

Please note that these are not official minutes of the meeting.

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
June 1, 2001

✓	DM
	DW
	MY
	AS
	DB
	SF

0157-01

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

Bill Morrell
Communications and Education department
451-6107

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Recognition

- **Ian Jarvis**

NOTED

Ian Jarvis, GVRD's Manager of Finance, was acknowledged for his contributions to the organization. Mr. Jarvis has taken a new position as Vice-President, Finance, with TransLink.

Delegations

- **Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST)**

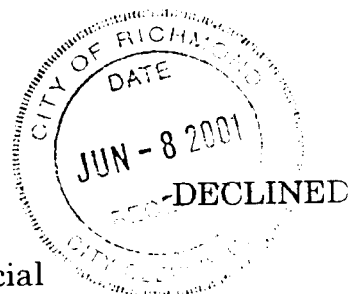
HEARD

Ray Straatsma of BEST addressed the board in regards to a recent TransLink report concerning the Richmond/Airport Vancouver Rapid Transit Project.

Finance

- **FCM Funding Requests**

A request from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for financial contributions to the FCM's BC Municipal Travel Fund and the National Housing Policy Options team was declined. No contribution to the funds



was anticipated in the GVRD 2001 budget. A review of requests will be considered in advance of the region's 2002 budget preparations.

- **2000 Financial Statements**

RECEIVED/
APPROVED

In keeping with recommendations of the Public Service Accounting Board, Greater Vancouver Districts' 2000 Financial Statements have been prepared to provide a full set of audited consolidated financial statements that combine all related organizations. The board received the financial statements report, and approved the GVRD Audited 2000 Financial Statements

- **Preferential Contracting**

APPROVED

Currently, the GVRD bases contracting policy on best value derived through open solicitation of competitive bids. A report examined bidding requirements related to geographic location, and determined that providing preference to bidders based on geography or value-added would increase costs to taxpayers with no assurance of benefit. The board approved a recommendation to maintain the current competitive bidding policy.

- **Reporting of 2000 Remuneration and Expenses**

APPROVED

Remuneration and expenses for GVRD Board and Committee members in 2000 were reported and made available for public inspection.

Administration and Intergovernment

- **Contact Management Information System**

APPROVED

Discussion with member municipalities in regards to development of a Contact Management Information System – with an initial focus on relationships with businesses – was approved.

- **Resolution to Purchase Pensionable Service**

APPROVED

This resolution allows GVRD employees to purchase employment service, at 100 per cent of the cost, in order to enhance their pensions. Purchase of service would include probationary periods, part-time service, and service with another employer. The resolution does not replace previous purchase of service resolutions passed by the GVRD in the past.

Parks

- **Matsqui Trail and Campbell Valley Equestrian Commercial Use Permits and Fees** APPROVED

Board approval was given to the establishment of permits and fees for commercial equestrian operations in the two parks. Fees will be \$1,200 for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 for Matsqui Trail and \$2,400 for the period April 1, 2001 to October 31, 2001 for Campbell Valley Regional Park.

- **GVRD Funding and Support for Pacific Parklands Foundation** APPROVED

Board approval was granted for an expenditure of \$275,000 from the Aldergrove Gravel Pit reserve fund to support a Pacific Parklands Foundation grant application. The Project Priorities Committee has been activated, and appointees to the Regional Parks Forum endorsed.

Planning and Environment

- **Proposed BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project** APPROVED

GVRD preparations for participation in the consultation and regulatory process surrounding a natural gas-fired cogeneration power plant at the BP Amoco Cherry Point Refinery in Washington State were approved.

- **Proposed Sumas 2 Generation Facility** APPROVED

The board approved a recommendation directing staff to review and analyze the modified proposal for the Sumas 2 Generation Facility. The GVRD will work with the FVRD and with provincial and federal agencies in a technical review of the new proposal prior to developing an appropriate response to Washington State regulatory agencies and government officials.

- **Richmond/Airport Vancouver Rapid Transit Project** APPROVED

Following a Planning and Environment Committee decision to table a report on the project until July, in expectation of additional information, the board approved a motion advising the federal government that transportation priorities identified in the Strategic Transportation Plan must be considered for first funding.

