



# **AGENDA PACKAGE**

**(Public Meeting)**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
Room 427/428, TransLink Office, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

- 1:00PM**    **1. Preliminary Matters**
- 1.1** Call to Order
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- 1:05PM**    **2. Report on Upcoming Public Consultation Process for Phase One of the 10-Year Vision ..... ORAL**
- 1:30PM**    **3. TransLink Update ..... TO COME**
- Goods Movement Strategy
  - Fare Policy Review
  - Partner Planning
  - Access Transit
- 2:20PM**    **5. Public Delegations ..... ORAL**
- 2:30PM**    **TERMINATION**

# **MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION**

## **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

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Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held on **Friday, September 16, 2016** at 11:15 a.m. in Room 427/428, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver, Chair  
Mayor Linda Hepner, Surrey, Vice-Chair  
Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock  
Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows  
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond  
Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay  
Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody  
Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby  
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster  
Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra  
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township  
Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A  
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta (departed at 12:42 p.m.)

Mayor John McEwen, Anmore  
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam  
Mayor Alison Morse, Bowen Island (alternate)  
Mayor Darrell Mussatto, North Vancouver City  
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge  
Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City  
Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver  
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam  
Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver District  
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**1. Preliminary Matters**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

*Draft Agenda for the September 16, 2016 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.*

The Chair advised that there were no public delegations registered.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public meeting scheduled September 16, 2016, as amended with the deletion of Item 3.

**CARRIED**

### 1.3 **Approval of Minutes**

*Draft Minutes of the May 26, 2016 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.*

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the minutes of its Public meeting held May 26, 2016.

**CARRIED**

## 2. **Next Steps on the 10-Year Vision for Transit and Transportation**

### 2.1 **Report of the Funding Strategy Committee**

*Report dated September 15, 2016 from the Mayors' Council Funding Strategy Committee regarding "Next Steps on the 10-Year Vision" was provided with the agenda material.*

The Chair commented on the work of the Funding Strategy Committee to advance the 10-Year Vision.

Mayor Jonathan Coté, Chair, Mayors' Council Funding Strategy Committee, thanked the members of the Funding Strategy Committee and members of the TransLink Board of Directors and staff for their efforts over the summer months to develop the 2017 Investment Plan. Mayor Coté commented on the importance of improving transit and transportation in the region to reverse the decline in transit service levels that has been occurring since 2010.

The Funding Strategy Committee considered two options for the development of the 2017 Investment Plan. Option 2 provides some regional funding to ensure that the opportunity afforded by Phase 1 of the Federal Government's Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) is not lost. It is important to note that Option 2 will not have an immediate impact on transit service levels.

The Funding Strategy Committee is recommending Option 1 as a means to advance the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision (10-Year Vision) and to take the leadership role required to see early improvements in transit service. Option 1 delivers significant additional bus service that is the backbone of the regional transit system. It will address overcrowding issues and provide new service and required improvements to those areas that are experiencing rapid population growth.

Option 1 does not deliver the entire 10-Year Vision, but it does provide the leadership required to make the regional public transit system more effective. With the Federal Government's funding commitment, the only missing partner to fully deliver on the 10-Year Vision is the Provincial Government.

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat, and Geoff Cross, Acting Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink, jointly led a review of a presentation titled "Next Steps on the 10-Year Vision for Transit and Transportation" and highlighted:

- New approach to deliver the 10-Year Vision in an immediate, affordable and practical manner

- Review of Options 1 and 2:
  - Implementation
  - Investments and revenues
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued on:

- Clarification that the recommendation is to proceed to public consultation on Option 1 in order to develop a 2017 Investment Plan that will be submitted to the Mayors' Council for approval in November 2016
- Option 1 balances the needs in those areas that require increased transit service with those that require new transit service
- Investments that the existing Federal and Provincial Government commitments are intended to cover
- Projected property tax increases over the 10 year term of the 2017 Investment Plan
- Unanimous agreement of the Mayors' Council several years ago that property taxes would not be increased to provide additional funding for transit services
- Negative impact of the proposed funding sources on the region's affordability
- Suggestion that provincial carbon taxes be redirected to fund investments in the transit system
- Need for the Mayors' Council to take action to take advantage of the unprecedented contribution to public transit by the Federal Government
- Proposed public engagement and consultation plan and process
- Whether the public consultation will include input on the sources of funding.

