



# PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

**Version:** January 22, 2021

**January 28, 2021, 9:00AM to 10:00AM**

Via Videoconference (live streamed to [Mayors' Council YouTube Channel](#))

**Chair:** Mayor Jonathan X. Coté      **Vice-Chair:** Mayor Jack Froese

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<b>8:50AM</b>	<b>Technology Test:</b> Please connect to the meeting early, by 8:50AM, to provide time to trouble-shoot any connection problems.	
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<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>6. ADJOURN</b> to closed session	

*Note that Mayors' Council members and Public Delegates will be participating via Zoom videoconferencing. Zoom connection information sent separately via e-mail.*

## MEETING OF THE MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference.

### PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster, Chair  
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township,  
Vice-Chair  
Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation  
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond  
Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City  
Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver  
(alternate)  
Mayor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows  
Mayor George Harvie, Delta  
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby  
Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District  
Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey

Director Jenn McCutcheon, Electoral Area A  
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore  
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay  
Mayor Mike Morden, Maple Ridge  
Councillor Alison Morse, Bowen Island  
Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver  
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam  
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody  
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City  
Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock  
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam  
Deputy Mayor Liisa Wilder, Belcarra

### ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer Breeze, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, TransLink  
Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat  
Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation and Planning, TransLink (arrived at 9:41 a.m.)  
Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink (arrived at 9:27 a.m.)

### PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, Mosaic Writing Group

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jonathan Coté declared that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

### 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

#### 1.1. Adoption of the Agenda

*Draft agenda for the December 3, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, version dated November 27, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.*

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

That the agenda of the December 3, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, with the following amendments:

- Addition of Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion to Establish a Second Vice-Chair; and
- Varying the order of the agenda to consider Item 7.2 prior to Item 2.1.

**CARRIED**

**1.2. Approval of Minutes (October 29, 2020)**

*Draft minutes of the October 29, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.*

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the minutes of the October 29, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2. ELECTION OF MAYORS' COUNCIL 2021 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

*Report titled "Item 2 – Election of the 2021 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Mayors Council", dated November 24, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.*

**Agenda Varied**

In accordance with Item 1.1, the order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 7.2, prior to Item 2.1

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.2. Notice of Motion to Establish a Second Vice-Chair**

Mayor Mike Hurley introduced a Notice of Motion proposing the establishment of a Second Vice-Chair.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation waives notice of motion.

**DEFEATED**

The Chair confirmed that the Notice of Motion will be included on the agenda of the January 28, 2021 Mayors' Council meeting.

**Agenda Varied**

The order of the agenda was resumed.

**Change in Chair**

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, assumed the chair for the elections of the Office of Chair and Vice-Chair.

**2.1. Election for Office of Chair**

Ms. Lee called for nominations for the office of Chair.

Mayor Jonathan Coté was nominated for the office of Chair for the Mayors' Council. Mayor Coté consented to the nomination.

Ms. Lee called a second and final time for nominations for the office of Chair.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Lee called for a motion to close nominations.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That nominations for the office of Chair for the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be now closed.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Lee declared Mayor Jonathan Coté elected to the Office of Chair by acclamation.

**2.2. Election for Office of Vice-Chair**

Ms. Lee called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

Mayor Jack Froese was nominated for the office of Vice-Chair of the Mayors' Council. Mayor Froese consented to the nomination.

Ms. Lee called a second and final time for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Lee called for a motion to close nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That nominations for the office of Vice-Chair of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Chair be now closed.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Lee declared Mayor Jack Froese elected to the Office of Vice-Chair by acclamation.

**Change in Chair**

Chair Coté reassumed the chair.

**3. PUBLIC DELEGATES**

*The following documents were provided with the agenda material:*

- *Report titled "Item 3 – Public Delegate Presentations", dated November 24, 2020*
- *Report titled "Item 3.1 – Public Delegates: names and topics", dated December 2, 2020*
- *Document titled "Item 3 –Presentations from Public Delegates", dated December 1, 2020.*

**Staff Arrived**

Kevin Desmond joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

**3.1. Ken Leggatt**

Mr. Leggatt provided information on the St. John Ambulance "Start Me Up BC" campaign to increase public access to automated external defibrillator (AED) stations.

**3.2. Joe Kunzler**

Mr. Kunzler expressed concern with the potential impacts of a decision by the City of Vancouver to implement mobility pricing.

