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Dear Mayor Megan Knight and Council:

## Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard)

You are invited to provide written comments on a proposed amendment to *Metro 2050*, the regional growth strategy. *Metro 2050* 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 land use designation for a site, then, as part of the process, they have agreed to have the Metro Vancouver Board consider the regional implications of the proposed amendment. *Metro 2050* outlines the process for proposed amendments.

The City of Delta is requesting an amendment to *Metro 2050* for a 1.61-hectare site comprising portions of two properties located on Springs Boulevard in the Tsawwassen area. The proposed amendment would redesignate the regional land use of the site from Agricultural to General Urban to accommodate 60 townhouses. The site has received conditional approval from the Agricultural Land Commission for exclusion from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

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At its February 28, 2025 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) passed the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the Metro 2050 amendment process for the City of Delta's requested regional land use designation amendment from Agricultural to General Urban for the lands located at 4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard;
- b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1406, 2025";
- notify affected local governments and the Agricultural Land Commission and post the application on the Metro Vancouver website to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment as per Section 6.4.2 of Metro 2050; and
- d) direct staff to notify in region First Nations via referral offices to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment is a Type 2 amendment to *Metro 2050*, which requires that an amendment bylaw be passed by the MVRD Board by an affirmative two-thirds 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 15, 2025, titled "Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard)" providing background information and an assessment of the proposed amendment regarding its consistency with *Metro 2050*.

If you have any questions or wish to comment with respect to the proposed amendment, please contact Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Development, by phone at 604-432-6391 or by email at jonathan.cote@metrovancouver.org by June 13, 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: Metro Vancouver Board report dated January 15, 2025, titled "Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Delta (4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard)" (pg. 848)

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