

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, February 23, 2023

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Metro Vancouver Regional District

E1.1 2024 Invest Vancouver Management Board Meeting Schedule, Work Plan, and the Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Plan **APPROVED**

This report contains a summary of the committee work plan, the terms of reference, the Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Work Plan, and the committee meeting schedule. The committee work plan has been advanced in alignment with the *Board Strategic Plan*, the Board-approved 2024 budget and the *Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Plan*. The annual plan builds on existing priorities identified in 2023 that aim to position the region for success in a rapidly evolving global economy to advance broadly shared prosperity for residents.

The Board endorsed the *Invest Vancouver 2024 Annual Plan* as presented.

E1.2 Investment Attraction Update **RECEIVED**

Invest Vancouver had a record year for investment attraction, with seven companies expanding in the region, representing 772 jobs and \$1.231 billion in investment. Invest Vancouver worked with 120 leads for companies interested in the Metro Vancouver region. These leads came from a variety of sources including partner referrals, in-market activities which included participating in 15 events outside the region, 12 local business conferences, and hosting 15 delegations. Invest Vancouver also launched a customer relationship management system, and is initiating a new request for information process with member jurisdictions to identify site locations for investors. The Invest Vancouver pipeline for leads now includes 101 opportunities, representing a tenfold increase from this time last year. These opportunities represent the potential for 1,593 jobs and \$1.6 billion in investment. Invest Vancouver will continue to refine processes, improve approaches, target smarter, and add on new initiatives where appropriate in 2024.

The Board received the report for information.

E2.1 UBCM Resolutions Supporting Climate 2050 Priority Advocacy Actions – Provincial Funding for Energy Efficient and Zero Emissions Equipment for Existing Buildings **APPROVED**

The Board endorsed the following resolution, as amended by the Climate Action Committee, to be sent to the LMLGA before the February 28 submission deadline:

Whereas energy-efficient and zero-emissions building equipment provide benefits such as lower annual energy costs and improved resilience to extreme heat events;

And whereas the CleanBC Better Homes and Better Buildings programs provide incentives and rebates to reduce the significant cost barriers to implementing energy-efficiency and zero-emissions retrofits for existing buildings, yet multi-unit residential buildings including affordable housing have limited access to these incentive programs;

Therefore, be it resolved that the UBCM urge the Government of BC to significantly increase funding for provincial incentive programs to support energy-efficient and zero-emissions equipment for existing buildings, to ensure that incentives can leverage pre-2030 replacement cycles for residential and commercial building equipment;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the Government of BC to ensure that existing and future incentives and support programs are available for all building types, prioritizing multi-unit rental, affordable, and non-market housing, and building types that are not covered in current incentives and rebates.

E2.2 UBCM Resolutions Supporting Climate 2050 Priority Advocacy Actions – Provincial Funding for Active Transportation Infrastructure **APPROVED**

The Board endorsed the following resolution to be sent to the LMLGA before the February 28 deadline for submissions:

Whereas BC municipalities face significant capital funding challenges in delivering new active transportation infrastructure, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide lower-cost transportation options to BC residents, bring economic and health benefits to BC communities, and increase resilience of transportation networks, as demonstrated by similar investments in other jurisdictions;

And whereas the Government of BC has invested over \$40 million since 2014 to fund new active transportation infrastructure, has committed an additional \$30 million to fund active transportation infrastructure in *Budget 2022*, and has introduced rebates to support BC residents in choosing e-bikes which were quickly over-subscribed, demonstrating that there is significant latent demand by residents across BC for active transportation options, and *Transport 2050: 10-Year Priorities for TransLink* calls for \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years for capital investments for active transportation infrastructure in the Metro Vancouver region;

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of BC to expand funding for active transportation infrastructure to at least \$300 million annually over the next 10 years to support the development of protected, connected, and accessible local cycling and walking infrastructure networks across BC, that are integrated into larger regional active transportation and public transit networks.