#### 4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported that he has contacted the following Ministers to congratulate them on their appointments and to indicate a willingness to collaborate on the many TransLink-related challenges and opportunities:

- The Honourable George Heyman, Minister Responsible for TransLink
- The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure
- The Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure (and former Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink)
- The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

#### Staff Arrived

Geoff Cross joined the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

An initial meeting is being scheduled with Minister Heyman's office which will include discussions on COVID-19 recovery and rebuilding, 2021 Investment Plan, Surrey-Langley SkyTrain (SLS), Low-Carbon Fleet Strategy, Transport 2050 (T2050) and improvements to TransLink governance.

#### 5. REPORT OF TRANSLINK MANAGEMENT

##### 5.1. COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan

*Presentation titled "TransLink Management Report", was provided with the agenda material.*

Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, led the review of the presentation provided with the agenda material and highlighted:

- Monthly boarding by mode during COVID-19
- Ridership performance and revenues continue to be fluid
- Impact of increased public health restrictions on transit ridership
- Safe Operating Action Plan (SOAP):
  - Impact of new Ministerial Orders regarding masks on transit
  - Launch of four-week pilot to test the ability of copper and organosilane to fight off bacteria and viruses
- Winter safety campaign
- Business outreach to restore ridership after the pandemic.

Mr. Desmond provided an update on the information technology system issues being experienced by TransLink. A forensic investigation will be undertaken to determine if there are any impacts to customer data. Mr. Desmond noted that customers' financial information is stored on a secure third-party payment processor.

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

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation receive this report.

**CARRIED**

**6. REPORT OF THE JOINT FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**6.1. 2021 Mayors' Council Meeting Policy**

*Report titled "Item 5.1 – 2021 Meeting Policy", dated October 27, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.*

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat, summarized the report provided with the agenda material.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council):

1. Approves the delivery of meetings of the Mayors' Council and its committees via videoconference from January to July 2021;
2. Directs staff to bring back a report to the June 24, 2021 Joint Finance and Governance Committee meeting with recommendations on the meeting format for the August to December 2021 period;
3. Approves the Guidelines for Participation in Electronic Mayors' Council Meetings, effective January 1, 2021; and
4. Receives this report.

**CARRIED**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1. Next Meeting**

The next Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council was scheduled for January 28, 2021 and will be held via videoconference.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the December 3, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor Jonathan X. Coté, Chair

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Carol Lee, Recording Secretary  
Mosaic Writing Group

**TO:** Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

**FROM:** Gemma Lawrence, Coordinator, Mayors' Council Secretariat

**DATE:** January 22, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **ITEM 2 – Public Delegate Presentations**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receive this report.

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**PURPOSE:**

To introduce the objectives and process for hearing from public delegates.

**BACKGROUND:**

Public participation at meetings is valued by the Mayors' Council, and 30 minutes is set aside at each open meeting to receive public delegations. The Mayors' Council will only receive public delegations who intend to speak on matters that are within the authority of the Mayors' Council.

Individuals can apply to be a delegate by completing the online [Application Form](#) up until 8:00AM, two business days prior to the meeting. In situations where there isn't enough time to hear from everyone wishing to speak, the Mayors' Council encourages written submissions be sent to [mayorscouncil@translink.ca](mailto:mayorscouncil@translink.ca).

The webpage for public delegates includes a Protocol for Public Delegates that notes:

- the Mayors' Council Chair will exercise discretion in maintaining a reasonable level of order and decorum;
- delegates and all meeting participants are reminded that different points of view are respected, and discussions are kept above the level of personal confrontation, disruptive behaviour and profanity.

**DISCUSSION:**

The deadline to apply to speak to the Mayors' Council is 8:00am two days prior to the meeting. At the time of this report, not all prospective speakers will have had a chance to complete applications. Accordingly, the **list of approved speakers, as well as any written submissions or presentations, will be provided on table**. Any presentations provided by delegates will also be provided to Mayors' Council members only, on table (up to 10-pages maximum). Each delegation will be given a maximum of three minutes to address the Mayors' Council. As a general rule, there are no questions or discussion between Council and delegates. The policy governing Public Delegates can be [found online](#).

**TO:** Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

**FROM:** Mike Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

**DATE:** January 20, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **ITEM 3 – 2021 Mayors' Council Workplan**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receive this report.

