

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Council of Councils Committee held at 9:03 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2018 in the Airport Ballroom at the Westin Wall Centre, 3099 Corvette Way, Vancouver Airport, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Councillor Ryan Froese, Anmore
Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele, Anmore
Councillor Paul Weverink, Anmore

Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra
Councillor Jennifer Glover, Belcarra
Councillor Perry Muxworthy, Belcarra
Councillor Jamie Ross, Belcarra

Councillor Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island
Councillor Melanie Mason, Bowen Island
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island

Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Dan Johnston, Burnaby
Councillor Colleen Jordan, Burnaby
Councillor Paul McDonell, Burnaby
Councillor James Wang, Burnaby

Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Councillor Brent Asmundson, Coquitlam
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
Councillor Terry O'Neill, Coquitlam
Councillor Mae Reid, Coquitlam
Councillor Teri Towner, Coquitlam

Councillor Jeannie Kanakos, Delta
Councillor Heather King, Delta
Councillor Bruce McDonald, Delta

Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Langley City
Councillor Gayle Martin, Langley City
Councillor Nathan Pachal, Langley City
Councillor Rudy Storteboom, Langley City
Councillor Val van den Broek, Langley City

MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):

Councillor Bob Long, Langley Township
Councillor Angie Quaale, Langley Township
Councillor Michelle Sparrow, Langley Township
Councillor Blair Whitmarsh, Langley Township

Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay
Councillor Fred Bain, Lions Bay
Councillor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay

Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Maple Ridge
Councillor Robert Masse, Maple Ridge
Councillor Craig Speirs, Maple Ridge

Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster
Councillor Bill Harper, New Westminster
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, New Westminster
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, New Westminster
Councillor Mary Trentadue, New Westminster
Councillor Lorrie Williams, New Westminster

Mayor Darrell Mussatto, North Vancouver City
Councillor Holly Back, North Vancouver City
Councillor Don Bell, North Vancouver City
Councillor Rod Clark, North Vancouver City

Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver District
Councillor Mathew Bond, North Vancouver District
Councillor Jim Hanson, North Vancouver District

Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Bruce Bell, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Janis Elkerton, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Mike Stark, Pitt Meadows

Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Mike Forrest, Port Coquitlam

Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody
Councillor Zoe Royer, Port Moody
Councillor Robert Vagramov, Port Moody

Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Councillor Alexa Loo, Richmond

MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued):

Councillor Carol Day, Richmond
Councillor Bill McNulty, Richmond
Councillor Linda McPhail, Richmond
Councillor Harold Steves, Richmond

Councillor Vera LeFranc, Surrey
Councillor, Dave Woods, Surrey

Councillor Adriane Carr, Vancouver
Councillor Heather Deal, Vancouver
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Vancouver
Councillor Kerry Jang, Vancouver
Councillor Raymond Louie, Vancouver
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Vancouver

Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver
Councillor Christine Cassidy, West Vancouver
Councillor Peter Lambur, West Vancouver
Councillor Bill Soprovich, West Vancouver

Councillor David Chesney, White Rock
Councillor Helen Fathers, White Rock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Kim Trowbridge, Anmore

Councillor Bruce Drake, Belcarra

Mayor Murray Skeels, Bowen Island
Councillor Gary Ander, Bowen Island
Councillor Michael Kaile, Bowen Island
Councillor Alison Morse, Bowen Island

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Councillor Anne Kang, Burnaby
Councillor Nick Volkow, Burnaby

Councillor Dennis Marsden, Coquitlam
Councillor Chris Wilson, Coquitlam
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Coquitlam

Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta
Councillor Sylvia Bishop, Delta
Councillor Robert Campbell, Delta
Councillor Ian Paton, Delta

MEMBERS ABSENT (Continued):

Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A
Alternate Director Bill Holmes, Electoral Area A

Councillor Jack Arnold, Langley City

Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Councillor Petrina Arnason, Langley Township
Councillor David Davis, Langley Township
Councillor Charlie Fox, Langley Township
Councillor Kim Richter, Langley Township

Councillor Norman Barmeier, Lions Bay
Councillor Jim Hughes, Lions Bay

Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge
Councillor Corisa Bell, Maple Ridge
Councillor Gordy Robson, Maple Ridge
Councillor Tyler Shymkiw, Maple Ridge

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, New Westminster

Councillor Pam Bookham, North Vancouver City
Councillor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Councillor Craig Keating, North Vancouver City

Councillor Roger Bassam, North Vancouver District
Councillor Robin Hicks, North Vancouver District
Councillor Doug MacKay-Dunn, North Vancouver District
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District

