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Dear Mayor Megan Knight and Council:

## Adoption of Metro 2050, the Updated Regional Growth Strategy

At its February 24, 2023 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver) adopted *Metro 2050*, the update to the regional growth strategy, with the following resolutions:

## *That the MVRD Board:*

- Receive the report dated February 2, 2023, titled "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022 Third Reading and Final Adoption";
- b) Give third reading to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022" as contained in the Attachment to the report;
- c) Pass, and finally adopt "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022";
- d) Notify the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the MVRD Board has adopted "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022"; and
- e) Notify all affected local governments, local First Nations, and other organizations and government agencies that participated in the development of Metro 2050 that the MVRD Board has adopted the "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022".

Metro Vancouver has been working closely with member jurisdictions, TransLink, local First Nations, provincial ministries, and other agencies and organizations over the past four years on the development of the updated strategy. *Metro 2050* replaces *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* and will guide land use decisions in the Metro Vancouver region over the coming decades. It advances a shared vision for a sustainable, prosperous, and livable region, and introduces new and enhanced policies to help address the significant challenges facing this region, in particular: climate change; housing affordability; equity; and resilience.

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Metro 2050 is available on the Metro Vancouver website. Furthermore, a copy of the bylaw and the accompanying staff report, as well as a variety of communication and informational materials including: videos; reports; images; and social media posts are available for your information at <a href="materials-metrovancouver.org/metro2050">metrovancouver.org/metro2050</a>. Please share this notice of the adoption of Metro 2050 with relevant staff and local partners.

Over the next two years, Metro Vancouver will be working with the member jurisdictions to prepare new regional context statements that shows alignment between local official community plans and *Metro 2050*, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*. To support this work, new implementation guidelines and other materials will be prepared to support the preparation of regional context statements, as well as the implementation of the new policy directions and targets in *Metro 2050*. Metro Vancouver staff are available to answer questions and assist as needed.

We extend our gratitude to you and your staff for your participation, ongoing engagement and support in the development of *Metro 2050* over the last four years. We know that this required considerable engagement, and we appreciate your commitment to creating this shared vision for the future of this region.

If you have any questions regarding the regional growth strategy, the process for adopting the bylaw, or next steps, please do not hesitate to contact Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, by email at <a href="mailto:Heather.McNell@metrovancouver.org">Heather.McNell@metrovancouver.org</a> or by phone at 604-436-6813.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Reference: Report – February 13, 2023, "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022 Third Reading and Final Adoption"