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REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY

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21 Municipalities

1 Electoral Area

1 Treaty First Nation

2.8 Million Residents

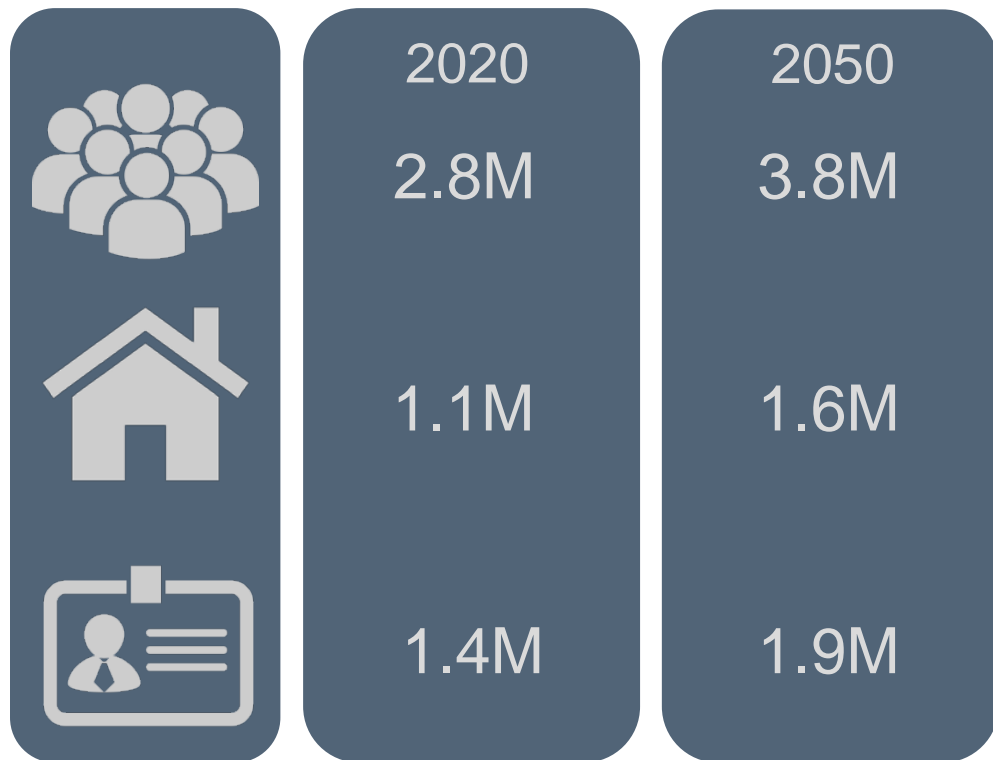
53% of BC population

1.6 Million Labour Force



A GROWING REGION

- Receives about 35,000 new residents per year
- Planning for:
 - 1 million new residents
 - 500,000 new homes
 - 500,000 additional jobs



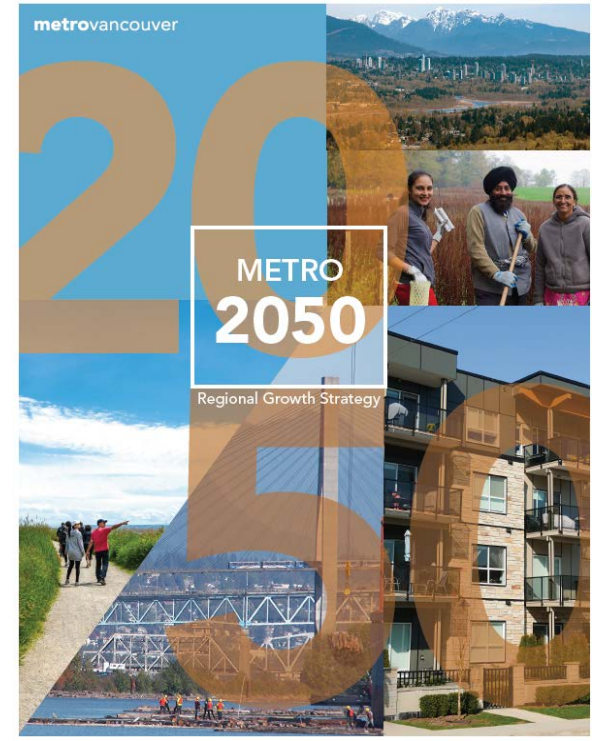
HISTORY OF REGIONAL GROWTH PLANNING



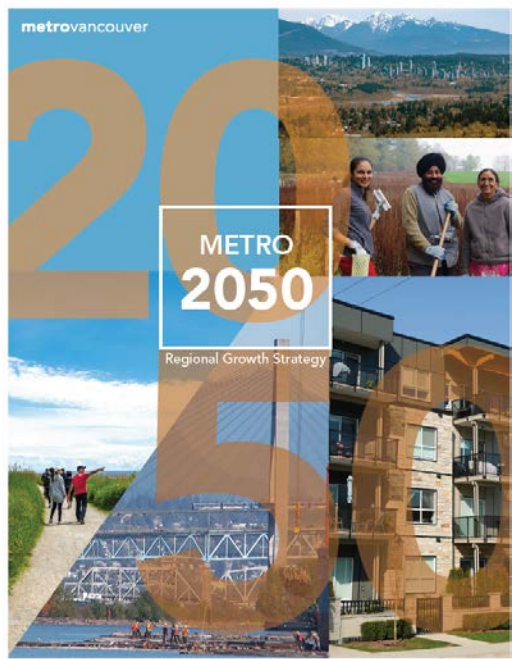
- Long-range plan
- Enabled by *Local Government Act*
- Manage projected growth
- Accepted by all member jurisdictions