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**PURPOSE:**

To provide, for information, the 2021 workplan approved on December 3, 2020, and the 2021-21 Mandate Renewal approved on October 29, 2020. To provide the larger context to the Mayors' Council's work in the coming year.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the beginning of each year, the Mayors' Council has adopted a strategic work plan to focus resources and time on its highest priorities in the coming year. While a range of secondary issues will also require the focus of the Mayors' Council through the year, it is the identified strategic priorities that drive the agenda and where energy is focused.

At its January 30, 2020 meeting, the Mayors' Council adopted its 2020 Work Plan with these priorities:

1. Approving the Phase Two Update Plan in June 2020
2. Negotiating the funding strategy for the Phase Three Plan with senior governments by the end of the year to pave the way for Phase Three Plan approval in Spring, 2021
3. Bring the major elements of the Transport 2050 planning process to a conclusion, in advance of that plan's approval in early 2021

At its December 3, 2020 meeting, the Mayors' Council [released](#) its 2021 Mayors' Council Work Plan.

**DISCUSSION:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended our region, especially regional transportation, and the impacts are expected to linger for several years. The crisis has slashed transit ridership, devastated TransLink's finances both in the near term and for the next 5-8 years and set in motion a difficult to predict set of changes to transportation patterns and trends.

The September, 2020 confirmation of \$644 million in federal-provincial Safe Restart funding will recover most of TransLink's pandemic-related financial losses in 2020 and 2021, and marked the "end of the beginning" of this crisis, allowing the Mayors' Council to shift its focus from near-term survival to medium-term financial recovery and transportation planning over the next 5-10 years.



At the time, it was evident that continuing as the Mayors' Council had planned at the beginning of its term, to approved a Phase Three Plan of the 10-Year Vision in mid-2021, was unachievable given TransLink's financial crisis, unpredictable senior government funding, and the uncertain trajectory of transit ridership recovery.

At its October 1, 2020 meeting, the Mayors' Council agreed to reset its mandate for the remaining two years of its term prior to the 2022 local government elections so that it could focus its time and energy on the most critical and achievable outcomes for this region. This renewed mandate includes two primary objectives which served as the foundation of the Mayors' Council's 2021 work plan:

1. **COVID Recovery and Rebuilding:** Complete TransLink's COVID-19 rebuilding strategy, including rebuilding transit ridership, and recovering the full losses expected over the 10-year investment plan period. This strategy must be complete by mid- to late-2021 when (by legislation) the next investment plan must be approved. This next investment plan, the "Financial Stabilization 10-Year Investment Plan" should focus on:
  - identifying the revenues needed to cover COVID losses and achieve a balanced 10-year plan;
  - delivering the remaining elements of the Phase Two Plan (approved in June, 2018) some of which were delayed due to the pandemic;
  - approving the already-funded projects in the Phase Two Update Plan (i.e. SLS to Fleetwood; next stage of the Low-Carbon Fleet Strategy) so that these shovel-ready projects are not further delayed;
  - Ensuring resources are available to complete the project plans and studies needed to support the T2050 and 10-Year Vision Renewal process (see next section).
2. **Renewing the 10-Year Vision:** Renew transportation plans, both the longer-term Transport 2050, and its medium-term subset, the 10-Year Vision, to account for the post-pandemic environment and reflect the new transportation pressures and trends we were seeing prior to the pandemic. Approving Transport 2050 and a new Vision by the end of the current Council term will set up the new Council for implementation and continued transit expansion in 2023 and beyond.

Complementary to the mandate renewal are several additional 2021 work plan objectives also approved on December 3, 2020:

3. **Government relations:** In order to support the mandate renewal's two primary objectives, a continued and strong emphasis on senior government advocacy will be critical. Building a relationship with the new provincial government, including the new Cabinet and newly elected MLAs, is always important, but even more so given the urgency of COVID recovery and the new government's substantive transit agenda. Federal engagement will also be important given that the 2021 budget may include Safe Restart Phase Two funding, as well as infrastructure stimulus. A federal election is likely and will require targeted outreach and engagement.
4. **Governance:** The Mayors' Council platform for the 2020 provincial election included a call for governance reform. The NDP responded to this call with a commitment to "talk about challenges with the current model, and your ideas for how it could be improved to better deliver the services that people in the region count on." Given this is a long-standing priority of the Mayors' Council, there is an opportunity to respond to the new government's invitation to engage on this issue. Separately from the issue of governance reform, last July the Mayors' Council asked staff to report back on how to "consider the importance of diversity and how it can be incorporated in the 2021 Screening Panel process" for appointing members to the TransLink Board.