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Subject: Metro Vancouver Special Joint Board Meeting & MVRD Board Meeting - May 31 2024 - staff comments

Dear Mayor and Council,

I did not receive any specific Council inquiries for the upcoming meeting of the Metro Vancouver Board on May 31, 2024. However, staff have shared the following comments for consideration for both the Special Joint Board Meeting and the MVRD Board Meeting.

**SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING**

Agenda Item	COV Staff Comments
<b>May 31, 2024 Board Budget Workshop: 2025 Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan Scenarios for Consideration</b>	<p><b>Cost Allocation of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP)</b></p> <p>The Special Joint Board Meeting is a continuation of the discussion that took place at the Special Joint Board Meeting on May 17, 2024. The Board deferred a final decision on the allocation of the \$2.8 billion cost for the NSWWTP to the March 31<sup>st</sup>, Special Joint Board Meeting.</p> <p>The impact on the City of Vancouver largely depends on the chosen allocation methodology and phasing strategy. The current motion before the Board of Directors is to approve the funding Option 6 (see table on page 6 of the Report) and phasing the costs through Option 4 (see table on page 7 of the report).</p> <p>The impact of Scenarios 1 and 2 is \$140/household for the Vancouver Sewage Area (VSA) and has been contemplated as part of the City’s budget outlook estimate of a 14% increase in Sewer rates for 2025 and a 7% property tax increase.</p> <p>Scenarios 3-6 moves an additional \$10/\$20/\$30/\$40 per household respectively for the VSA, so those are the incremental impact (\$ per household) under these different options.</p> <p><b>Impact on North Shore Residents</b></p> <p>COV staff recognize that the existing cost apportionment formula for capital projects will require North Shore residents to pay a significantly greater proportion of the costs for the NSWWTP than other residents of the region. The North Shore makes up 7% of region’s population but are required to fund 46% of the \$2.8 billion project costs.</p> <p><b>Iona Wastewater Treatment Plan</b></p> <p>While the current discussion is focussed on the costs of the NSWWTP, any changes to the methodology that requires VSA households to pay increased costs for the NSWWTP should also be considered when determining how the cost of the Iona WWTP will be funded. The VSA should not be required to share greater burden of the cost for the NSWWTP, while bearing the full cost for Iona WWTP.</p> <p><b>Single Sewerage Area</b></p> <p>With respect to discussion about a single sewerage area, COV staff support a review and</p>

would expect that any changes to the cost apportionment formula, or implementation of a single sewerage area, would be done after meaningful consultation with the region's municipalities, stakeholders, and residents and a full understanding of the financial implications as well as thorough economic testing.

## METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (MVRD)

Agenda Item	COV Staff Comments
<p><b>2.1 – Reducing Regional Air Contaminant Emissions from Small Non-Road Equipment</b></p> <p>p.75</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Aligns with a memo that staff provided to Council late last year (please see the attached Council Memo), which indicated that Metro Vancouver is working on a regional approach to regulating emissions from small non-road equipment (which includes landscape equipment).</li> <li>· A regional approach is preferred to a Vancouver-specific approach, and Metro Vancouver has regulatory powers under air quality that the City does not have.</li> <li>· The engagement proposed by Metro is a first step towards advancing a regional approach with input from public and stakeholders.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.3 - Best Practices in Energy and Emissions Benchmarking and Reporting for Existing Large Buildings</b></p> <p>p.119</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The report was brought to the Climate Action Committee earlier this month.</li> <li>· The City of Vancouver requires benchmarking for large, existing buildings. The City's requirements are critical to enable building owners to make informed decisions about equipment upgrades and replacement, and enables the City to establish effective incentives, support programs and regulations.</li> </ul>

Best,  
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