### **Main Motion**

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

- A. Requests the TransLink Board of Directors to draft a 2017 Investment Plan that will begin to implement the 10-Year Vision, based on the fair, modest regional revenue increases and substantial service expansion proposed in "Option 1", and bring the draft 2017 Investment Plan to public consultation in October 2016;
- B. Directs the Funding Strategy Committee to continue working with the TransLink Board of Directors Investment Plan Committee to oversee the development of the 2017 Investment Plan process, including the planned public consultation in October 2016; and
- C. Receives the report.

#### **Amendment to the Main Motion:**

It was noted that individual municipal information would not be reflective of travel patterns and mobility across the region.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation amends the motion by adding:

“That every municipality be treated as one municipality;” and

“Requests a report from TransLink staff on the present and proposed service hours and dollars paid per capita, for each municipality”.

**CARRIED**

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns with the ability to meet the legislative deadline for approval of a 2017 Investment Plan if an additional Mayors' Council meeting is required to approve the public engagement strategy and public consultation materials
- Suggestion that the responsibility to review the public engagement strategy and public consultation materials be delegated to a task group
- Suggestion that the Funding Strategy Committee be tasked to review the consultation material and that attendance at Funding Strategy Committees meetings be opened to all Mayors' Council members.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation amends the motion by adding:

“Directs that the proposed public engagement strategy and public consultation materials be provided to the Funding Strategy Committee for review and approval and attendance at Funding Strategy Committee meetings be open to all members of the Mayors' Council”.

**CARRIED**

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

Discussion ensued on:

- The report implies ongoing discussions with the Provincial Government and complements the proposed amendment
- Need for the 2017 Investment Plan to incorporate the requirement for Provincial Government approval of the new funding sources.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation amends the motion by adding:

“Requests the Provincial Government to approve any recommendations from the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation on how the local portion of the funding for the 2017 Investment Plan would be raised”.

**CARRIED**

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

- A. Requests the TransLink Board of Directors to draft a 2017 Investment Plan that will begin to implement the 10-Year Vision, based on the fair, modest regional revenue increases and substantial service expansion proposed in "Option 1", and bring the draft 2017 Investment Plan to public consultation in October 2016;
- B. Directs the Funding Strategy Committee to continue working with the TransLink Board of Directors Investment Plan Committee to oversee the development of the 2017 Investment Plan process, including the planned public consultation in October 2016;
- C. That every municipality be treated as one municipality;
- D. Requests a report from TransLink staff on the present and proposed service hours and dollars paid per capita, for each municipality;
- E. Directs that the proposed public engagement strategy and public consultation materials be provided to the Funding Strategy Committee for review and approval and attendance at Funding Strategy Committee meetings be open to all members of the Mayors' Council;
- F. Requests the Provincial Government to approve any recommendations from the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation on how the local portion of the funding for the 2017 Investment Plan would be raised; and
- G. Receives the report.

**CARRIED**

(Mayor Corrigan opposed)

Mayor Lois Jackson departed the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

### **2.2 Submission to Federal Consultation on Phase 2 Funding**

*Report dated September 8, 2016 from Michael Buda, Executive Director, regarding "Submission to Federal Consultation on Phase 2 Public Transit Infrastructure Fund" was provided with the agenda material.*

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

- A. Approves the submission, as attached in Annex 1 to the report, to Infrastructure Canada's consultations on the Phase 2 Public Transit Infrastructure Fund;
- B. Shares the submission with federal Minister Sohi by the September 16, 2016 consultation deadline; and
- C. Receives the report.

**CARRIED**

**3. Termination**

The Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Public Meeting held September 16, 2016 terminated at 12:43 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair

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Carol Lee, Recording Secretary  
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

