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Mayor Megan Knight and Council  
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Dear Mayor Megan Knight and Council:

**Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan**

*Metro 2050*, the regional growth strategy, is the regional federation's plan for managing growth coming to Metro Vancouver in a way that: protects important lands like agricultural, ecologically important, and industrial lands; contains growth within an urban containment boundary and directs it to transit oriented locations; and supports the efficient provision of utilities and transit. *Metro 2050* contains six regional and parcel based land use designations that support those objectives. By signing on to *Metro 2050*, if a member jurisdiction aspires to change the regional land use designation for a site then, as part of the process, they have agreed to have the Metro Vancouver Board consider any regional implications of the proposed amendment. *Metro 2050* outlines the process for proposed amendments.

Amendments are proposed to *Metro 2050* that will better align its land use designations with the MVRD Board-adopted 2018 Electoral Area A Official Community Plan that applies to the majority of the rural and remote portions of the Electoral Area (excluding UBC, UEL, Bowyer Island, Passage Island, and First Nation reserve lands). Staff have identified *Metro 2050* regional land use designation changes to ninety-two Electoral Area A parcels for the MVRD Board's consideration.

These proposed amendments are consistent with *Metro 2050's* goals and strategies, and bring the *Metro 2050* and OCP land use designations into closer alignment. They do not alter the intent of *Metro 2050*.

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At its February 23, 2024 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) adopted the following resolution:

*That the MVRD Board:*

- a) *initiate the Metro 2050 Type 2 and Type 3 amendment processes to reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan;*
- b) *give first, second, third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1378, 2024”;*
- c) *give first, second, third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1379, 2024”; and*
- d) *direct staff to notify affected local governments as per section 6.4.2 of Metro 2050.*

As required by both the *Local Government Act* and *Metro 2050*, the regional growth strategy amendment process requires a minimum 45-day notification period to allow all affected local governments, First Nations, and members of the public to provide comment on the proposed amendment. Following the comment period, the MVRD Board will review all comments received and consider adoption of the amendment bylaw.

The proposed amendments are either Type 2 and Type 3 amendments to *Metro 2050*. The first requires adoption with a weighted 2/3 majority of the Board, and the second requires adoption by a weighted 50%+1 vote of the Board. For more information on regional growth strategy amendment procedures, please refer to Sections 6.3 and 6.4 in *Metro 2050*. Enclosed is a Metro Vancouver staff report dated January 20, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan” providing background information and an assessment of the proposed amendment regarding its consistency with *Metro 2050*.

You are invited to submit comments via council resolution on the proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, by phone at 604-432-6391, or by email at [jonathan.cote@metrovancover.org](mailto:jonathan.cote@metrovancover.org) by **May 5, 2024**.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: [MVRD Board report dated January 20, 2024, titled "Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan" \(pg. 197\)](#)

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