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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: Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy and Establishment of Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

Metro Vancouver is preparing a new regional growth strategy to guide the future development of the region. At its September 25, 2009 meeting, the Board resolved to establish an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee pursuant to section 867 of the *Local Government Act*. The purpose of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee is to advise local governments on the development and implementation of the regional growth strategy.

As specified in the Act, the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee membership is to include "the planning director, or another official appointed by the applicable council, of each municipality. . ." and "representatives of other authorities and organizations if invited to participate by the board." We wish to invite you to participate on the Committee and request that you provide us with the name and contact information of your planning director or other official who will be participating on this committee. We will be holding the first meeting of this group in November, 2009 and will notify you of the time and location.

We look forward to working with the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee as we move forward in the completion of a new regional growth strategy for Metro Vancouver.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board
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Enclosures

Report of the Board titled "Establishment of an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee for the Regional Growth Strategy," dated August 20, 2009.

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Regional Planning Committee Meeting Date: September 4, 2009

To: Regional Planning Committee
From: Lee-Ann Garnett, Senior Regional Planner, Policy and Planning Department
Date: August 20, 2009
Subject: **Establishment of an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee for the Regional Growth Strategy**

Recommendations:

That the Board:

- a) establish an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy, as required by section 867 of the *Local Government Act*;
 - b) appoint the Chief Administrative Officer and the Regional Development Division Manager of the Policy and Planning Department of Metro Vancouver to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee;
 - c) invite the following authorities and organizations to make appointments to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, as specified in section 867 of the *Local Government Act*:
 - i) the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority;
 - ii) the member municipalities;
 - iii) the provincial government;
 - iv) the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District;
 - v) Port Metro Vancouver;
 - vi) the Vancouver Airport Authority, and
 - vii) the Agricultural Land Commission.
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1. PURPOSE

This report provides the rationale and membership for the establishment of an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) for the Regional Growth Strategy.

2. CONTEXT

Requirement for an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

Section 867 of the *Local Government Act* states that the Board must establish an IAC to (a) advise the applicable local governments on the development and implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy, and (b) facilitate coordination of provincial and local government actions, policies and programs as they relate to the development and implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy. As the Regional Growth Strategy is considered to be a new strategy, rather than an update of the existing one, legislation requires that the IAC be established.

The Act specifies that the membership of the IAC is to include the following:

1. the planning director of the regional district, or another official appointed by the Board;
2. the planning director of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (TransLink), or another official appointed by the board of that authority;
3. the planning director, or another official appointed by the applicable council, of each municipality;
4. senior representatives of the Provincial government and Provincial government agencies and corporations, determined by the minister after consultation with the Board;
5. representatives of other authorities and organizations if invited to participate by the Board.

The adjoining regional districts of Squamish-Lillooet and Fraser Valley are "affected local governments" under the *Local Government Act* and as such, must accept or refuse to accept the Regional Growth Strategy. Therefore, it is recommended that the planning directors of those regional districts be invited to participate on the IAC. Port Metro Vancouver, the Vancouver Airport Authority, and the Agricultural Land Commission are organizations which have involvement in regional land use and transportation issues, and are organizations that are recommended for inclusion on the IAC.

Intergovernmental Consultation on the development of the Regional Growth Strategy

To date, various drafts of the Regional Growth Strategy have been created in consultation with member municipalities and representatives of other levels of government and government agencies. A main mechanism for development of the drafts has been through the Technical Advisory Committee, whose membership comprises the planning directors of Metro Vancouver, TransLink, and member municipalities. Additionally, a staff person from the provincial Ministry of Community and Rural Development is an associate member of the Technical Advisory Committee. The Agricultural Land Commission also has associate membership on the Technical Advisory Committee. In addition to the activities undertaken with TAC, there has been ongoing dialogue at the staff level with government agencies. The IAC will supplement the intergovernmental consultation that has been on-going.

As staff work to develop an updated draft of the Regional Growth Strategy, it is timely to establish the IAC. The IAC will be convened in the late fall of 2009, for the purposes specified in section 867 of the *Local Government Act*. The chair of the IAC will call subsequent meetings at appropriate stages in the development of the Regional Growth Strategy, until such time as the Regional Growth Strategy is adopted by the Board.

3. ALTERNATIVES

The Board has the following options:

- a) establish an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee for the Regional Growth Strategy and notify proposed members of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee of its establishment;
- or
- b) provide alternate direction on the membership the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee,
- or
- c) receive this report for information.

4. CONCLUSION

This report outlines the rationale for Metro Vancouver to establish an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to guide the development and implementation of the new Regional Growth Strategy. The report recommends that the IAC be established, suggests membership for the IAC, and recommends that the proposed members be invited to appoint a representative to the IAC.