



Board in Brief

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Actions taken by the
GVRD Board of Directors
at its meeting on April 20, 2007

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

CONSENT AGENDA

2007 Special Park Districts Forum

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the attendance and payment of expenses for Directors Barbara Steele and Max Wyman at the 2007 Special Park District Forum on June 5 - 8, 2007 at Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks in Ohio.

World Mayors' Council on Climate Change

Approved

In response to the report from Directors Joe Trasolini and Wayne Wright, Environment Committee, briefing members on the results of the World Mayor's Council on Climate Change and associated conference, the GVRD Board will write to the Mayor of Kyoto, Japan to thank him for hosting the World Mayors' Council on Climate Change conference as an important initiative and inspiration to local governments in addressing climate change.

The Board endorsed the Kyoto Climate Action Declaration adopted by the World Mayors' Council on February 17, 2007 and further requested staff to report on GVRD corporate actions on greenhouse gas management. The report by Directors Trasolini and Wright will be forwarded to GVRD member municipalities, the Premier of BC and the Federal Minister of Environment.

Climate Change Adaptation

Approved

The GVRD Board received for information the climate change adaptation resolution approved at the March 1, 2007 City of Vancouver Regular Council Meeting, and will forward the resolution to member municipalities for their consideration in the development of municipal adaptation policies and actions. Staff was further requested to report on GVRD adaptation initiatives and any gaps.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 937, 1999: Appointments **Approved**

The GVRD Board rescinded the appointments of Dani Astles, Dawn Ross, Larry Avanthay and Ken Stubbs, and appointed Donald Miller and Silvano Padovan as Assistant District Directors; and appointed Kevin Stock, Karen DeWitt and Johanna Legge as Officers.

Regional Energy Requirements **Approved**

The GVRD Board requested a report from BC Hydro on how net metering could be implemented in the GVRD by the end of 2007.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

Amendment to Canada Marine Act **Approved**

The GVRD Board requested the Minister of Transport Canada amend the *Canada Marine Act* to increase representation and to allow for representation by elected officials from Greater Vancouver municipalities on the Board of the new integrated Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

GVRD Representative on the 2006 - 2007 UBCM Executive **Acclaimed**

Director Steele was nominated and acclaimed to serve on the 2006 - 2007 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive.

Railway Safety Act Review **Heard**

Members were advised that Transport Canada is undertaking a public consultation process to review the Railway Safety Act.

Veteran's Parking Policy **Approved**

Staff was requested to include on the next Mayor's Committee agenda discussion of a Veteran's parking policy.

Murder of Mayor Itoh, Nagasaki, Japan **Approved**

The GVRD Board requested that the GVRD Chair write a letter of condolence to the City of Nagasaki expressing the GVRD's abhorrence to the murder of Mayor Itoh of Nagasaki, Japan.

Staff was requested to issue a News Release advising that the flags at the GVRD had been lowered in recognition of the murder of Mayor Itoh of Nagasaki, Japan.

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Actions taken by the
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at its meeting on April 27, 2007

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

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Greater Vancouver Water District Board

CONSENT AGENDA

Audited 2006 Financial Statements **Approved**

The GVWD Board approved the Audited 2006 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Water District.

Status of Reserves **Approved**

The GVWD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of the report titled "*Status of Reserves*" dated April 3, 2007.

Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2006 **Approved**

The GVWD Board received the report titled "Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2006" dated March 30, 2007 for information.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

CONSENT AGENDA

Storm water Management at UBC **Approved**

The GVS&DD Board directed staff to work with the University of British Columbia to disestablish the University Drainage Area and transfer ownership and responsibility for the spiral drainage shaft and outfall to UBC.



Audited 2006 Financial Statements **Approved**

The GVS&DD Board approved the Audited 2006 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District.

Status of Reserves **Approved**

The GVS&DD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated April 3, 2007.

Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2006 **Approved**

The GVS&DD Board received the report titled "Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2006" dated March 30, 2007 for information.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

Product Stewardship for Soap, Cleaner and Detergent Containers **Approved**

The GVS&DD Board recommended that all packaging from household and industrial detergents and cleaning products be added as a schedule to the Recycling Regulation, as a first step towards achieving a goal of adding all packaging as schedules to the Recycling Regulation, requiring brand-owners to submit a Stewardship Plan using any preferred method (advanced disposal fee, recycled content, deposits, etc.) or combinations and variations to achieve a 75 per cent recovery and recycling rate.

GVS&DD Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 240, 2007 **Adopted**

The GVS&DD Board adopted "Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 240, 2007".

