Office of the Chair

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Mayor Mike Hurley and Council City of Burnaby 4949 Canada Way Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Hurley and Council:

Note from Planning Department:

The Metro Vancouver Board has initiated an amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy. The purpose of this minor housekeeping amendment is to incorporate land use designation changes, Urban Containment Boundary adjustments and the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas resulting from the Metro Vancouver Board's acceptance of Regional Context Statements. As such, no further submission or response from the City of Burnaby is required.

Re: Amending *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements

This letter is to inform you of a proposed amendment to *Metro Vancouver 2040*: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040), the regional growth strategy and to invite you to provide written comments on the proposed amendments.

At its May 24, 2019 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD Board) adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future amendment process for a Type 3 Minor Amendment to the regional growth strategy to incorporate regional land use designation changes, the expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary, and the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas stemming from accepted regional context statements;
- b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1285, 2019"; and
- c) direct staff to notify affected local governments and appropriate agencies as per Section 6.4.2 of Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future.

In accordance with Section 437 of the Local Government Act, and Section 6.4.2 of Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040), the regional growth strategy, this letter provides the opportunity for affected local governments to comment on the proposed amendment.

The proposed *Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1285, 2019* would incorporate a number of minor *Metro 2040* regional land use designation and overlay map revisions that have previously received MVRD Board approval, including the addition of new Frequent Transit Development Areas, contained within the MVRD-Board accepted Regional Context Statements for the City of New Westminster and Village of Anmore. It would also incorporate three regional land use designation revisions made under Section 6.2.7 of *Metro 2040* (i.e. the "flexibility clause") in the City Referred to:

Planning and Development Committee (2019.09.17)

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of Vancouver; these revisions were made to enable the provision of affordable housing and the Arbutus Greenway.

The proposed amendment is a Type 3 minor amendment that requires the adoption of an amendment bylaw with an affirmative 50%+1 weighted vote of the MVRD Board.

Please note that each part of the proposed amendment was previously considered and accepted by Metro Vancouver. A Metro Vancouver staff analysis for all of the map revisions was considered and accepted by the Metro Vancouver Board as part of each of the respective Regional Context Statement acceptance processes. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report that summarizes the proposed changes to *Metro 2040* that will result from *Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1285, 2019.*

You are invited to provide written comments on the proposed amendment to *Metro 2040*. Please provide comments in the form of a Council or Board resolution, as applicable, and submit to Chris.Plagnol@metrovancouver.org by Friday, August 2, 2019.

If you have any questions with respect to the proposed amendment please contact Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning by phone at 778-452-2690 or by email at Erin.Rennie@metrovancouver.org.

Yours sincerely,

Sav Dhaliwal

Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: Report dated April 13, 2019, titled "Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements" (Doc# 29335206)



To:

Regional Planning Committee

From:

Erin Rennie, Senior Planner, Regional Planning

Date:

April 13, 2019

Meeting Date: May 3, 2019

Subject:

Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Reflect Accepted Regional

Context Statements

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future amendment process for a Type 3 Minor Amendment to the regional growth strategy to incorporate regional land use designation changes, the expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary, and the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas stemming from accepted regional context statements;
- give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1285, 2019"; and
- c) direct staff to notify affected local governments and appropriate agencies as per Section 6.4.2 of Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future.

PURPOSE

This report proposes a Type 3 minor amendment to *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)* for consideration by the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board.

BACKGROUND

On June 23, 2017 the MVRD Board adopted *Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1246, 2017*, which incorporated amendments to *Metro 2040* associated with the acceptance of three Regional Context Statements (RCSs). Since then, the MVRD Board has accepted updated RCSs from the City of New Westminster, and the Village of Anmore that trigger a required Type 3 minor amendment to *Metro 2040*.

This report proposes a minor amendment that will amend *Metro 2040* to incorporate regional land use designation changes, the expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary, and the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs) stemming from accepted RCSs, as well as mapping updates initiated by municipalities under *Metro 2040* Section 6.2.7 (known as the "flexibility clause").

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Type 3 minor amendments have been used in the past as a means to amend the regional growth strategy to reflect mapping changes made through accepted regional context statements. While the amendments that are included have been approved by the MVRD Board through the RCS acceptance process over the past 2 years, the amendment bylaw is required to amend *Metro 2040* to reflect those changes.

This proposed amendment resulting from accepted regional context statements is a required administrative step, but presents no new information. All changes have already been considered by the MVRD Board through the RCS acceptance process or have been made under *Metro 2040* Section 6.2.7.

Policy Context

Section 6.2.6 of *Metro 2040* allows the MVRD Board to consider and accept RCSs that include regional land use designation revisions that the Board deems to be "generally consistent" with the *Metro 2040*. Section 6.2.7 of *Metro 2040* allows municipalities to include language in their respective RCS that permits (with limitations) amendments to the municipality's Official Community Plan that adjust the boundaries of regional land use designations. Section 6.3.4(i) of *Metro 2040* provides that these revisions can be incorporated into the regional growth strategy by way of a Type 3 Minor Amendment. A Type 3 amendment requires the adoption of an amendment bylaw passed by an affirmative 50%+1 weighted vote of the MVRD Board, and does not require a public hearing.

Accepted Regional Context Statements 2017-2019

The updated RCSs from the Village of Anmore and City of New Westminster include revisions to regional land use designation maps, an adjustment to the Urban Containment Boundary, and the introduction of three new FTDAs.

The City of Vancouver has made minor regional land use designation changes to facilitate the provision of affordable housing and the Arbutus Greenway without updating its RCS, by invoking the flexibility provisions of Section 6.2.7 of *Metro 2040* and has advised Metro Vancouver, in writing, as set out in *Metro 2040* Section 6.2.9.

Metro Vancouver staff provided specific analysis for all of these changes as part of the respective RCSs submitted to the MVRD Board for acceptance (Table 1).

Mapping Updates to Metro 2040

The proposed *Metro 2040* bylaw amendment (Attachment 1) proposes: 12 regional land use designation changes (i.e. one in Village of Anmore, 6 in the City of New Westminster, and 5 in the City of Vancouver); 3 new FTDAs added in the City of New Westminster; and an Urban Containment Boundary expansion in the Village of Anmore. These changes, while already being approved by the MVRD Board, require updates to *Metro 2040* Maps 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12. These are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Summary of Bylaw No. 1285, 2019 Metro 2040 Amendments

Municipality	Metro 2040 Amendments	MVRD Board Report Date			
Village of Anmore	 Urban Containment Boundary change Regional land use designation change (Rural to General Urban) 	Feb 13, 2019 (item 5.1)			
City of New Westminster	 3 New FTDAs (22nd St. Stn., Sapperton Stn., Braid Stn.) 6 minor regional land use designation changes (all regional "Industrial" to "Conservation / Recreation") 	Aug 31, 2017			
Municipality Metro 2040 Amendments		Sec. 6.2.7. Notification Date			
City of Vancouver	Two locations in the False Creek Flats and three parcels on Franklin Street amended from regional "Mixed Employment" or "Industrial" to "General Urban" to facilitate temporary modular housing	False Creek Flats Letter to Metro Vancouver – Aug 10, 2017 Franklin St Letter to Metro Vancouver - April 5, 2018			
	 Locations along the Arbutus Corridor amended from regional "Conservation and Recreation" to "General Urban" and "Mixed Employment" to facilitate the Arbutus Greenway. 	Arbutus Corridor Letter to Metro Vancouver – March 27, 2019			

Processing the Type 3 Minor Amendment

The proposed amendment bylaw, along with a draft version of the staff report, was provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee on April 12, 2019, for information and comment as required by GVRD Regional Growth Strategy Procedures Bylaw No. 1148, 2011. No comments on the proposed amendment were provided.

ALTERNATIVES

- That the MVRD Board:
 - a) Initiate the Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future amendment process for a Type 3 Minor Amendment to the regional growth strategy to incorporate regional land use designation changes, the expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary, and the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas stemming from accepted regional context statements;
 - Give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1285, 2019"; and
 - c) Direct staff to notify affected local governments and appropriate agencies as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future*.
- That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 22, 2019, titled "Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements" and provide alternative direction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report. If the MVRD Board chooses Alternative 1, the proposed bylaw amendment will be initiated and given first, second, and third readings, and staff will notify affected local governments and agencies to provide an opportunity to offer comment. Staff will note in the correspondence to member jurisdictions that this amendment to *Metro 2040* is an administrative step, and that all proposed amendments within the bylaw have previously been considered by the MVRD Board through the acceptance of regional context statements or have been made under the provisions Section 6.2.7 of *Metro 2040* (the "flexibility clause").

The proposed amendment bylaw would then be brought back to the MVRD Board with any comments from the notification period for consideration of final reading. The notification period will be approximately 45 days. The amendment notice will be posted on the Metro Vancouver website.

If the MVRD Board chooses Alternative 2, the process for updating *Metro 2040* to reflect Regional Context Statements will not be initiated. The result is that accepted RCSs and *Metro 2040* will be inconsistent, which has no material effect as the accepted RCSs are legally binding. However, *Metro 2040*, as the publicly accessible and consolidated record of the accepted RCSs, would not reflect the Board's recent decisions.

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

Since the adoption in July 2011 of *Metro 2040*, 21 Regional Context Statements have been accepted by the MVRD Board. Since the last such amendment in July 2017, 4 updated RCSs have been accepted by the MVRD Board and 3 RCSs have been submitted for reacceptance without amendment and subsequently accepted by the MVRD Board.

The recent RCSs include revisions to the *Metro 2040's* land use designations, the addition of three FTDAs, and the expansion of the Urban Containment Boundary. In addition, the City of Vancouver has used the flexibility provisions of Section 6.2.7 to make minor regional land use designation changes in three areas to facilitate the provision of affordable housing and the Arbutus Greenway.

Staff recommend Alternative 1.

Attachment

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1285, 2019

References:

- 1. <u>Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements (Bylaw No. 1246, 2017, dated May 30, 2017</u>
- 2. <u>Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements (Bylaw No. 1223, 2015), dated June 11, 2015</u>

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 1285, 2019

A Bylaw to Amend "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010"

WHEREAS:

- A. Metro Vancouver Regional District Board (the "Board") has adopted the "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010" on July 29, 2011;
- B. The Board has accepted a number of member municipality regional context statements that contain maps that differ from the official regional land use designation maps contained in the Regional Growth Strategy, as maintained by Metro Vancouver Regional District;
- C. The Board wishes to amend the Regional Growth Strategy official regional land use designation maps so that such maps reflect the maps included in the accepted municipal regional context statements;
- D. In accordance with Regional Growth Strategy Section 6.3.4(i), any amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy mapping that incorporates maps included in an accepted regional context statement is considered a Type 3 amendment; and
- E. Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to amend "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010";

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board enacts as follows:

- "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010" is hereby amended as follows:
 - a) the official land use designation maps numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 be revised to record the changes in regional land use designations and extension of the Urban Containment Boundary within the Village of Anmore that are set out in the following table and shown in the maps contained in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw;

REF#	AREA	FROM REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION	TO REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION	AFFECTED LAND AREA	REGIONAL CONTEXT ACCEPTANCE DATE
1	Anmore Green Estates	Rural	General Urban	5.67 ha	Mar 29, 2019

b) the official land use designation maps numbered 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 be revised to record the changes in regional land use designations within the City of New Westminster that are set out in the following table and shown in the maps contained in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw;

REF#	AREA	FROM REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION	TO REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION	AFFECTED LAND AREA	REGIONAL CONTEXT ACCEPTANCE DATE	
2	Two-piece parcel south and west of Spruce St.	Industrial	Conservation and Recreation	0.35 ha	Sept 22, 2017	
3	Parcel north of Canfor Industrial Ave.		ial Conservation and Recreation		Sept 22, 2017	
4	Parcel east of Canfor Ave.	Industrial	Conservation and Recreation	0.53 ha	Sept 22, 2017	
5	Parcel immediately south of Canfor Ave.	Industrial	Conservation and Recreation	0.74 ha	Sept 22, 2017	
6	Parcel to the far south of Canfor Ave.	Industrial	Conservation and Recreation	0.25 ha	Sept 22, 2017	

c) the official regional growth strategy map numbered 4 be revised to record the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas in the City of New Westminster that are set out in the following table and shown in the map contained in Schedule "C" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw;

MUNICIPALITY	REF#	MAP ADDITIONS	REGIONAL CONTEXT ACCEPTANCE DATE
City of New Westminster	7	Addition of 22 nd Street Station FTDA	Sept 22, 2017
	8	Addition of Braid Street Skytrain FTDA	Sept 22, 2017
	9	Addition of Sapperton Skytrain FTDA	Sept 22, 2017

d) the official land use designation maps numbered 2, 3, 4, 6, 11 and 12 be revised to record the changes in regional land use designations within the City of Vancouver that are set out in the following table and shown in the maps contained in Schedule "D" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw;

REF#	AREA	FROM REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION	TO REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION	AFFECTED LAND AREA	NOTIFICATION DATE
10	False Creek Flats southeast of Main St.	Mixed Employment	General Urban	0.54 ha	August 10, 2017
11	False Creek Flats south of Prior St.	Industrial	General Urban	1.0 ha	August 10, 2017
12	1115, 1131, 1141 Franklin St.	Industrial	General Urban	0.18 ha	April 5, 2018
13	Arbutus Corridor parcels south of West 1st Ave and north of	Conservation and Recreation	General Urban	0.43 ha	March 27, 2019

	West 4 th Ave on east side of Fir St.				
14	Arbutus Corridor parcels south of West 2 nd Ave and north of West 5 th Ave, on the east side of Fir St.	Conservation and Recreation	Mixed Employment	0.21 ha	March 27, 2019

2.	This bylaw sh	hall be	cited as	"Metro	Vancouver	Regional	District	Regional	Growth	Strategy
	Amendment I	Bylaw I	No. 1285	, 2019".	This bylaw	may be	cited as	"Regional	Growth	Strategy
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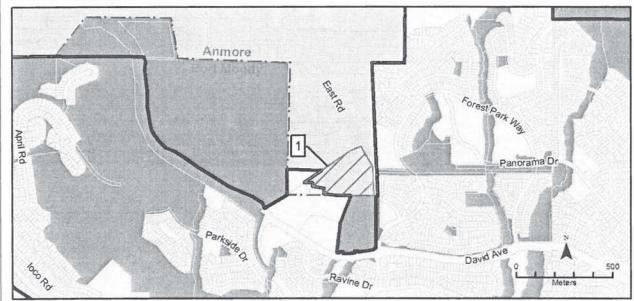
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	Sav Dhaliwal, Chair
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SCHEDULE A VILLAGE OF ANMORE AMENDMENT



Anmore Map 1 - Amendment
Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. ###, ###

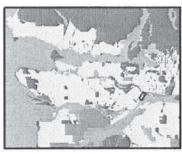
1. Anmore Green Estates (Rural to General Urban); Inclusion into Urban Containment Boundary



Metro 2040 Land Use Designations

- Agricultural
- Conservation & Recreation
- General Urban
- Industrial
- Mixed Employment
- Rural
- Urban Containment Boundary

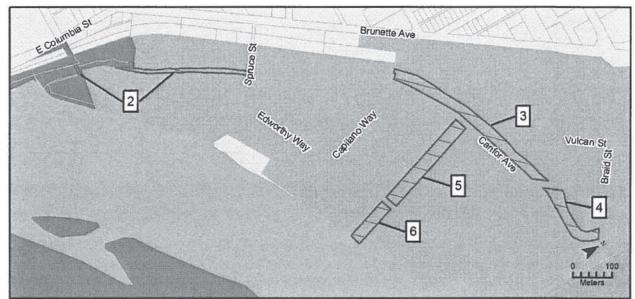
SCHEDULE B CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENTS



New Westminster Map 1 - Amendments

Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. ###, ###

- 2. Two-piece parcel south and west of Spruce St (from Industrial to Conservation and Recreation)
- 3. Parcel north of Canfor Ave (from Industrial to Conservation and Recreation)
- 4. Parcel east of Canfor Ave (from Industrial to Conservation and Recreation)
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Metro 2040 Land Use Designations

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General Urban

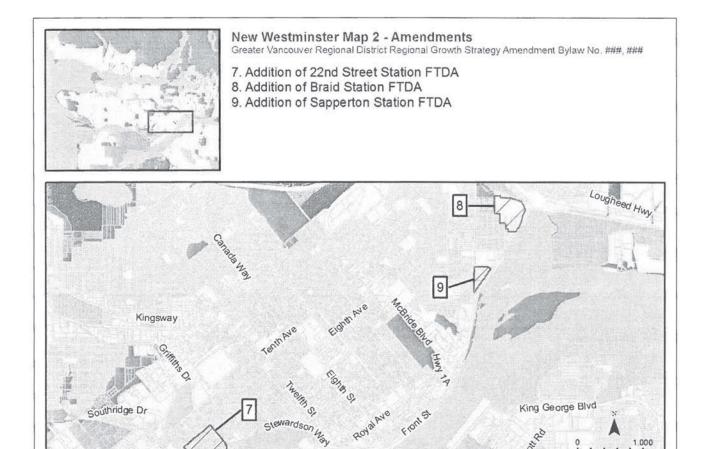
Mixed Employment

Conservation & Recreation

Industrial

Rural

SCHEDULE C CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER ADDITION OF FREQUENT TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT AREAS



Metro 2040 Land Use Designations

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General Urban

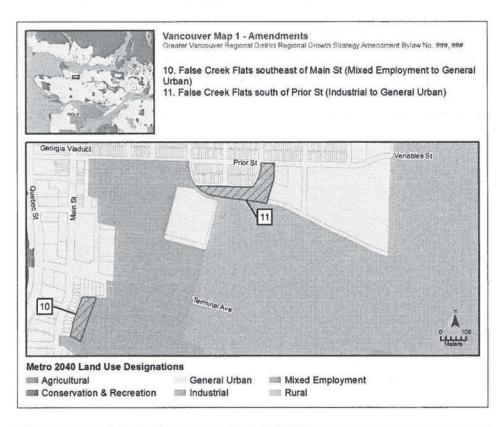
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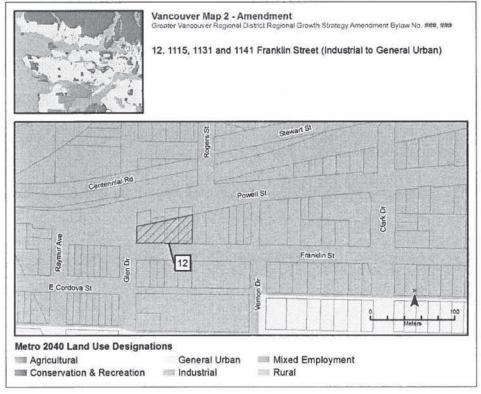
Conservation & Recreation

Industrial

Rural

SCHEDULE D CITY OF VANCOUVER REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENTS





SCHEDULE D (Cont'd) CITY OF VANCOUVER REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENTS

