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Mayor Mike Hurley and Council
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
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Dear Mayor Hurley and Council:

Re: Amending Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to Align with the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C – Bylaw No. 1295, 2019

At its November 1, 2019 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver) adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate a Type 3 minor amendment to Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future to reflect a commitment to a carbon neutral region by 2050, and an interim target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030;*
- b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1295, 2019"; and*
- c) direct staff to notify affected local governments and 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 an opportunity for affected local governments to provide written comment on the proposed Type 3 minor amendment to *Metro 2040*. The proposed amendment requires the adoption of an amendment bylaw with an affirmative 50%+1 weighted vote of the MVRD Board.

You are invited to provide 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, Corporate Officer/Director of Board and Information Services, by email at Chris.Plagnol@metrovancover.org by January 17, 2020.

Copied to:
City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Engineering
Dir. Planning and Building

Referred to:
Environment Committee
(2020 - Date To Be Determined)

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Yours sincerely,



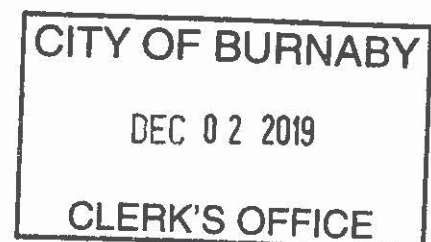
Sav Dhaliwal
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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cc: Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director, Long Range Planning, Planning, City of Burnaby

Encl: Report dated October 31, 2019, titled "Amending *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* to Align with the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C – Bylaw 1295, 2019" (Doc# 33424692)

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To: Regional Planning Committee

From: Sean Tynan, Acting Senior Planner, Regional Planning

Date: October 31, 2019 Meeting Date: October 11, 2019

Subject: **Amending *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* to Align with the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C – Bylaw 1295, 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate a Type 3 minor amendment to *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* to reflect a commitment to a carbon neutral region by 2050, and an interim target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030;
 - b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1295, 2019"; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments and agencies as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future*.
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PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

Per Subsection 429 (d) of the *Local Government Act*, *Metro 2040* includes the region's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target. The current reduction target in *Metro 2040* is 33% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 as compared to 2007 levels.

Climate 2050 is Metro Vancouver's overarching long-term strategy guiding the region's policies and collective actions to transition to a carbon neutral and climate resilient region over the next 30 years. As part of *Climate 2050*, at its meeting on July 26, 2019, the MVRD Board adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board:

- a) *endorse the proposed amendments to the Climate 2050 Strategic Framework to reflect a commitment to a carbon neutral region by 2050, and an interim target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030;*
- b) *direct staff to bring forward a proposed amendment to Metro 2040, the regional growth strategy, to the Metro Vancouver Board for consideration, to incorporate revised greenhouse gas reduction targets (including interim targets).*

The proposed change would replace the existing greenhouse gas emission reduction target in *Metro 2040* in accordance with the table below.

Current Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target in <i>Metro 2040</i>	Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target (Reflected in Climate 2050 Strategic Framework and aligned with the IPCC Special Report)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 33% below 2007 levels by 2020• 80% below 2007 levels by 2050	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45% reduction from 2010 levels by 2030• Carbon neutral by 2050

The proposed amendment would not require a need for immediate updates to regional context statements. However, municipalities that are currently developing or updating their respective Official Community Plans, Community Energy and Emissions Plans or other strategic planning documents should consider aligning their greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and actions with the regional targets. The next time regional context statements are developed or updated, each member jurisdiction will need to identify how the respective Official Community Plans are consistent with, or are working towards, the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets in *Metro 2040*.

Section 6.3.4 of *Metro 2040* allows for some amendments to the regional growth strategy to be undertaken through 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. Once initiated, affected local governments would receive written notice and be provided a minimum of 30 days to respond. Type 3 minor amendments have been used in the past as a means to amend *Metro 2040*. The proposed amendment bylaw is attached.

The proposed amendment was presented on September 20, 2019, to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee for comment. No comments were received.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) initiate a Type 3 minor amendment to *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* to reflect a commitment to a carbon neutral region by 2050, and an interim target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030;
 - b) give first, second, and third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1295, 2019”; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments and agencies as per Section 6.4.2 of *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated September 16, 2019, titled “Amending *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future* to Align with the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C – Bylaw 1295, 2019” and direct staff to explore updating the regional growth strategy greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as part of the comprehensive update to *Metro 2040*.

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1295, 2019
A Bylaw to Amend "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw Number 1136, 2010"**

WHEREAS:

- A. Metro Vancouver Regional District's board of directors (the "Board") adopted the "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010" on July 29, 2011 (the "Regional Growth Strategy");
- B. The Board wishes to revise the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets included in the Regional Growth Strategy;
- C. In accordance with Regional Growth Strategy Section 6.3.4(j), all amendments to the Regional Growth Strategy that are not identified in Sections 6.3.1 or 6.3.3 are considered Type 3 minor amendments; and
- D. Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to amend "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010".

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

- 1. "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010" is hereby amended as follows:

Regional Growth Strategy Section 3.3.1 is deleted and the following is substituted in its place:

3.3.1 Implement the strategies and actions of the Regional Growth Strategy that contribute to regional targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45 percent below 2010 levels by 2030 and to achieve a carbon neutral region by 2050. Figure 3 identifies examples of strategies and actions contained in the Regional Growth Strategy to address climate change.

- 2. The official citation of this bylaw is "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1295, 2019". This bylaw may be cited as "Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1295, 2019".

Read a first time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Read a second time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Read a third time this _____ day of _____, _____.