Councillor, Vacant, Pitt Meadows

Councillor Laura Dupont, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Glenn Pollock, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Dean Washington, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Brad West, Port Coquitlam

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Port Moody
Councillor Barbara Junker, Port Moody
Councillor Meghan Lahti, Port Moody
Councillor Hunter Madsen, Port Moody

Councillor Derek Dang, Richmond
Councillor Chak Au, Richmond

MEMBERS ABSENT (Continued):

Councillor Ken Johnston, Richmond

Mayor Linda Hepner, Surrey
Councillor Tom Gill, Surrey
Councillor Bruce Hayne, Surrey
Councillor Mary Martin, Surrey
Councillor Mike Starchuk, Surrey
Councillor Barbara Steele, Surrey
Councillor Judy Villeneuve, Surrey

Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Laura Cassidy, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Tanya Corbet, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Andrea Jacobs, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Nikki Jacobs, Tsawwassen First Nation

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver
Councillor George Affleck, Vancouver
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vancouver
Councillor Hector Bremner, Vancouver
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver

Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver
Councillor Mary-Ann Booth, West Vancouver
Councillor Nora Gambioli, West Vancouver

Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock
Councillor Megan Knight, White Rock
Councillor Bill Lawrence, White Rock
Councillor Grant Meyer, White Rock
Councillor Lynne Sinclair, White Rock

STAFF:

Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

Welcoming Remarks

Director Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, welcomed members and introduced the meeting agenda. Director Malcolm Brodie, Mayor, City of Richmond, welcomed members to the City of Richmond.

Director Moore commented on recent media coverage related to Metro Vancouver Head Office.

Climate 2050 Strategy

Director Derek Corrigan, Chair, Metro Vancouver Climate Action Committee, and Neal Carley, General Manager, Policy, Planning and Environment, updated members on the Climate 2050 Strategy highlighting Metro Vancouver's *Board Strategic Plan*, Climate 2050 Discussion Paper, Metro Vancouver's role in climate change, anticipated climate impacts to 2050, regional sources of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, GHG emissions forecasted to 2035, 2050 goal to reduce GHGs by 80%, vision statement, issues areas, framework, and education and engagement strategy. Members were also provided with a video presentation on air quality and climate change in Metro Vancouver.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- how Climate 2050 will explore GHG emission contributions by sector and the development of related adaption strategies
- discussions with the Province regarding changes to the *BC Building Code* and other regulatory changes to achieve a reduction in GHGs

A comment was offered about consideration being given to sharing of local and regional best practices to achieve a collective reduction in GHG emission targets efficiently and effectively.

North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Director Darrell Mussatto, Chair, Metro Vancouver Utilities Committee, and Peter Navratil, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services, updated members on the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Project highlighting regulatory requirements, funding partners, design status, ground improvements underway, district energy options, and conveyance.

Solid Waste Update

Director Malcolm Brodie, Chair, Metro Vancouver Zero Waste Committee, updated members on regional solid waste matters highlighting: diversion targets identified in the *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan*; regional waste reduction and recycling campaigns; disposal ban programs on food scraps, wood, and expanded polystyrene packaging; dedicated recycling areas; transfer station development; and regulatory framework including generator levy, commercial waste hauler licensing, and Bylaw 181 efforts to regulate private sector facilities that manage municipal solid waste through licenses.

National Zero Waste Council Update

Director Malcolm Brodie, Chair, National Zero Waste Council (NZWC) and Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, updated members on the NZWC including: vision, mission, strategic directions, and guiding principles; efforts related to policy, behavioural change, and knowledge-building; participants; 2018 strategic initiatives and new strategy; the cost of food waste, and food loss and waste strategy in Canada; Love Food Hate Waste Canada; reports on minimizing food waste, facilitating food donations, and transitioning to a circular economy; Canada's interest in plastics and ocean protection; and celebrating Canadian design for waste prevention and systems thinking.