E2.3 UBCM Resolutions Supporting Climate 2050 Priority Advocacy Actions – Provincial Funding for Electric Vehicle Charger Deployment **APPROVED**

The Board endorsed the following resolution to be sent to the LMLGA before the February 28 deadline for submissions:

Whereas Metro Vancouver has identified that by 2035 up to 350,000 existing parking spots in multi-unit residential buildings in the region will be retrofitted to be electric vehicle (EV) charging ready, and 2,200 to 2,900 public direct current fast charging (DCFC) ports and 32,000 to 47,000 public Level 2 ports will be needed to support anticipated demand for EV charging, requiring significant capital investment in both public charging and multi-unit residential buildings retrofits totaling approximately \$1.2 billion in Metro Vancouver alone by 2035;

And whereas the Government of BC has provided funding for the purchase and installation of EV chargers for home and public charging through the Go Electric EV Charger Rebate Program to complement the rapid increase of EV sales required through the BC Zero-Emissions Vehicle Act reaching 100 per cent by 2035;

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of BC to expand and enhance the funding available through the CleanBC Go Electric Rebate Program to offer sufficient rebates for charging in multi-unit residential buildings and public charging to support the expected rapid uptake of EVs in BC.

E3.1 Continuous Improvement Project Highlights and Updates **RECEIVED**

With regional affordability and financial sustainability as key strategic priorities for the Metro Board, it is important that regular reporting is provided to the Finance Committee regarding the status of both qualitative and quantitative impacts that many improvements or innovative measures are having on service levels and affordability for regional rate payers. Continuous improvement (CI) is a systematic and ongoing effort to enhance products, services, or processes within an organization with the primary goal to incrementally improve efficiency, quality, and overall performance over time and is integral within Metro Vancouver. Project tracking and reporting will help to ensure transparency, accountability, and successful project outcomes. Currently there are approximately over 100 CI initiatives underway across Metro Vancouver that will form part of ongoing reporting to the Finance Committee.

The Board received the report for information.

E4.1 2024 Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Applications **APPROVED**

The Caucus of Committee Chairs is responsible for overseeing the Metro Vancouver Sustainability Innovation Funds, and for making funding recommendations to the respective Metro Vancouver Boards. Staff review and evaluate all proposals that are submitted for consideration. This report presents three projects recommended for funding, totalling \$2,560,000 over three years, through the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund. The projects cover a range of climate action areas and affordable housing policy initiatives.

The Board approved the allocation from the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund for the following projects:

- Rental Housing Blueprint: Streamlining Multi-Family Affordable Rental Housing Delivery Through Standardization and Modern Construction Methods for \$2,130,000 from 2024 to 2026
- Comprehensive Assessment and Regulation of Expanded Group of Greenhouse Gases (CARE-3G) for \$230,000 from 2024 to 2025
- Feasibility Study for a Pilot Microgrid Project in the Metro Vancouver Region for \$200,000 from 2024 to 2025

E5.1 Sasamat Fire Protection Service – Capital Facility Reserve Fund APPROVED

The two existing Sasamat Fire Protection Service fire halls are essential infrastructure. At the October 26, 2023 Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees endorsed releasing up to \$500,000 from the Sasamat Fire Protection Service’s Capital Facility Reserve Fund to help fund a preliminary design for the replacement of the two fire halls.

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E5.2 Provincial Government’s Use of Non-disclosure Agreements during Engagement RECEIVED

In December 2023, the Mayors Committee discussed challenges local governments face working with confidential information received from the provincial government during engagement on forthcoming legislation/policy changes. Committee members noted that in some cases, the nondisclosure agreements required by the provincial government are sufficiently restrictive that local government staff are unable to disclose essential information to their elected officials; in other cases, local government elected officials are unable to use or disclose information that is essential for making and implementing public policy decisions for matters within local government jurisdiction. The Board, at its January 26, 2024 meeting, directed staff to report back with a resolution regarding provincial non-disclosure agreements for submission to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Annual Conference.

The Board received the report for information.

**G1.1 Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context APPROVED
Statements and Correct Minor Errors**

Metro 2050 was adopted by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board on February 24, 2023. Over its first year, staff have 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 Board-accepted regional context statements, regional land use 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 Board initiated the *Metro 2050* amendment process for the *Metro 2050* Type 3 amendment to reflect accepted regional context statements and correct minor errors, then gave first, second, and third readings to the amendment bylaw, then directed staff to notify affected local governments as per section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.

