

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: April 29, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Anne Berry, Director, Planning and Development Services

SUBJECT: Response to Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council receive for information the corporate report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled “Response to Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors;” and

1. Authorize the Director of Corporate Administration to respond to the Metro Vancouver Board stating that the City does not object to the proposed Type 3 amendment request to Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy, and by sending Council commentary and any applicable resolution along with this corporate report as a response to the Metro Vancouver Board request for comment.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to notify Council of proposed amendments to *Metro 2050*, the Regional Growth Strategy, and to provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments.

BACKGROUND

Metro 2050, the regional growth strategy (RGS), is the regional district’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 seeks 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.

Over the first year since Metro 2050 was adopted on February 24, 2023, Metro Vancouver staff identified some minor inconsistencies in terminology, formatting, numerical references, and mapping that are proposed to be corrected through a Type 3 amendment. The proposed amendment also includes mapping revisions that stem from MVRD Board-accepted regional context statements, regional land use designation amendments made under the municipal

flexibility clause, updates to Metro 2050 reference maps based on new data (e.g., new sensitive ecosystem inventory map) and corrections to map text and designation boundaries.

The proposed revisions are administrative in nature and do not alter the intent of Metro 2050. The amendment is intended to ensure that Metro 2050 contains the most current and correct maps and text.

Type 3 amendments to Metro 2050, requires a 50% + 1 weighted vote of the Metro Vancouver Board in favour of the amendment. First, second and third readings of the MVRD amendment bylaw were given on February 23, 2024, and MVRD staff were directed to notify local governments to obtain input. Following consideration of written comments from local governments and other agencies (up to May 5, 2024), the MVRD Board will consider final adoption of the bylaw.

To provide further detail on the proposed amendment the letter from Metro Vancouver inviting comment from local governments, and the MVRD Board report are attached as Appendices A and B, for Council's information.

ANALYSIS

Proposed Type 3 Amendments to Metro 2050

The proposed Type 3 amendment is comprised of Map and text amendments which are listed below:

Map Amendments

- Township of Langley: Update Metro 2050 maps to correct a designation for one parcel based on the MVRD Board accepted Regional Context Statement dated November 25, 2016 and to fix a text labelling error;
- Village of Lions Bay: Update Metro 2050 maps to reflect the MVRD Board accepted Regional Context Statement dated July 29, 2022. The update removes the Village from the Urban Containment Boundary and re-designates the Village from 'General Urban' to 'Rural';
- City of New Westminster: Update Metro 2050 maps to adjust the boundary of the Regional City Centre geography;
- City of Pitt Meadows: Update Metro 2050 maps to reflect the MVRD Board accepted Regional Context Statement dated September 23, 2022;
- City of Richmond: Update Metro 2050 maps to correct a minor mapping error in the Regional City Centre geography;
- City of Vancouver: Update Metro 2050 maps to reflect regional land use amendments made under the municipal flexibility clause.

Images of the updated maps can be found in the MVRD Board report attached as Appendix B to this staff report.

Text Amendments

The proposed amendment also includes the following types of minor text amendments to Goal 3 Policies 3.2.3 b) and 3.4.4 c) in the Metro 2050 RGS:

- Formatting revisions such as removing double spacing, updating numeric order, and bolding or italicizing words (e.g. "Metro 2050" bolding removed);
- Wording revisions including hyphenating words and correcting spelling (e.g. "long-term" instead of "longer-term"); and

- Revising outdated links and references (e.g. for Policy 3.2.3 b), reference to “regional multihazard mapping” is removed).

The text amendments do not constitute policy or material changes and do not alter the intent of Metro 2050.

Staff Commentary

Staff have reviewed the proposed amendments to Metro 2050 and have no concerns. Staff recommend this corporate report, along with Council comments and any applicable resolution be sent to Metro Vancouver Board as a response to their request for comments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the proposed amendment.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None are identified at this time. White Rock is being invited to comment on a Regional Growth Strategy Amending Bylaw as required by the *Local Government Act* and *Metro 2050 RGS* and as a member municipality of the MVRD.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES

The following alternative options are available for Council's consideration:

1. Council support staff forwarding a letter on its behalf to Metro Vancouver expressing the City's opposition to the proposed Type 3 amendment request to Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy along with the comments noted in this report.
2. Council declines to participate in providing comments to Metro Vancouver on the proposed Type 3 amendment.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver is seeking comment on a proposed Type 3 amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy. The requested RGS amendment is not expected to affect the City's interests and as such, staff have no objection to the same. Staff recommend that Council authorize the Director of Corporate Administration to respond to the Metro Vancouver Board by sending Council commentary and any applicable resolution along with this corporate report as a response to the Metro Vancouver Board's request for comment.

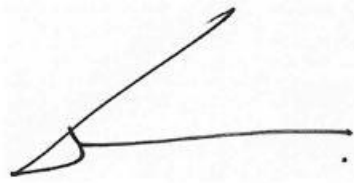
Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Planning and Development Services

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation(s) of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Letter from Metro Vancouver received March 21, 2024

Appendix B: Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors