

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors held at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Electoral Area A, Chair, Director Maria Harris  
Lions Bay, Vice Chair, Director Karl Buhr  
Belcarra, Director Ralph Drew  
Port Moody, Director Mike Clay

Surrey, Director Tom Gill  
West Vancouver, Director Michael Smith  
Vancouver, Director Kerry Jang

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer  
Klara Kutakova, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Harris informed those present that an outdated version of the Official Community Plan Bylaw was included in public hearing materials made available to the public in the June 6, 2018 Public Hearing agenda, and as such, the Hearing was being re-held.

Chair Harris called the Public Hearing to order and informed those present that the hearing was to:

- consider *Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017*, pursuant to provisions in the *Local Government Act*; and
- provide persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposal a reasonable opportunity to be heard, or to present written submissions.

The Chair established procedural rules for conduct at the Public Hearing as follows:

- speakers must register in numerical order, state their name and address prior to speaking, limit comments to 5 minutes, and may not speak a second time until all registered speakers have had the opportunity to speak a first time;
- written submissions must be made prior to the close of the Public Hearing and will form part of the public record; and
- those present are to respect the rights of others to express opinions and to refrain from applause and other expressions.

## 2. REFERENCE MATERIALS

### 2.1 Metro Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017

### 2.2 Notice of Public Hearing

### 2.3 Electoral Area A Official Community Plan – Public Hearing Report

Report dated May 28, 2018 from Marcin Pachcinski, Electoral Area and Environment Division Manager, Parks, Planning and Environment, providing background information for the public hearing for the proposed *MVRD Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017*.

## 3. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

A total of ten written submissions were received as follows:

- eight from Barnston Island land owners expressing opposition to the Bylaw
- one from a west Pitt Lake resident inquiring about the Official Community Plan
- one from an Indian Arm resident expressing concerns about services and building regulations

Written submissions are retained with July 4, 2018 MVRD Public Hearing agenda.

## 4. SPEAKERS

### 4.1 Tony Akester, Indian Arm, BC

Tony Akester, Indian Arm resident since 1978, expressed concerns regarding confusing and insufficient emergency response services in Indian Arm, older seasonal and recreational cabin properties being subject to current building regulations and associated costs when contemplating new construction, renovation, or expansion. He spoke about health authority rules around drinking water and provincial licensing requirements, challenges with replacing his septic system, and how construction of estate homes is significantly altering land, interfering with shoreline and marine life, changing community character, and setting precedent for future development.

Mr. Akester commented that the Official Community Plan should prioritize access to services for residents, include building regulations that maintain community character, and not establish a minimum lot size for seasonal cottage properties. He commented that short-term rentals will not be a concern in Indian Arm due to properties being strictly accessible by boat and having limited/no access to amenities and services.

Chair Harris asked three times if there were any speakers wishing to speak in connection with *MVRD Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017*. There were no speakers wishing to speak to the Bylaw.

**5. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

The Chair declared the Public Hearing concluded and reminded Directors that no new information could be received in relation to the matter.

The meeting concluded at 9:19 a.m.

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Klara Kutakova,  
Deputy Corporate Officer

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Maria Harris, Public Hearing Chair