

October 2, 2019

Port Moody City Council 100 Newport Drive Port Moody, BC V3H 5C3

Dear Members of Council,

Re: Request Regarding Metro Vancouver Appointments

In the context of the news reports regarding the City of Port Moody's Mayor, at a Closed meeting on September 30, 2019, New Westminster City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas, it is a great privilege to be elected to City Office;

Whereas it is incredibly important to earn and keep the public's trust while serving in public office; and

Whereas as elected officials, it is our responsibility to act on behalf of the public good in all municipalities; and,

Whereas it is our responsibility to speak out when faced with situations that harm and erode the public's trust in elected officials and municipal processes; and,

Whereas it is very difficult to remain silent while serving on municipality boards and committees with another public official who has been named in a serious incident involving sexual assault.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT a letter from Mayor and Council be sent to the City of Port Moody Council requesting that they consider nominating an alternate to Rob Vagramov to serve as a director on the Metro Board; THAT an additional letter be sent to the Metro Vancouver Chair and Vice-Chair asking that Rob Vagramov be removed from his committee appointments until such time as his legal challenges have been resolved;

THAT both of these letters from Mayor and Council be sent immediately; and,

THAT Council write a letter to the Provincial Government requesting action be taken quickly on the 2018 Union of BC Municipalities motions related to these situations.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Jonathan X. Cote

Mayor

Cc: Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer