

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
February 21, 2003

MATERIAL RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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Acknowledgments

- **Staff retirement**

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The board recognized and expressed its thanks to GVRD Regional Parks Manager Rick Hankin on his retirement. Mr. Hankin's Regional Parks career began in 1969, and his leadership has resulted in a rich legacy of protected lands and recreational opportunities for GVRD residents and visitors alike.

- **Appointment of new Parks Manager**

Ed Andrusiak, previously Visitor Services and Partnerships Division Manager with GVRD Parks, was announced as the successful candidate to replace Mr. Hankin as Manager of the Regional Parks department.

Finance

- **Temporary borrowing authority**

APPROVED

This bylaw authorizes the borrowing of money by the GVRD to a maximum of \$12 million in anticipation of the collection of revenues.

- **Amendments to GVRD Investment Policy**

A revised investment policy for GVRD holdings was referred back to Finance Committee for further consideration.



- **Bill 14 – Local Government Statutes Amendment Act**

Legislative changes now require Regional Districts to adopt a five year financial plan bylaw, meet emergency spending regulations and engage in public consultation on budgets. The GVRD's current program planning and budgeting process currently exceeds the requirements – with a ten year financial estimate and five year financial target for spending. The board acknowledged that emergency spending processes have been effective and that sufficient consultation on the 2003 budget has occurred, so meeting the requirements of the new legislation.

A recommendation was approved directing staff to develop a more comprehensive consultation process for the 2004 financial plan and review emergency expenditure procedures for further board consideration.

- **Security Issuing Bylaw**

APPROVED

This bylaw approved the borrowing of \$1,224,580 through the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of Delta (\$1 million for drainage) and White Rock (\$224,580 for local improvements).

Corporate and Intergovernmental

- **Additional comments on Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee's paper on governance**

APPROVED

Regional governance is being discussed at treaty tables and a discussion paper, Regional Governance and Governance in the Region, has been circulated by LMTAC. Based on input from member jurisdictions, a revised draft of the paper was before the board. The board agreed to receive the report for information, but deferred a recommendation to inform LMTAC that the current draft adequately addressed previous GVRD concerns. Noting the importance of the issue, it was proposed that regional governance and treaty discussions be the subject of a Council of Councils meeting.

Regional Parks

- **Parks' Fees and Charges bylaw**

APPROVED

A bylaw approving changes to fees and charges for Parks services and facilities was read three times and forwarded to the Minister of Water Land and Air Protection for approval. Fee changes approved in this bylaw relate to rates for public interpretation programs, Cammidge House and Inverholme Schoolhouse rentals, and Outdoor Group Camp rentals.

- **Crown Land contributions to regional and local parks**

APPROVED

This report outlines issues associated with the acquisition of Crown Lands by regional district and local parks functions. It provides a history examining the critical role played by provincial land grants and leases in the establishment of GVRD Parks and other park networks. A recommendation expressing concern over potential provincial changes in land grant policies and on pricing based on market values was approved.

Information Reports

- **Information reports received**

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A report on the activities of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee and the GVRD's Involvement in Aboriginal Affairs was received for information.

Other Business

- **GVRD appointment to UBCM Executive**

APPROVED

Director Don McLean was appointed as the GVRD's representative to serve on the UBCM executive for 2002-2003.

- **FCM Task Force appointment**

APPROVED

Director Derek Corrigan was appointed to represent the GVRD on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Task Force on Trade Treaties, and appropriate travel expenses authorized.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Temporary borrowing authority**

APPROVED

This bylaw authorizes the borrowing of money by the GVS&DD to a maximum of \$25 million in anticipation of the collection of revenues.

- **Cost apportionment bylaw**

APPROVED

Cost apportionment for liquid waste management is continuing to move towards a user-pay flow based system. This year's bylaw reflects the use of 80 per cent metered flows and 20 per cent assessments in the Fraser Sewerage Area and a change in the calculation of flows from the University Endowment Lands.

- **Ashcroft Ranch Landfill – Environmental Assessment Act**

APPROVED

Staff is directed to seek confirmation, arising from uncertainties in provincial legislation, that the proposed Ashcroft Ranch Landfill project is to be considered a reviewable project under the Environmental Assessment Act. Confirmation will also be sought that the facility will be the subject of an amendment to the GVS&DD Solid Waste Management Plan

- **Environment Canada Management Plan for CEPA Toxic Substances**

APPROVED

Canadian Environmental Protection Act designation of toxic substances that includes chlorinated municipal effluent and proposed management plans for the substances have raised concerns. The board approved a recommendation that the Board Chair meet with the federal Minister of Environment and the provincial Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection to convey those concerns.

- **Lynn Pump Station Upgrade – Detailed design**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for an expenditure of \$250,000 of budgeted funds to prepare the detailed design of the Lynn Pump Station upgrade. Upgrade works to the 37 year old station is anticipated to cost \$3.1 million.

- **2003 Sewerage and Drainage Capital Projects**

APPROVED

Five budgeted capital projects were approved by the board. The projects are: pre-design of the Jervis Forcemain False Creek Crossing Twinning (\$350,000), Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant motor control centre replacement (two projects, \$1,270,000), North Surrey Interceptor – 104th Avenue Extension pre-design (\$200,000), and, Cloverdale Sanitary Sewer Overflow Storage Facility construction (\$6 million).

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Temporary borrowing authority**

APPROVED

This bylaw authorizes the borrowing of money by the GVWD to a maximum of \$10 million in anticipation of the collection of revenues.

- **Seymour Capilano Filtration Project**

APPROVED

Approval was granted to proceed with site preparation for the filtration project, including the clearing of about 39 hectares of forested area in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve and approximately 1.5 hectares for Capilano works and a soil disposal area at Site 8 in the Capilano

watershed. A budgeted expenditure of \$8.8 million for site preparation and gravel processing in the LSCR and \$250,000 at Capilano Site 8 was also approved. In keeping with sustainability principles, a vegetation salvage program is incorporated into site clearing. This report also outlined public consultation activities associated with the project.

- **Seymour Falls Dam seismic upgrade**

APPROVED

An expenditure of up to \$47.8 million from capital funds has been approved for the Seymour Falls dam seismic upgrade project. The dam, in operation since the early 1960s, impounds a reservoir that supplies approximately 40 per cent of the region's drinking water. Current seismic standards require that the dam be upgraded. Construction work will begin with site preparation in 2003 and is expected to be completed by 2006-07.

- **Seymour Capilano Filtration Project - equipment pre-purchase**

APPROVED

Pre-purchase of equipment for the Capilano Pumping Station component of the filtration project, totaling \$19.2 million of budgeted funds, was approved.