

# *Regular Council Inaugural Council Meeting Minutes*

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**Present:**

Chairperson - Mayor Locke  
Councillor Annis  
Councillor Bains  
Councillor Bose  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Hepner  
Councillor Kooner  
Councillor Nagra  
Councillor Stutt

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

City Manager  
City Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services  
General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Finance  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
General Manager, Community Services  
General Manager, Investment & Intergovernmental Relations  
Fire Chief

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Oliver Lum, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed attendees to the Inaugural Meeting of the 2022 – 2026 Council for the City of Surrey.

Councillor Joanne Charles, Semiahmoo First Nation, provided an Indigenous welcome.

Karishma Deo performed O Canada.

**B. OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Judge V. Chettiar administered the Oath of Office to:

Mayor-Elect	Brenda Locke
Councillor-Elect	Mandeep Nagra
Councillor-Elect	Mike Bose
Councillor-Elect	Linda Annis
Councillor-Elect	Gordon Hepner
Councillor-Elect	Rob Stutt
Councillor-Elect	Harry Bains
Councillor-Elect	Pardeep Kooner
Councillor-Elect	Doug Elford

**C. MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

Mayor Locke provided an inaugural address and highlighted the following:

- Surrey is a city that is full of promise, built for families and a place where everyone matters. Council will listen respectfully to differing points of view, restore trust in local government, and receive community input. Voices will be respectfully heard and considered. Public consultation on the City's Financial Plan will be held in town centres across the city.

- Council will be transparent and ethical. The office of the Ethics Commissioner will be restored to protect the integrity of Council and ensure there is transparency in decision making.
- Public safety will be a priority of Council. One of Council's first actions will be to receive a fulsome staff report regarding policing in the city. In addition, a Police and Public Safety Board will be established to provide public input regarding the challenges of policing in the city. Council will also invest in additional Fire Services personnel.
- To support more affordable housing, Council will reduce red tape and improve efficiencies in the permit process. Council will also build better relationships with different levels of government to ensure that Surrey receives its fair share of housing supply.
- Council will work to expand transit options in Surrey. While the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain will provide great improvement, additional transit services, such as more buses and rapid bus routes, are needed now.
- Council will engage youth in civic matters to ensure they have a strong voice and that the City's future leaders are engaged. Engaging youth today will pay dividends in the future.

#### **D. METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

##### **1. 2023 Metro Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors** File: 0450-20 (BOD)

Mayor Locke recommended appointments to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors, and assigned votes to each Director.

It was Moved by Councillor Bains  
Seconded by Councillor Annis  
That:

1. Council appoint the following to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors:
  - a. Mayor Locke 5 votes;
  - b. Councillor Hepner 5 votes;
  - c. Councillor Bains 5 votes;
  - d. Councillor Stutt 5 votes;
  - e. Councillor Kooner 5 votes;
  - f. Councillor Annis 4 votes; and
2. Council appoint Councillors Bose and Elford as Alternate Directors, on a rotating basis.

RES.R22-1977

Carried

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was  
  
meeting be adjourned.  
RES.R22-1978

Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by Councillor Nagra  
That the November 7, 2022 Regular Council

Carried

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Certified correct:

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Mayor Brenda Locke