In response to questions on solid waste matters and the NZWC, members were informed about:

- discussions with the Province regarding an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program for mattresses to address local governments costs associated with illegal dumping
- regional focus on source reduction to remove recyclable materials from the waste stream
- regulatory initiatives to support the development of regional recycling facilities
- staff reporting back to the Board in late 2018/early 2019 with results of consultation on and options for the development of a regional strategy to reduce single-use items
- Metro Vancouver engaging youth through school educator and youth leadership programs
- Metro Vancouver and Recycling Council of BC smart phone apps providing information on the location of recycling facilities and recyclable materials
- efforts to maximize opportunities to accept banned materials for regional at Metro Vancouver transfer stations
- plans to expand the drywall recycling pilot program at all regional transfer stations
- 2018 Canadian Leaders and Experts Roundtable on Plastics and Marine Litter representatives
- staff efforts to explore how to increase opportunities for construction material recycling and the current regulatory framework for waste disposal
- consultation efforts on the overall regulatory framework to address odour management issues at organic waste facilities
- a regional ban on expanded polystyrene commencing July 1, 2018 including packaging, but not food packaging
- staff efforts to work with Recycle BC on educating residents on recycling options of polystyrene

Comments were offered about consideration being given to:

- the Provincial government's agreement to explore a mattress EPR Program as part of its responses to the 2017 *Local Government Matters Campaign*
- focusing on reducing single-use items immediately until efforts are complete on the consideration of a complete ban
- increasing education efforts on regional recycling facilities, recyclable and banned materials, and on communicating the solid waste portion of property taxes
- challenges associated with addressing environmental impacts of micro plastics
- Metro Vancouver's discussion paper on odour management best practices as a resource

Members were encouraged to register for the National Zero Waste Conference to be held in Vancouver on November 8 and 9, 2018.

Metro Vancouver Housing Update

Director Mike Clay, Chair, Metro Vancouver Housing Committee, and Donna Brown, General Manager, Human Resources and Housing Services, updated members on Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) initiatives highlighting regional sites and tenants, the *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy*, financial and environmental sustainability, collaboration, and vision. Members were provided with a video presentation on the ground-breaking event at Heather Place.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- annual reviews to confirm tenant income levels and to ensure tenants are housed appropriately
- completion of the MVHC facility condition assessment
- efforts underway to explore MVHC redevelopment opportunities of existing sites
- efforts to explore collaborative opportunities with member jurisdictions as part of developing 10- and 30-year action plans to increase affordable housing units

Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing

Director Richard Stewart, Chair, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee, and Neal Carley, General Manager, Parks, Planning and Environment, Metro Vancouver, updated members on transit-oriented affordable housing activities highlighting housing and transit convergence, opportunities through the National Housing Strategy, Homes for BC Plan, TransLink Phase 2 Investment Plan, and multi-sectoral partnerships, and Metro Vancouver efforts related to policy, research and advocacy. Member were also updated on Phase 1 key findings and knowledge transfer, and Phase 2 proposed research streams as part of Metro Vancouver's *Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study*.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- the goal to increase density of rental housing around transit corridors
- challenges with retaining rental housing near its end of life when it is not economically viable to replace with rental housing

Government Engagement Update

Director Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, updated members on Metro Vancouver's activities to engage the senior government on regional priorities highlighting solid waste regulations, affordable housing initiatives, National Zero Waste Council, and the City of Abbotsford's withdrawal from the Metro Vancouver Parks function.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- no response to date from the Board's correspondence to the Province expressing concerns about provincial school tax implications
- historical changes in how school tax has been collected

A comment was offered about the need to improve public communications on breaking down property taxes to better reflect local governments being a tax collector for other authorities.

Phase 2 Investment Plan for the Mayors' 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transportation

Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, and Andrew McCurran, Director of Strategic Planning and Policy, TransLink, provided members with a presentation on TransLink Mayors Council's Phase Two Plan Investment Plan including highlights from Phase 1, 2017 ridership and increases by mode, location of planned transit improvement, senior government funding contributions, and public consultation.

In response to questions, members were informed about:

- 2017 ridership growth exceeding Phase 1 projections by a factor of two
- TransLink Mayors Council efforts to explore mobility pricing as an option to replacing gas tax funds
- challenges and considerations with using fare revenue as part of long-term financial planning
- TransLink and North Shore municipalities strategizing on how to address current and future transit challenges in North Shore communities with a report expected in summer 2018
- increased ridership on the Evergreen, Expo and Millennium Skytrain lines
- how ride-sharing services are impacting transit systems differently across North America with consideration given to existing traffic planning and congestion, the economy, and gas prices
- Mobility Pricing Commission efforts to explore opportunities and incentives related to urban freight movement
- The development of the Regional Goods Movement Strategy

Presentation material titled “Council of Councils” and video presentations titled “Air Quality in Metro Vancouver” and “Housing” are retained with April 28, 2018 Council of Councils Committee agenda.

Roundtable

No items presented.

Closing Remarks

Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, offered closing remarks.

Adjournment

The meeting was declared concluded at 11:43 a.m.

Janis Knaupp,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Greg Moore, Chair