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Mayor Megan Knight and Council City of White Rock 15322 Buena Vista Ave White Rock, BC V4B 1Y6

VIA EMAIL: mknight@whiterockcity.ca; whiterockcouncil@whiterockcity.ca;

Dear Mayor Megan Knight and Council:

Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment City of Maple Ridge (Yennadon Lands)

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 agriculture, 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 a first step, they have agreed to have the Metro Vancouver Board consider regional implications of the proposed amendment. Metro 2050 outlines the process for proposed amendments.

The City of Maple Ridge is requesting a Type 2 Amendment to *Metro 2050* for a 25.4-hectare site comprising 13 properties located south-west of the intersection of 232 Street and 128 Avenue. The proposed amendment would adjust the Urban Containment Boundary to include 23154 128 Avenue and 12791 232 Street (approximately 2 hectares in total), as well as redesignate the regional land uses from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial (18ha) and Conservation and Recreation (7.4ha) to accommodate future industrial uses and protect a portion of the site for nature.

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At its January 26, 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 City of Maple Ridge's requested regional land use designation amendment from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation for the lands located at 22913 127 Avenue, 22992 127 Avenue, 22870 127 Place, 22948 128 Avenue, 22990 128 Avenue, 23008 128 Avenue, 23154 128 Avenue, 12640 228 Street, 12639 232 Street, 12685 232 Street, 12759 232 Street, 12761 232 Street, and 12791 232 Street;
- b) give first, second, and third readings to Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1376, 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 2 amendment to *Metro 2050*, which requires that an amendment bylaw be passed by the MVRD Board by a 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 3, 2024, titled "Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Maple Ridge (Yennadon Lands)" providing background information and an assessment of the proposed amendment regarding its consistency with *Metro 2050*.

You are invited to provide written comments on the proposed amendment. 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 April 18, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

George V. Harvie

Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: MVRD Board report dated January 3, 2024, titled "Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment –

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