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

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

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.

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*. This amendment is an administrative amendment intended to ensure that *Metro 2050* contains the most current and correct maps and text.

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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 amendment process for the Metro 2050 Type 3 Amendment to reflect accepted regional context statements and correct minor errors;*
- b) give first, second, and third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1380, 2024”; and*
- c) 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 amendment is a Type 3 amendment to *Metro 2050*, which requires that an amendment bylaw be passed by the MVRD Board by an affirmative 50% + 1 weighted vote. 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 23, 2024, titled “*Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors*” providing background information and a summary of the amendment.

You are invited to submit written 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 by **May 5, 2024**.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: [MVRD Board report dated January 23, 2024, titled “Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors” \(pg. 139\)](#)