G1.2 Metro 2050 Proposed Amendments to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan APPROVED

Amendments are proposed to *Metro 2050* that will better align its land use designations with the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board-adopted *2018 Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw* 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 92 parcels for the 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*. These changes are based on a detailed review of the OCP designations relative to *Metro 2050* regional land-use designations and mapping improvements in the rural and remote reaches of the Electoral Area A. Given the nature of the changes, both Type 2 and Type 3 amendments to *Metro 2050* are required. As a result, two separate amendment bylaws are provided to the Committee and Board for consideration. The first requires adoption with a weighted two-thirds majority of the Board and the second requires adoption by a weighted 50-plus-one per cent vote of the Board.

The Board initiated the *Metro 2050* Type 2 and Type 3 amendment processes to reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan; gave first, second, third readings to two amendment bylaws (*No. 1378, 2024* and *No. 1379, 2024*), and directed staff to notify affected local governments as per section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.

G2.1 Metro Vancouver Regional District Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1374, 2023 APPROVED

At the November 24, 2023 meeting, the Board gave three readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1374, 2023*. Final adoption by the Board is the last approval step in the bylaw process and will provide the authority for temporary borrowing on behalf of GVWD in the amount not exceeding \$1.833 billion, the amount of the *GVWD Borrowing Bylaw No. 261, 2023*, and the maximum borrowing authorized. This will provide Metro Vancouver with borrowing methods equivalent to what is used in municipalities and provides the optimization of cash and investment portfolio decisions which can reduce overall debt servicing costs and provide maximum investment returns.

The Board passed and finally adopted the *Temporary Borrowing Bylaw*.

I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received delegation summaries from standing committees.

Indigenous Relations Committee – February 1, 2024

Information Items:

E2 Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training Video

Metro Vancouver staff are developing an Indigenous cultural awareness training video. The intent is to make viewing of the video mandatory for all construction crews, contractors, sub-contractors, and staff prior to working on Metro Vancouver infrastructure projects. The purpose of the video is to help create an inclusive, respectful, and welcoming work environment for First Nations representatives visiting or working on Metro Vancouver project sites.

E3 Quarterly Update Report on Reconciliation Activities

This update report provides a summary of reconciliation events and activities undertaken by Metro Vancouver since the last Committee meeting in October 5, 2023 as well as information on upcoming events and activities over the next three months.

Climate Action Committee – February 8, 2024

Information Items:

E2 Climate 2050 Engagement and Public Education Priorities

The Climate 2050 Engagement and Public Education Strategy provides a clear approach for robust engagement, collaboration with others, and broader public support for climate action in support of *Climate 2050*. Priorities in the strategy are described in three spheres — developing the *Climate 2050* roadmaps, implementing specific climate actions, and growing public awareness and support. In 2023, over 500 organizations and agencies were encouraged to participate in the roadmaps development, and over 200 were engaged on the implementation of specific climate actions. Staff estimate over 100 hours of direct delivery through public programs and over 10,000 visits to the climate literacy learning platform. A focus for engagement in 2024 and 2025 is to support the implementation of the priority big moves for *Climate 2050*. This report provides an update on delivery of the Climate 2050 Engagement and Public Education Strategy in its second year of implementation.

E3 Energy Transition Frequently Asked Questions: Public Resource

In response to increasing public attention, and discussions at the Climate Action Committee and MVRD Board, staff have developed a resource of frequently asked questions about the energy transition. The draft resource is included as Attachment 1. It will also be available on the Metro Vancouver website.

Regional Planning Committee – February 9, 2024

Information Items:

E4 Updating Metro 2050 Centres and Corridors Targets – Scope of Work

Metro 2050 commits, as an early action, to updating the dwelling unit and employment targets for Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas via an amendment. The Updating Centres and Corridors Targets project will undertake the necessary background research and analysis to develop revised targets that are realistic yet ambitious enough to support the achievement of the shared *Metro 2050* goals (e.g., greenhouse gas emission reduction, transit-oriented affordable housing creation, increased transit ridership, putting jobs in transit-friendly and walkable locations), and also provide greater clarity and identify structural improvements to *Metro 2050*'s targets to make them easier to implement. The project will be supported by a consultant and advised by a working group with a targeted completion date of early 2025. Any proposed *Metro 2050* amendments resulting from this project would occur following that in early to mid-2025 at the direction of the MVRD Board.

