

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
VOTING ALLOCATION TASK FORCE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Voting Allocation Task Force held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2018 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam
Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A
Councillor Bob Long, Langley Township
Councillor Raymond Louie, Vancouver
Mayor Darrell Mussatto, North Vancouver City
Councillor Barbara Steele, Surrey
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Voting Allocation Task Force adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 14, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

No items presented.

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Board Composition and Voting Structure – Background Information

Report dated January 31, 2018 from Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer/Director, Board and Information Services, Legal and Legislative Services, providing background information to the Task Force on the effect of a regional population increase on the Board composition and voting structure.

Members were provided with a presentation on Metro Vancouver's current Board composition and voting structure and were provided with potential options for Board composition for the Task Force's consideration.

Members explored options for changes in the voting unit and board size and the projected implications to small and medium-sized municipalities, as well as how a reduced cap on the number of directors would impact the Cities of Surrey and Vancouver in the short-term.

Members further discussed:

- Letters Patent and the *Local Government Act* changes
- maintaining the status quo for using Statistics Canada data to determine board composition and voting rights
- implications to standing committee appointments from reducing Board size
- council capacity to appoint Board directors and alternate directors
- whether or not there is value to the public from a change in Board size
- seeking feedback from the cities of Surrey and Vancouver on consideration of a cap on the number of Board directors being at 6

Presentation material titled "Board Composition and Voting Structure" is retained with the February 14, 2018 Voting Allocation Task Force agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Voting Allocation Task Force refer to staff the January 31, 2018 report titled "Board Composition and Voting Structure – Background Information", and direct staff to report back with:

- a) options for changing the voting unit;
- b) options for imposing a cap on the number of Board directors;
- c) a comparison with other regional districts on voting allocation;
- d) how the *Community Charter* establishes council size; and
- e) recommended next steps to develop a strategy for the Board's consideration.

CARRIED

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to email to the Voting Allocation Task Force a screenshot of the voting strength spreadsheet presented at its February 14, 2018 meeting.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

No items presented.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Members were informed that the next Task Force will be March 16, 2018.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

10. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

No items presented.

11. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Voting Allocation Task Force conclude its regular meeting of February 14, 2018.

CARRIED

(Time: 12:38 p.m.)

Janis Knaupp,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Greg Moore, Chair