Greater Vancouver Regional District

INVITED PRESENTATION

Regional Emergency Management Implementation Approach

Honourable John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Judy Rogers, City Manager, City of Vancouver and Co-Chair of the Joint Emergency Liaison Committee (JELC), and David Morhart, Deputy Minister of Public Safety and Deputy Solicitor General, Province of BC and Co-chair of JELC were present to discuss the proposal for a partnership between the GVRD and the Province to improve cross-jurisdictional emergency planning.

Existing provincial support for emergency management was outlined and the Board was assured that current commitments will not be affected by the proposed partnership. The Board was informed about findings leading to the establishment of the proposal, approval process, emergency management delivery models, and the rationale for the recommended model of a regional/provincial partnership. The presentation focused on the proposed model of integrated partnership for Regional Emergency Management between the GVRD and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, outlining key parts, roles, programs, resources, short- and long-term workplans, and benefits. The delegation recommended that the GVRD Board approve the proposed partnership in principle, authorize the GVRD CAO and the Province to work on enabling authorities and direct the GVRD CAO and JELC to draft a Memorandum of Understanding.

CONSENT AGENDA

Audited 2006 Financial Statements

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the Audited 2006 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and received for information the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation Audited 2006 Financial Statements.

Status of Reserves

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated April 3, 2007.

Compensation for Transmission Lines

Approved

The GVRD Board supports the findings of the January 19, 2007 report titled "Fair Compensation from BC Hydro for Transmission and Distribution Lines", namely – that Regional Districts are not receiving benefits from the 55,000 kilometres of Distribution lines and 17,533 kilometres of Transmission lines in the rural areas of the province, while all other forms of government are receiving a benefit – and urged the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Carole Taylor, to implement a fair method of compensation to Regional Districts in the province based on her stated strong belief that Crown Corporations, wherever possible, should compete on a level playing field.

Grant to City of Surrey Fire Department

Approved

The GVRD Board approved a one time grant of \$45,000 to the City of Surrey Fire Department to assist in its delivery of fire suppression services to the Barnston Island Community. The Board further directed staff to explore the possibility of legislative change to establish individual property owner or community responsibility for fire suppression on Barnston Island.

2006 Financial Results

Approved

The GVRD Board received the report titled "2006 Financial Results" dated April 1, 2007 for information.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

Update on UBCM Response to TILMA

Approved

The GVRD Board received the report dated March 29, 2007 titled "Update on UBCM response to TILMA" for information. Members were informed that the Minister of Economic Development has invited the UBCM Executive to appoint a member that would participate on the TILMA negotiating team with the Province of Alberta. Members were also advised that frequently asked questions from member municipalities and provincial position and results of consultations will be posted on the TILMA website.

Regional Emergency Management Implementation Approach

Approved

The GVRD Board endorsed the "Integrated Partnership" model as discussed in the Joint Emergency Liaison Committee (JELC) report; and directed staff to request the Minister responsible to enact a regulation under the Local Government Act, that would authorize the GVRD to operate a regional emergency planning and coordination service. The Board directed the GVRD CAO and JELC to bring forward a proposed Memorandum of Understanding which will include a complete description of the new service function with proposed annual budget and a funding model for review and consideration by the Board.

GVRD Board Response to the TransLink Governance Review

Approved

The GVRD Board will advise the Minister of Transportation that the Board supports the provincial government's goal to improve the governance of Greater Vancouver's transportation system to ensure it has the structure and resources necessary to meet the transportation needs of the region; and that the Board does not support the provincial government making final decisions on the TransLink Governance Review Panel recommendations until the Board has been given adequate opportunity to meet with the Minister to explore opportunities to incorporate GVRD perspectives into the new transportation governance structure.

The GVRD Board will invite the Minister of Transportation to meet with the Board to discuss:

options for ensuring that the proposed governance model for regional transportation can be guided by integrated land use and transportation policy; options for providing additional transportation funding sources which are more closely tied to the use of the transportation system than the property tax; and the province's intentions for the proposed 30-year transportation vision, in particular whether that vision will clearly establish the necessary linkages between regional land use, transportation and air quality management and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The GVRD Board will forward the report titled "GVRD Board Response to the TransLink Governance Review" dated April 12, 2007, to the Premier, Minister of Transportation, and the TransLink Board Task Force.

The GVRD Board requested staff to provide information on legal aspects of the GVRD's position with respect to the proposed new governance legislation for regional transportation.

Community Wildfire Protection Planning

Heard

Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer, informed the Board about the development of community wildfire protection plans. The plans were prepared in a joint collaborative effort between the GVRD and member municipalities in the interface with the objective of providing a consistent approach to interface fires. The consultant will present individual proposed plans in participating municipalities in the upcoming weeks.