E5 Regional Industrial Lands Strategy Bring-to-Market Project – Scope of Work

The *Regional Industrial Lands Strategy* was approved by the MVRD Board in mid-2020. It sets out 10 priority actions and 34 recommendations that continue to be implemented. Metro Vancouver is advancing one priority action through the Bring-to-Market project, which entails identifying an underutilized industrial site with the potential to be redeveloped and densified or intensified. The region is experiencing a critical shortage of industrial land. Some of the region's remaining vacant industrial lands suffer from site- or area-specific challenges, such as limited infrastructure, environmental constraints, or under-sized parcels. Where vacant lands have not come to the market due to one or more of these or other challenges, municipalities may support an assessment of the constraints, and the preparation of a Bring-to-Market plan. This project will identify the issues that have prevented the development of the lands for a select site, and prepare a plan to advance development and achieve the host jurisdiction's land use planning and economic development goals.

E6 Invasive Species Best Management Practices – Japanese Beetle Guidebook

Adding to the existing regional library of technical guidance for priority invasive species, Metro Vancouver has worked with the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, federal and provincial authorities, member jurisdictions, and other local experts to produce a guidebook for the invasive Japanese beetle. This guidebook is designed to introduce local government staff and their contractors to the eradication efforts being undertaken by the multi-agency Japanese beetle response. The document also provides information about current distribution, potential impacts on the agricultural and horticultural sectors in BC, and how to identify, track, report, prevent further spread, and effectively control the Japanese beetle. In addition, the guidebook describes how this species may adapt as our climate changes, increasing the urgency to proactively control and prevent further spread of this high-risk species. An accompanying one-page fact sheet has also been created to raise public awareness.

Caucus of Committee Chairs – February 21, 2024

Information Items:

E2 Climate 2050: Priority Actions to Accelerate Toward our Regional Targets

Metro Vancouver, alongside other similar jurisdictions, is at a critical juncture: The MVRD Board has adopted the necessary targets and plans aligned with the global science to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The pathway to a zero-emissions and resilient region — the technology, regulations, and investments — is well understood. Metro Vancouver’s *Clean Air Plan* and *Climate 2050* strategy and supporting roadmaps outline the necessary actions and roles. The next step is to move swiftly from comprehensive planning to bold leadership through implementation. This report identifies priority Big Moves needed to accelerate toward the Board-adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.

Metro Vancouver Housing

E1.1 The Steller (Southwynde Avenue) Affordable Housing Development – Project Budget Update APPROVED

Metro Vancouver Housing is preparing a building permit submission for the Steller (formerly Southwynde Avenue), a six-storey, 122-unit affordable housing redevelopment located in Burnaby. In October 2020, the Board authorized staff to proceed with design and funding applications for the original design concept for a 122-unit rental building including an integrated child care facility with a project budget of \$45.5 million. From 2021 to 2023, site studies were undertaken, an architect and design team was engaged, a construction management team was engaged, and the design and permitting for new building progressed through schematic design, design development and the rezoning application process. Since the original MVHC Board approval in 2020, estimated project costs have increased to \$93.9 million, based on Class C cost estimates prepared in November 2023.

The Board approved the updated project budget of \$93.9 million based on Class C cost estimates for The Steller and authorized project construction financing and take-out mortgage of up to \$26.6 million and a contribution from MVHC development reserves of up to \$22.5 million to fund the design and construction of this affordable housing project.

E1.2 The Connection (Eastburn Square) Affordable Housing Development – Project Budget Update APPROVED

Metro Vancouver Housing is progressing with a site preparation and construction tender for The Connection (formerly Eastburn Square), a six-storey, 174-unit affordable housing redevelopment located on the existing Eastburn Square housing site in Burnaby. In October 2020, the Board authorized staff to proceed with design and funding applications for the original design concept for a 172-unit rental building with a project budget of \$63.8 million. From 2021 to 2023, site studies were undertaken, an architect and design team was engaged, and the design and permitting for new building progressed through schematic design, design development and the rezoning application process.

Through the design development process, the unit count increased from 172 units to 174 units. Since the original Board approval in 2020, the estimated project costs have increased to \$120.8 million, based on Class B construction cost estimates prepared in October and December 2023.

