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Mayor Rob Vagramov and Council
City of Port Moody
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Dear Mayor Vagramov and Council:

Approved Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy

In response to the challenges facing industrial lands and the interests of stakeholders in the region, Metro Vancouver, with the support of the Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force, prepared the *Regional Industrial Lands Strategy*. Over the past two years, this work has been informed by significant research and engagement.

At its July 3, 2020 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver) adopted the following resolutions:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) *approve the Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy as presented in the report dated May 22, 2020, titled "Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy – Revised for Approval", and as revised by the Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force at its June 11, 2020 meeting;*
- b) *forward the Regional Industrial Lands Strategy to member jurisdictions and non-voting Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force member agencies requesting endorsement and implementation of actions attributed to each specific organization; and*
- c) *forward the Regional Industrial Lands Strategy to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Fraser Valley Regional District, Vancouver Airport Authority, and Commercial Real Estate Development Association requesting endorsement, and seeking implementation collaboration opportunities.*

The *Regional Industrial Lands Strategy* seeks to ensure sufficient industrial lands to meet the needs of a growing and evolving regional economy to the year 2050. This vision speaks to both the timeframe for the Strategy and acknowledges the changing nature of work within and beyond our region. The approved Strategy identifies 34 recommendations with 10 priority actions for early implementation (enclosed). Taken together, these actions will help ensure that Metro Vancouver's industrial lands

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continue to provide attractive and viable locations for industrial businesses to locate, grow, and prosper.

As stated in the Strategy, “successfully achieving the vision of the *Regional Industrial Lands Strategy* will require a collaborative approach and sustained effort on the part of various governing bodies and stakeholders with overlapping, yet distinct areas of business and jurisdictions in the region.” No single interest can achieve the strategy’s vision alone. As a result, the Metro Vancouver Board requests that your organization endorse the *Regional Industrial Lands Strategy*, and work collaboratively to implement the actions attributed to your specific mandate and jurisdiction. Metro Vancouver will monitor endorsements and implementation, and the Strategy will be periodically reviewed for effectiveness.

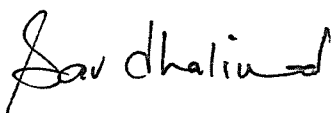
As a separate motion, at its July 3, 2020, regular meeting the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors also adopted the following resolution:

That staff be directed to continue to explore the feasibility of an Industrial Land Reserve, and other potential policy measures and initiatives, and report back the findings to a future Board meeting.

Further work on the above resolution and the recommendations of the Strategy is forthcoming. Staff look forward to collaborating and would be pleased to meet with you and your organization as we move forward in supporting industrial opportunities within our region. More information about the *Regional Industrial Lands Strategy* and associated background materials can be found on the Metro Vancouver website: www.metrovancouver.org (search “Industrial Lands”).

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Aderneck, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services, by phone at 604-436-6991 or by email at Eric.Aderneck@metrovancouver.org.

Yours sincerely,



Sav Dhaliwal
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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cc: Andre Boel, General Manager of Planning and Development, City of Port Moody

Encl: Plan dated June 2020, titled “Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy” (Doc #39834697)