

March 5, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia
Office of the Premier
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Eby:

Re: Immediate, full, and independent governance, program, and service review of Metro Vancouver by the Province of British Columbia

Affordability is the defining issue facing people across Metro Vancouver. Families, seniors, and businesses are under relentless pressure from rising costs, and they expect governments at every level to respect taxpayers and use public dollars responsibly.

As Mayors of the City and District of North Vancouver, we are writing to express our deep concern that the status quo at Metro Vancouver is no longer acceptable.

Recent media reports have exposed serious governance failures at Metro Vancouver that demand immediate provincial attention. Recurring issues reveal an organization that has lost its way, operating without meaningful accountability while critical infrastructure projects spiral out of control. The repeated governance breakdowns demonstrate that Metro Vancouver cannot fix itself from within.

Metro Vancouver's governance structure is failing to meet the needs of our residents. The organization has expanded well beyond its core mandate while struggling to deliver major essential services effectively. Decision-making processes have become inaccessible and unaccountable to the municipalities and taxpayers who fund operations. **The disconnect between Metro Vancouver's spending priorities and the fiscal capacity of member municipalities has reached a breaking point.**

We can no longer accept a regional body that operates without meaningful collaboration and accountability to the municipalities and residents who bear the financial burden of its decisions and we are calling on the Province to act.

Both of our municipalities are making difficult choices to protect taxpayers and maintain fiscal discipline. We expect the same commitment to responsible governance at the regional level.

We are particularly concerned about the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant project, which has experienced staggering cost overruns that our residents simply cannot afford. Our municipalities were never properly consulted or asked to participate in a meaningful discussion to determine whether we should proceed with the dramatically increased budget, a decision that was made behind closed doors. Despite repeated requests through appropriate internal Metro Vancouver governance channels, our serious concerns have not been resolved. Metro Vancouver is not serving the taxpayers and residents of North Vancouver appropriately on this critical issue.

We therefore call for an immediate, full, and independent governance, program, and service review of Metro Vancouver by the Province of British Columbia. This review must be comprehensive, conducted at arm's length, and designed to evaluate whether Metro Vancouver's current structure, mandate, and operations serve the interests of member municipalities and their residents. We need substantive recommendations that restore accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Meaningful reform requires independent oversight and genuine structural change. The recent repeated governance issues make clear that Metro Vancouver cannot address these problems from within. The Province must lead a thorough examination that prioritizes efficient service delivery, fiscal responsibility, and transparent accountability to member municipalities and their residents.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly to discuss our outstanding concerns regarding the wastewater treatment plant and the broader governance challenges at Metro Vancouver. Our residents deserve better stewardship of their tax dollars and meaningful consultation on projects of this magnitude.

Our residents are counting on provincial leadership to ensure their tax dollars are protected and that regional governance serves their interests effectively.

We urge you to act swiftly to initiate this comprehensive review.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Linda C. Buchanan".

Linda Buchanan
Mayor, City of North Vancouver

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Little".

Mike Little
Mayor, District of North Vancouver

c.c. City of North Vancouver Council
District of North Vancouver Council
Hon. Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure and MLA North Vancouver-Lonsdale
Susie Chant, MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour