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Subject: [Metro 2050 RGS Bylaw Municipal Annual Reporting and Monitoring](#)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Theresa O'Donnell, regarding the Metro 2050 RGS Bylaw Municipal Annual Reporting and Monitoring:

- City staff are supportive of the Metro Vancouver direction toward sub-regional growth projections to support regional interests and to support capital land use and utility planning throughout the region. Projections at a broader scale are more stable over the long term and more resilient to rapid changes in residential and employment market demand.
- Metro Vancouver has published 2021 municipal level data through their website, this data will be updated annually to supplement and support the monitoring of the Metro 2050.
- Municipal data is reported at the organizational level for service and performance metrics through VanDashboard and the Budget Service Plans. Detailed data is published through departmental reports such as the [Housing Vancouver Strategy Annual Progress Report and Data Book](#) and the [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact Theresa O'Donnell (Theresa.O'Donnell@vancouver.ca).

Best,
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

June 28, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Theresa O'Donnell
General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

SUBJECT: Metro 2050 RGS Bylaw Municipal Annual Reporting and Monitoring

RTS #: 14983

Introduction

In response to Council enquiry on annual reporting and monitoring following the acceptance of the Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Bylaw No. 1339, 2022, titled Metro 2050, on June 21st, staff have prepared this Memo to provide further information.

Regional Data

City staff are supportive of the Metro Vancouver direction toward sub-regional growth projections to support a consistent set of population, housing and employment projections to serve regional interests and to support capital land use and utility planning throughout the region.

Projections by sub-regions allows municipal growth to be considered together with neighbouring municipalities and encourages integrated regional planning to achieve collective objectives. This approach also places more emphasis on projections being used as a planning guide and not as only to achieve specific targets. Sub-regional projections provide better alignment with long-term capital planning and investment programs of Metro Vancouver, TransLink and municipalities when it comes to utilities, transportation, parks and transit infrastructure that do not necessarily follow municipal boundaries. Projections at a broader scale are more stable over the long term and more resilient to rapid changes in residential and employment market demand.

In addition, Metro Vancouver has published 2021 municipal level data (see link below). This data will be updated and published annually through Metro Vancouver's website and will supplement and support the monitoring of Metro 2050. Publishing municipal data outside of the RGS will allow Metro Vancouver staff to keep the projections current and more accurate while providing more flexibility to member jurisdictions in preparing and adjusting their own respective projections over time. Updates to Metro 2050 projections require a formal RGS Bylaw plan amendment process that include staff reports and a Metro Vancouver Regional District Board vote. This formal amendment process is less responsive to shocks and disruptors over the short and medium terms. In December 2021, Metro Vancouver published municipal level projections for population, housing and dwellings by decade.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/data-statistics/long-range-projections/Pages/default.aspx>

Municipal Data

City staff are committed to providing Council and the public with regular updates on information pertaining to population, housing, employment, and climate. General information and data is published at the organizational level and more detailed data is published through departmental reports.

At the organizational level, the [VanDashboard](#) highlights performance data for select City services and includes regularly updated indicators on six categories "Core Service Delivery", "Affordability and housing", "Climate Change", "Economy and Finances", "Equity and social issues", "Vibrant culture". Detailed data on each indicator is available for download through VanDashboard and through the City's [Open Data Portal](#).

In addition, the City of Vancouver's Budget Service Plans provides annual departmental service plan performance metrics to align with financial resources. The Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability (PDS) department provides data on key services delivered for "Economic planning, and development contributions", "Affordable housing", "Sustainability", "City-wide and community planning", "Current planning and regulation policy".

At the departmental level, PDS publishes detailed metrics and indicators annually that supplement the organizational metrics. Annual housing data is published in the "[Housing Vancouver Strategy Annual Progress Report and Data Book](#)" includes data on dwelling unit approvals. The "[Vancouver Housing Needs Report](#)" is completed every five years to meet the requirements by the provincial government to include data and analysis on current and anticipated housing needs. Annual economic development data is published for cumulative gross employment floor area approved in the "[Service Plan Metrics](#)". Annual climate data was

previously published through the "[Greenest City Action Plan](#)", the reporting on progress and data will continue through the "[Climate Emergency Action Plan](#)". Area specific metrics and indicators are also reported for projects and plans such as the [Broadway Supportive Partners Agreement](#) and the [Downtown Eastside Community Plan](#).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa O'Donnell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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