The Board approved the updated project budget of \$120.8 million, based on Class B cost estimates, for The Connection and authorize project construction financing and take-out mortgage of up to \$43.5 million and a contribution from MVHC development reserves of up to \$17 million to fund the design and construction of this affordable housing project.

E1.3 Approval of Borrowing Agreement Between MVHC and MVRD

APPROVED

The Board approved a financial strategy about two years ago to use borrowing for major rehabilitation and retrofit projects to front-end the program and take advantage of currently available grants. MVHC is seeking to borrow from the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA), through MVRD, an amount up to \$70 million over the next five years, to fund required and Board approved building envelope repairs, and deep retrofits to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency at several of its housing complexes.

Pursuant to Section 179 of the *Community Charter of British Columbia*, under agreement and through an adopted loan authorization bylaw, MVRD may lend to the MVHC, for the purpose of providing public housing. MVHC Board approval to enter into an agreement with MVRD is the first step in the MFA borrowing process. The next step is for MVRD to adopt a *Loan Authorization Bylaw*, to provide the authority for MVRD to borrow from MFA on behalf of MVHC. Adoption of the bylaw requires approval from the MVRD Board, the Inspector of Municipalities, as well as receive electoral assent.

The Board authorized the MVHC officers to enter into an agreement with MVRD authorizing borrowing on behalf of MVHC from the MFA in order to provide funding for MVHC’s capital programs.

Greater Vancouver Water District

E1.1 Lulu-Delta Water Supply Tunnel – Stage Gate 0

APPROVED

The existing Lulu-Delta crossing of the Fraser River between Richmond and Delta near the George Massey Tunnel is a key water main crossing in the region that conveys drinking water from the Seymour Capilano Filtration Plant to Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation.

Following best management practices, a Stage Gate Framework process was implemented for Project Delivery’s high value, risk, and consequence capital projects. This process seeks approval of key milestones through five stage gates from the initiation phase through project close-out. The existing Lulu-Delta crossing is nearing the end of its service life and has reduced pressure capacity due to damage previously sustained due to third-party dredging activities in the Fraser River.

The Board approve Stage Gate 0 for the Lulu-Delta Water Supply Tunnel advancing from the initiation stage to the definition stage.

E1.2 Cambie-Richmond Water Supply Tunnel – Stage Gate 1

APPROVED

The Cambie-Richmond crossing of the Fraser River between Vancouver and Richmond near the Oak Street Bridge is one of the critical crossings in the region that conveys water from the Capilano and Seymour water supply areas to Richmond, Delta, and Tsawwassen First Nation.

Following best management practices, a Stage Gate Framework process was implemented for Project Delivery’s high value, risk, and consequence capital projects. This process seeks approval of key milestones through five stage gates from the initiation phase through project close-out. The definition, or conceptual design, phase for the Cambie-Richmond Water Supply Tunnel was completed in late 2022. Metro Vancouver subsequently short-listed three design engineering firms to participate in the preliminary design request for proposal.

The Board approved Stage Gate 1 for the Cambie-Richmond Water Supply Tunnel advancing from the definition phase to the preliminary design phase.

E2.1 2024 Water Sustainability Innovation Fund Applications

APPROVED

The Caucus of Committee Chairs is responsible for overseeing the Metro Vancouver Sustainability Innovation Funds, and for making all funding recommendations to the respective Metro Vancouver Board. Staff review and evaluate all proposals that are submitted for consideration. This report presents one project recommended for funding, totaling \$1 million, which would be funded through the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund.

The Board approved the allocation from the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund for the Expansion of the Earthquake Early Warning & Structural Health Monitoring Systems project for \$1 million from 2024 to 2026.

G1.1 GVWD Borrowing Bylaw 261, 2023 and GVWD Temporary Borrowing Request Bylaw 262, 2023

APPROVED

On November 24, 2023 the Board gave a third reading to the *Greater Vancouver Water District Borrowing Bylaw No. 261, 2023* and *Greater Vancouver Water District Temporary Borrowing Request Bylaw 262, 2023* and subsequently sent these two bylaws to the Inspector of Municipalities for statutory approval.

Statutory approval of the bylaws was given on January 2, 2024. The Board finally adopted both bylaws.

I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received one information item from one standing committee.

