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Mayor Val van den Broek and Council
City of Langley
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VIA EMAIL: mayor@langleycity.ca; kkenney@langleycity.ca

Dear Mayor van den Broek and Council:

Submission of *Metro 2050* for Acceptance by Affected Local Governments

Metro Vancouver has been working closely with member jurisdictions, local First Nations, and other agencies and organizations over the past three years on the review and update of the regional growth strategy. Thank you for your participation and thoughtful contributions to the *Metro 2050* process. *Metro 2050* will replace *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future*, and will guide land use decisions in Metro Vancouver over the coming decades.

Metro 2050 introduces important new and enhanced policies that will help Metro Vancouver, member jurisdictions, TransLink, and other parties address the significant challenges facing this region - including climate change, housing affordability, equity, and resilience - and will advance our shared vision for a sustainable, prosperous, and livable region.

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022, was given first and second readings by the Metro Vancouver Board on March 25, 2022, and a public hearing was held on April 20, 2022. At its meeting of April 29, 2022, the Metro Vancouver Board resolved to refer *Bylaw No. 1339, 2022* to all affected local governments (signatories) for acceptance. A copy of the Bylaw and the accompanying report dated April 22, 2022, titled "*MVRD Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022, a bylaw to adopt Metro 2050 – Public Hearing Minutes and Bylaw Referral for Acceptance*" is attached.

In accordance with Section 436 of the *Local Government Act*, affected local governments must, by way of a council resolution submitted to Metro Vancouver and within 60 days of receipt of this notice, accept the regional growth strategy. The *Local Government Act* affirms that if an affected local government fails to act within the period for acceptance, it is deemed to have accepted the regional growth strategy.

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If an affected local government does not accept the regional growth strategy, it must indicate by way of a resolution within the sixty (60) day period: (a) the provision(s) to which it objects, (b) the reasons for its objection, and (c) whether it is willing that a provision to which it objects be included in the regional growth strategy on the basis that the provision will not apply to its jurisdiction.

Upon the conclusion of the acceptance period, Metro Vancouver staff will be reporting to the Metro Vancouver Board at its July 29, 2022 meeting on the status of affected local government acceptances, and, if appropriate, whether third reading and adoption of *Bylaw No. 1339, 2022* may be considered. Correspondingly, this will repeal *Metro 2040* (i.e. *Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1136, 2010*, as amended).

At the April 29, 2022 Metro Vancouver Board meeting, staff provided a summary of the engagement on the development of *Metro 2050* over the past three years. The Board expressed that this would be helpful context for member jurisdictions, and asked that the presentation be attached to the consideration of acceptance letter and email going to affected local government Councils and Boards. Please find attached the presentation titled "*Metro 2050: Public Hearing and Referral for Acceptance*".

Council resolutions can be sent to Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer, Metro Vancouver, by email at Chris.Plagnol@metrovancover.org.

If you have any questions about the regional growth strategy or the process for adopting the Bylaw, please do not hesitate to contact Heather McNell, General Manager, Regional Planning and Housing Services, by email at Heather.Mcneil@metrovancover.org or by phone at 604-436-6813.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Enclosures:

1. Report dated April 22, 2022, titled “*MVRD Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022, a bylaw to adopt Metro 2050 – Public Hearing Minutes and Bylaw Referral for Acceptance*”
2. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022*
3. Presentation – *Metro 2050* Public Hearing Report and Referral for Acceptance

All enclosures can also be found at this link:

<https://cloudshare.metrovancouver.org:5001/sharing/3wjoLF21c>