



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: June 1, 2022
Submitted by: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division
Subject: Response to *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy

Purpose

To provide a response in accordance with the *Local Government Act* indicating acceptance or non-acceptance of the *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the proposed Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022) be accepted, as presented, pursuant to section 436 of the Local Government Act; and

THAT staff be directed to forward the Council resolution of acceptance of Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy (Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022) to Metro Vancouver Regional District.

Background

Metro Vancouver has been working closely with member jurisdictions, local First Nations, and other agencies and organizations over the past three years to review and update the regional growth strategy. *Metro 2050* will replace Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future and will guide land use decisions in Metro Vancouver over the coming decades.

Metro 2050 introduces important new and enhanced policies that will help Metro Vancouver, member jurisdictions, TransLink, and other parties address challenges facing the region, including climate change, housing affordability, equity, and resilience - and will advance a shared vision for a sustainable, prosperous, and livable region. This includes a focus on five regional goals, supported by strategies and policy actions for Metro Vancouver, member jurisdictions, and TransLink to implement:

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 *Metro 2050* Executive Summary (**Attachment 1**) provides a concise summary of each of these goals. The final *Metro 2050* document is available at www.metrovancouver.org/metro2050.

Metro 2050, Bylaw No. 1339, 2022

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022, was given first and second readings by the Metro Vancouver Board on March 25, 2022, and a public hearing was held on April 20, 2022. At its meeting of April 29, 2022, the Metro Vancouver Board resolved to refer Bylaw No. 1339, 2022 to all affected local governments (signatories) for acceptance. **Attachment 2** includes a letter dated May 3, 2022 from Metro Vancouver regarding the referral of *Metro 2050* to affected local governments. In accordance with Section 436 of the *Local Government Act*, affected local governments must, by way of a council resolution, submit a response to Metro Vancouver indicating acceptance or non-acceptance of the regional growth strategy within 60 days of this notice.

Discussion

Metro 2050 and the City of Port Moody

City staff have participated in several Metro Vancouver engagement initiatives to contribute to *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.

In June 2021, draft *Metro 2050* was released and referred by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors to member jurisdictions and remained open for comment until November 26, 2021. Metro Vancouver staff presented the draft *Metro 2050* to Port Moody Council at the Regular Council meeting on November 16, 2021. At the Regular Council meeting on November 23, 2021, Council passed the following resolutions:

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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;

AND THAT Port Moody Council support policies to strengthen Urban Containment Boundaries.

A summary of all comments received for *Metro 2050* and responses are included in the [Issue Response Table](#). A summary of the responses to Port Moody's comments forwarded on November 24, 2021, are included as **Attachment 3**.

Staff recommend acceptance of the *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy.

Other Options

1. THAT the proposed Regional Growth Strategy (Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022) be sent back to Metro Vancouver with the request to make the following revisions...
2. THAT the proposed *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy (Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022) be rejected.

If an affected local government does not accept the regional growth strategy, it must indicate by way of a resolution within the sixty (60) day referral period: (a) the provision(s) to which it objects, (b) the reasons for its objection, and (c) whether it is willing that a provision to which it objects be included in the regional growth strategy on the basis that the provision will not apply to its jurisdiction.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Development of *Metro 2050* included an extensive engagement process over a 3-year period. This included a joint survey with Transport 2050 with 30,000 responses, 4 dialogue events, meetings with First Nations, Council presentations, public webinars, online comment forms and ongoing social media promotion. The Metro 2050 Engagement Plan can be found at [Regional Planning Committee Agenda - July 5, 2019 \(metrovancover.org\)](#).

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The goals and associated actions in the *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. *Metro 2050* Executive Summary
2. Metro Vancouver referral letter dated May 3, 2022
3. *Metro 2050* Issue-Response Table – Port Moody Summary

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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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