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Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 - 17th St,
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Members of Council:

Re: Next Steps in the Development of Metro Vancouver's Draft Regional Growth Strategy

At its meeting of June 26, 2009, the Metro Vancouver Board received a report on the development of the draft Regional Growth Strategy, and directed staff to revise the process and timetable for providing a new Regional Growth Strategy as follows:

- i. Report out on the results of the municipal and public consultation program in July 2009.
- ii. Staff analyze the feedback and begin to develop a revised draft to respond to the feedback.
- iii. Concurrent with (ii), senior Metro Vancouver staff meet with individual municipal councils and senior staff, as required, in workshop format, to fully cover remaining issues and potential resolution to those issues.
- iv. On the basis of (ii) and (iii), develop a revised draft Regional Growth Strategy for consideration by the Regional Planning Committee, and by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee (RAAC), in September.
- v. Circulate the revised draft Regional Growth Strategy, as approved by the Board for further consultation, to local municipalities in October, and conduct any local community consultation meetings as requested with the objective of initiating the approval process for a new Regional Growth Strategy before the end of 2009.

In accordance with the Board's direction, Metro Vancouver staff is continuing to meet with municipal councils and staff to discuss and refine the Draft Regional Growth Strategy in order to bring back a revised Draft to the Board in the fall of 2009. Metro Vancouver staff will be in contact with your municipality regarding and opportunity for Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer, to meet with your council.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board
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