Water Committee – February 7, 2024

Information Items:

E1 Watershed Fisheries Initiatives Annual Update

Water Services, Liquid Waste Services, Regional Parks, and other Metro Vancouver teams at large collectively contribute to Pacific Salmon conservation and restoration in the region. The GVWD manages and participates in fisheries management and restoration initiatives both upstream and downstream of the primary dams in each of the three water supply areas in the Capilano, Seymour, and Coquitlam River watersheds. 2023 was a good year for adult salmon return numbers aided with a fall drought ending sooner than in 2022. Two new water supply agreements were developed with BC Hydro for fisheries conservation efforts and Sockeye Salmon restoration at Coquitlam. Metro Vancouver strives to continually improve fisheries protection and enhancement initiatives for the recovery of Pacific Salmon populations while collaborating with stewardship groups, First Nations, and agencies under provincial and federal regulatory regimes.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

E1.1 Award of a Contract Resulting from ITT No. 23-378: Construction Services – Royal Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation APPROVED

The Royal Avenue Pump Station, located in New Westminster, requires rehabilitation. The scope of work consists of replacing the station electrical equipment, building an expansion to the odour control building for installation of the new electrical equipment above ground, replacing a short forcemain connecting the pump station discharge header to the Royal Avenue control chamber, and replacing the three sewage pumps.

The Board approved award the contract for construction services – Royal Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation in the amount of up to \$6,845,655 (exclusive of taxes) to Kenaidan Contracting Ltd., subject to final review by the Commissioner.

G1.1 Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amendment Bylaw No. 375, 2024 – Fraser Sewerage Area – Surrey (South Campbell Heights) APPROVED

On February 25, 2022, the MVRD Board adopted *Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1328, 2021*, which extended the Urban Containment Boundary in Surrey by 223.7 hectares. The bylaw re-designated lands with a Rural regional land use designation to: Mixed Employment; Conservation and Recreation; and Agricultural. It also re-designated 13.4 hectares of existing Mixed Employment lands to Conservation and Recreation.

Surrey requested that the GVS&DD Board consider amending the Fraser Sewerage Area (FSA) by 244.1 ha. The review determined that only 160.6 ha were eligible for sewer services. This request is consistent with the provisions of *Metro 2050*. The *Metro 2050* and Liquid Waste Services technical review indicated a negligible service impact with no material financial impact on the regional sewerage system.

The Board gave first, second, and third readings to the *GVS&DD Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amendment Bylaw No. 375, 2024*; then passed, and finally adopted said bylaw.

I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received a lone information item from a single standing committee.

Zero Waste Committee – February 8, 2024

Delegations:

C1 Mary-Em Waddington, Executive Director, BC Technology for Learning Society

Computers for Schools Plus Program Award

Information Items:

E1 Zero Waste Conference 2023

The 2023 Zero Waste Conference occurred November 1 and 2, and was, as with previous events, well-received by participants. Hosted by Metro Vancouver, the conference included international, national, and local speakers and stories, and met its goal of attracting nearly 600 participants. The conference featured the connections between waste prevention, circular solutions, and a heightened emphasis on climate through the theme of “Climate Action through Circularity.” As requested by past participants, the conference included an increase in networking opportunities. In response to input from participants and partnering organizations, this report also introduces the Zero Waste Committee to the intention that in future years, Metro Vancouver shifts to delivering the conference biannually, with the next one in 2025.

Liquid Waste Committee – February 14, 2024

Information Items:

E2 2023 “Wipe It, Green Bin It” Campaign Results

The disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the regional sewer system is an ongoing issue that costs the region over \$3 million a year. The 2023 “Wipe It, Green Bin It” campaign ran in the lead-up to Thanksgiving and through November, asking residents to put FOG in their green bins and not down their sinks. The campaign included social media, YouTube, television, transit advertising, Google search, and a website. The campaign produced solid results and delivered over 32 million impressions, 1,050 engagements, one million video views, 7,600 clicks for more information, 6,800 website visits, and reached 940,000 residents through online tactics. Post-campaign survey results show the number of residents who say they dispose of FOG into the drain dropped to 32 per cent in 2023, compared to 45 per cent in 2017. The campaign will run in 2024 using similar timing and refreshed creative.