REGIONAL PLANNING PRINCIPLES

- Put growth in the right places (Urban Centres & Transit Corridors)
- Protect important lands (agricultural, ecological, industrial)
- Support complete, healthy, resilient communities
- Diverse and affordable housing, better mobility, a prosperous economy
- Efficient urban infrastructure (utilities, transit)



COORDINATED REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING



METRO 2050: BIG MOVES

- Policies to encourage **transit-oriented affordable housing**, increase stock, and protect existing non-market rental units
- Stronger protection for **Industrial lands** and flexibility for residential near rapid transit stations on **Employment lands**
- Stronger **climate action**, including collective actions to reduce GHGs and prepare for impacts
- More explicit integration of **equity** outcomes
- Emphasis on **building relationships with First Nations**, incorporating development and planning needs

KEY TARGETS IN METRO 2050

- Reduce GHG emissions by 45% by 2030 and Carbon Neutrality by the year 2050
- 40% of new homes and 50% of new jobs in Urban Centres
- 28% of new homes and 27% of new jobs in Frequent Transit Development Areas

New:

- 15% of new housing in Urban Centres / FTDAs is affordable rental
- Protect 50% of the land base for nature
- Expand tree canopy cover in urban area to 40%

An aerial photograph of the Metro Vancouver region, showing the city of Vancouver, its surrounding suburbs, and the surrounding water bodies and mountains. The map is used as a background for the presentation of the Metro 2050 goals.

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GOAL

1

Create a Compact Urban Area

GOAL

2

Support a Sustainable Economy

GOAL

3

Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change,
and Respond to Natural Hazards

GOAL

4

Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices

GOAL

5

Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

GOAL 1: CREATE A COMPACT URBAN AREA

- Contain growth within the Urban Containment Boundary
- Focus growth in Urban Centres and along Transit Corridors
- Support the development of resilient, connected and complete communities
- Protect Rural lands



GOAL 2: SUPPORT A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

- Promote land development patterns that support a diverse regional economy
- Provide employment opportunities close to where people live
- Protect Industrial lands
- Protect Agricultural lands



GOAL 3: ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Protect significant ecological and recreation assets that provide vital ecosystem services
- Manage ecosystems to remain productive, resilient, adaptable
- Encourage urban form that reduces GHG emissions
- Improve resilience to climate change and natural hazards



GOAL 4: DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CHOICES

- Expand the supply and diversity of housing
- Protect tenants and expand supply of rental housing (affordable, near transit)
- Meet the housing needs of lower income households and people experiencing or at risk of homelessness



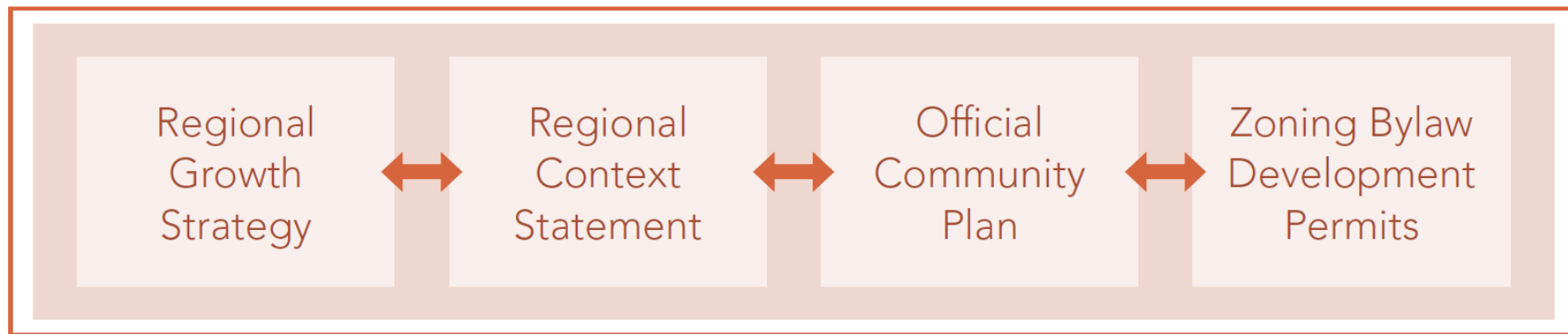
GOAL 5: SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

- Coordinate land use and transportation
- Encourage transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling, walking
- Support the safe and efficient movement of vehicles for passengers, goods, services



IMPLEMENTATION - REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENTS

Linking the Regional Growth Strategy and Official Community Plans



AMENDMENT PROCESS

	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
Approval Threshold	Acceptance by all affected local governments and Board	2/3 weighted Board vote	50% + 1 weighted Board vote
Example	Change goals or strategies	Change the UCB; non-urban to urban land use designations	Change Urban land use designation



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