p.m.)
Councillor Harold Steves, Richmond (departed at 2:55 p.m.)
Councillor Rudy Storteboom, Langley City
Councillor Judy Villeneuve, Surrey

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Tom Gill, Surrey
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger Quan, Air Quality and Climate Change Director, Parks, Planning and Environment
Donna Brown, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 April 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Climate Action Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for April 4, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 March 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Climate Action Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held March 7, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Strategy: Climate 2050 Discussion Paper and Stakeholder Education and Engagement Process

Report dated March 20, 2018 from Jason Emmert, Air Quality Planner, Conor Reynolds, Program Manager, Air Quality and Climate Change Policy Parks, Planning and Environment, and Lucy Duso, Policy Coordinator, External Relations, seeking MVRD Board endorsement of the final Climate 2050 Discussion Paper and direction to staff to initiate stakeholder education and engagement based on the Discussion Paper to inform development of the Climate 2050 Strategic Plan.

Members were provided with a presentation including changes made to the Climate 2050 Discussion Paper based on feedback from the Climate Action Committee at its March 7, 2018 meeting, Issues Areas summaries, climate change data and trends and the education and engagement strategy highlighting public information and dialogues, key interviews, stakeholder meetings and forums, youth engagement, member jurisdictions, and next steps.

In response to questions, members were informed about how consultation will shape strategy development and implementation, timing, climate change trends, and design of the engagement strategy.

In response to a request for feedback on consultation and education, members suggested that consideration be given to:

- identifying opportunities to incorporate public feedback into the strategy
- informing stakeholders about local actions being taken at consultation events
- exploring climate policy and best practices in Washington State
- seeking agencies or groups to endorse Climate 2050 and exploring the creation of an agency or coalition to support efforts
- emphasizing the urgent need to adapt to climate change as part of education
- seeking feedback on actions Metro Vancouver and other agencies can take

In response to a request for feedback on the strategy, members suggested that consideration be given to:

- how to plan for climate change in Metro Vancouver based on projected growth, increased diversion to composting facilities and impacts on host communities, and local implications from combined sewer issues

- identifying local government successes and constraints to achieving GHG targets, examining local and sectoral GHG gains, and how Metro Vancouver can assist others in meeting targets
- numbering categories in the Issues Areas for easy reference in the strategy
- identifying responsibilities and actions that can be taken by all levels of government and communities members
- in the “Scenarios for Getting to 80% GHG Reduction by 2050” graph, representing the current path to show the lack of progress and urgency
- compiling actions being taken by local governments to develop best practices in reducing GHGs

In response to questions, local governments were encouraged to share Metro Vancouver’s social media campaign associated with Climate 2050 consultation, and to participate in dialogues and forums. Members were also informed about reporting requirements under the *BC Climate Action Charter*, and carbon tax rebates.

Presentation material titled “Climate 2050 Strategy Final Discussion Paper and Engagement Strategy” is retained with the April 4, 2018 Climate Action Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) endorse the Climate 2050 Discussion Paper, and associated Education and Engagement Strategy, as attached to the report dated March 20, 2018, titled “Metro Vancouver’s Climate Action Strategy: Climate 2050 Discussion Paper and Stakeholder Engagement Process”; and
- b) direct staff to initiate stakeholder education and engagement based on the Discussion Paper to inform the development of the *Climate 2050 Strategic Plan*.

CARRIED

5.2 Forecast of 2015 Lower Fraser Valley Air Emissions Inventory and Policy Implications

Report dated March 16, 2018 from Shelina Sidi, Senior Project Engineer, and Derek Jennejohn, Lead Senior Engineer, Parks, Planning and Environment, summarizing the forecast of the 2015 air emissions inventory for the Lower Fraser Valley to 2035 highlighting projected changes in emissions from key regional sources, and potential implications for development of new air quality and climate change plans, policies and programs.

Members were provided with a presentation on the forecast of the 2015 Lower Fraser Valley Air Emissions Inventory and policy implications highlighting geographic scope, timing including historical trends, base year, and forecasts,

pollutants, sources, GHG trends in Metro Vancouver from 1995 to 2035, smog-forming pollutants, policy and regulation emission scenarios, and next steps.

2:55 p.m. Councillor Steves departed the meeting.

Members commented on Metro Vancouver's advocacy role, specifically around GHG implications and projected population growth, and increasing rail and port activities in Metro Vancouver.

Presentation material titled "Forecast of the 2015 Lower Fraser Valley Air Emissions Inventory and Policy implications" is retained with the April 4, 2018 Climate Action Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 16, 2018, titled "Forecast of 2015 Lower Fraser Valley Air Emissions Inventory and Policy Implications".

CARRIED

5.3 Proposed Scope Amendment to MVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund Project: Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Fund Business Case Project

Report dated March 24, 2018 from Raymond Kan, Senior Regional Planner, Parks, Planning and Environment, providing an update on the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Fund Business Case Project approved in 2016 under the MVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund, and seeking MVRD Board authorization to amend the scope of work, consistent with and complementary to Phase 2 of the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board approve an amendment to the scope of the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Fund Business Case Project, which received funding under the MVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund, to include tools identified in the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study.

CARRIED

5.4 Manager's Report

Report dated March 20, 2018 from Roger Quan, Air Quality and Climate Change Director, Parks, Planning and Environment, updating the Climate Action Committee on the Committee's 2018 Work Plan, Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide, environmental impacts of brown lawns during conservation periods, and the launch of EVWorkplace.ca.

In response to questions, members were informed about the status of consultation on the development of a regional odour management strategy and proposed residential wood smoke regulation bylaw.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the report dated March 20, 2018, titled "Manager's Report".

CARRIED

3:06 p.m. Councillor Masse departed the meeting.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Climate Action Committee receive for information the following Information Items:

- 6.1 Report dated March 27, 2018 regarding Metro Vancouver's *Public Engagement Policy*
- 6.2 Correspondence dated March 9, 2018 from UBCM to Board Chair Greg Moore, regarding 2017 Resolutions

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

No items presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Climate Action Committee conclude its regular meeting of April 4, 2018.

CARRIED

(Time: 3:06 p.m.)

Janis Knaupp,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Derek Corrigan, Chair