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Mayor Val van den Broek and Council
 City of Langley
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Dear Mayor van den Broek and Council:

Draft *Metro 2050*: Referral for Comment

In April 2019, the Metro Vancouver Board initiated a comprehensive update to *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)*, the regional growth strategy. Since its adoption in 2011, this visionary strategy has been a strong and effective tool for the regional federation to collectively manage regional growth, while subsequently reflecting the federation's objectives to prevent urban sprawl; protect important lands; support the development of complete and resilient communities; and support the efficient provision of urban infrastructure such as utilities and transit.

In the Fall of 2019, we provided you with formal notification that the update to *Metro 2040* was commencing. Since then, Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions have worked in close partnership through a series of policy reviews, meetings, and the *Metro 2050* Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to identify strengths and gaps in the regional growth strategy. Additionally, Metro Vancouver and member jurisdictions have been collectively seeking to improve and update the strategy to better meet the needs of members, while further addressing growing regional challenges. After two years of research, workshops, dialogue, and input from member jurisdiction staff, elected officials, First Nations, the Province, other regional stakeholders, organizations and agencies, and the public, the updated regional growth strategy, draft *Metro 2050*, is ready for review and comment.

At its June 25, 2021 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District adopted the following resolution:

That the MVRD Board refer the draft of Metro 2050 attached to the report titled "Draft Metro 2050: Referral for Comment", dated May 25, 2021 for comment including to the following:

- i. signatories to the regional growth strategy including: Mayors and Councils of Metro Vancouver member jurisdictions; the TransLink Board; the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board; the Fraser Valley Regional District Board; and*
- ii. other members of the Metro 2050 Intergovernmental Advisory Committee including: in region First Nations; the Province of BC; the Agricultural Land Commission; Vancouver Coastal Health; Fraser Health; BC Housing; BC Hydro; University Endowment Lands;*

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Bowen Island; City of Abbotsford; City of Chilliwack; District of Mission; Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management; Simon Fraser University; Kwantlen Polytechnic University; University of British Columbia; Vancouver Fraser Port Authority; Transport Canada; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; and Vancouver International Airport Authority.

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the draft *Metro 2050*. Metro Vancouver is requesting to meet with your council or board at a meeting in September, October, or November 2021 to provide a presentation on the draft of *Metro 2050*, and will work with your staff to find an appropriate date. This presentation will provide an opportunity to discuss ideas or any areas of concern, provide feedback on the draft, and answer any questions. Concurrent with this meeting, staff are offering to co-host a public information session with your staff.

Your organization is invited to provide written comments on the draft *Metro 2050* by Council or Board resolution. Please submit any written comments to Metro Vancouver's Corporate Officer by email at Chris.Plagnol@metrovancover.org. The deadline for submitting written comments on *Metro 2050* is **November 26, 2021**. Following the comment period, comments received will be conveyed to the Metro Vancouver Board and considered in a revised draft of *Metro 2050*.

While it can be accessed online at www.metrovancover.org/metro2050, we have enclosed a hard copy of the draft *Metro 2050*. In addition, an executive summary and a copy of a staff report summarizing *Metro 2050* and the engagement process are also enclosed. If you wish to receive additional copies, or if you have any questions with respect to *Metro 2050*, please contact Sean Galloway, Director of Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services by phone at 604-451-6616 or by email at Sean.Galloway@metrovancover.org.

I would like to acknowledge your organization's work to date on this important strategy. Thank you for your time and contributions. Through our continued collaboration we will ensure that the regional growth strategy continues to expand on our history of excellent regional building, and supports a resilient, prosperous and exciting place to be.

Yours sincerely,



Sav Dhaliwal
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: 1. DRAFT *Metro 2050* (Doc #46401631)
2. DRAFT *Metro 2050* Executive Summary (Doc #46577592)
3. Report dated May 25, 2021, titled, "Draft *Metro 2050* for Comment Referral and Next Steps"
(Doc #45545229)

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