



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 10, 2021  
Submitted by: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division  
Subject: Proposed Comments on the Draft *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy

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### Purpose

To provide a summary of the draft *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy and related staff comments.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the staff comments on the draft Regional Growth Strategy, *Metro 2050*, as summarized in the report dated November 10, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Proposed Comments on the Draft *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy be endorsed;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to submit the comments to Metro Vancouver.**

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### Background

Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) is the collective vision for how growth will be managed in the region to support the creation of complete, connected, and resilient communities. This includes diverse and affordable housing, the efficient provision of urban infrastructure such as utilities and transit, sustainable economies, protection of ecological, agricultural, and industrial lands, the impacts of a changing climate, preventing urban sprawl, and more. *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)* is the current RGS for the Metro Vancouver region and was adopted in 2011 by 21 municipalities, TransLink, and adjacent regional districts.

#### *Metro 2050*

In 2019, the Metro Vancouver Board initiated a comprehensive update of *Metro 2040*. The purpose of the update is to extend the Regional Growth Strategy to the year 2050, to consider drivers of change, to improve policies, and to integrate with TransLink's upcoming regional transportation strategy, *Transport 2050*.

Between April 2019 and June 2021, Metro Vancouver undertook research, workshops, and dialogue with member jurisdiction staff, elected officials, First Nations, the Province, organizations and agencies, the public, and other regional stakeholders to gather input and incorporate it into the draft *Metro 2050*. Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions have also

worked in close partnership through a series of policy reviews, meetings, and the *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to identify strengths and gaps in the Regional Growth Strategy. Additionally, Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions have been collectively seeking to improve and update the strategy to better meet the needs of members, while further addressing growing regional challenges.

The draft *Metro 2050* was released and referred by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors to member jurisdictions in June 2021 and remains open for comment until November 26, 2021. Metro Vancouver staff presented the draft *Metro 2050* to Port Moody Council on November 16, 2021. The purpose of this report is to provide associated staff comments for Council endorsement to submit to Metro Vancouver for consideration of incorporation into the draft *Metro 2050*.

## Discussion

The draft *Metro 2050* remains focused on five regional goals, supported by strategies and policy actions for Metro Vancouver, member jurisdictions, and TransLink to implement. The five goals are:

1. create a compact urban area;
2. support a sustainable economy;
3. protect the environment and respond to climate change and natural hazards;
4. provide diverse and affordable housing choices; and
5. support sustainable transportation choices.

The draft *Metro 2050* Executive Summary (**Attachment 1**) provides a concise summary of each of these goals. The full draft *Metro 2050* is available at: [Draft Metro 2050 \(metrovancouver.org\)](https://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/PlanningPublications/DraftMetro2050.pdf)<sup>1</sup>

### *Metro 2050* and the City of Port Moody

City staff have participated in several Metro Vancouver engagement initiatives to contribute to the draft *Metro 2050*. This includes staff participation in the following Metro Vancouver committees and sub-committees:

- Regional Administrative Advisory Committee (RAAC);
- Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC);
- Intergovernmental Advisory Committee;
- RPAC Housing Subcommittee;
- RPAC Social Issues Subcommittee;
- RPAC Environment Subcommittee;
- RPAC Invasive Species Subcommittee;
- Regional Engineers Advisory Committee (REAC);
- REAC Climate Protection Subcommittee;
- Regional Parks Advisory Committee;
- Regional Economic Prosperity Committee; and
- Regional Cultural Development Advisory Group.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/PlanningPublications/DraftMetro2050.pdf>

From fall 2019 to spring 2020, Metro Vancouver staff held workshops and meetings with members of the Metro Vancouver Regional Economic Prosperity Advisory Committee (now the Invest Vancouver Advisory Committee) as part of the engagement process for the development of the Metro Vancouver Industrial Lands Strategy. Some of the key topics discussed that are found in the draft *Metro 2050* plan include the identification and protection of Trade-Oriented lands, consistent and appropriate uses on industrial lands, and land use policies specific for Urban Centres or Frequent Transit Development Areas.

Staff are supportive of the content in the draft *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy and have provided minor comments in each of the five goal areas for Metro Vancouver to consider incorporating into the final version (**Attachment 2**).

## Other Options

THAT staff incorporate the following comments into **Attachment 2** to forward to Metro Vancouver for consideration into the draft *Metro 2050*...

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

There are no communications or civic engagement initiatives associated with consideration of the draft *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy.

## Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The goals and associated actions in the draft *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy are consistent with the 2019-2021 Council Strategic Plan strategic priorities of Environmental Leadership, Healthy City, Economic Prosperity, and Community Evolution and the goals outlined in the Port Moody Climate Action Plan.

## Attachments

1. Draft *Metro 2050* Executive Summary.
2. Draft *Metro 2050* Staff Comments.

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## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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