- **Regional Plan on Homelessness**

APPROVED

This report provides information on the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness' Regional Homelessness Plan for Greater Vancouver. The plan will be referred to member municipalities for endorsement of the guiding principles and directions it contains to alleviate and prevent homelessness.

- **Appointment of regulatory officials**

APPROVED

Appointment of Nancy Knight, rescinding the appointment of Barry Mills, as District Director for the GVRD Air Quality program, pursuant to the Waste Management Act, was approved.

- **Cascadia Metropolitan Forum – Whistler, June 30, 2001**

APPROVED

This forum, which brings together regional planning authorities for the Vancouver, Seattle and Portland metropolitan areas, will be held in Whistler in conjunction with the 2001 Cascadia Conference. In addition to staff, the board approved participation by Chair Puil, Vice-Chair Staub, Directors Hogarth, Jackson, Bell, Broughton, Price and Barrett, and Councillor Bose at the Forum.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area

- **Contemplated changes to the Indian Act**

APPROVED

Changes being contemplated to the Indian Act have been reviewed by the Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area Committee, and the board agreed to a recommendation expressing concern over communication and intergovernment relations on the issue. The board will contact federal authorities to request they seek input from local governments during their review process of the Indian Act.

- **Local governments and urban aboriginal issues**

RECEIVED

This report, which articulates issues and concerns pertaining to aboriginal peoples currently living off-reserve or future Treaty Settlement Lands, was prepared jointly by staff of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee and the GVRD. It was received by the board for information, and has been provided to both Provincial and Federal negotiators and the UBCM for response.

Information Reports

- **Lower Mainland governance symposium**

RECEIVED

A symposium on June 7, with participation from First Nations, will focus on regional linkages and has as its theme 'Understanding the First Nations/Regional Government Interface'.

- **Tseil-Waututh Treaty negotiations**

RECEIVED

Correspondence, including a Statement of Interests from the Village of Lions Bay, related to the Tseil-Waututh treaty negotiations was received. Lions Bay notes that, while it is not directly within the land interests of the Tseil-Waututh, it may be directly and indirectly impacted by changes in land use of the Howe Sound region.

- **Status of Capital Expenditures as at December 31, 2000**

RECEIVED

This report provides the board with information on the status of capital expenditures as of the end of the 2000 fiscal year.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Delegation – BC Assets and Lands**

HEARD

A representative of the provincial agency responsible for crown lands spoke to the board in regards to construction of the North East Trunk Sewer and its relationship to development in the Burke Mountain area of Coquitlam.

- **Biomedical Waste Management**

APPROVED

Lower Mainland Health Regions and Iotron Industries Canada are to be advised that the GVS&DD Board's conditions for accepting properly treated biomedical waste into the GVRD's solid waste stream have not yet been met. This position can be reassessed after a planned public meeting in Port Coquitlam and assessment by the Province as to whether this material would be classified as regular municipal solid waste.

- **Waste export and tipping fees at Matsqui Transfer Station** APPROVED

A reduction of the tipping fee at the Matsqui Transfer Station from \$66 to \$65 per tonne for the remainder of 2001 was approved. The reduction is intended to address the negative impacts of waste export on the District's Matsqui station.

- **Municipal Solid Waste and Source Control Program regulatory appointments** APPROVED

The board approved appointment of Nancy Knight as Solid Waste Manager and Officer, and as Sewage Control Manager, and rescinded previous appointments.

- **Biosolids research support agreement with Agriculture Canada** APPROVED

An agreement for matched funding research into subjects such as the beneficial properties of biosolids, conducted in conjunction with Agriculture Canada, at the Ashcroft Ranch was approved. The agricultural market for biosolids currently represents 30 per cent of the annual biosolids production of the GVRD.

- **Noble Creek Intake Upgrade and Kyle Street Trunk Drain** APPROVED

The board approved an expenditure of up to \$250,000 for improvements to a debris storage basin on Noble Creek and to the Kyle Street Trunk Drain in Port Moody.

- **Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Sewer** APPROVED

In light of a request from the City of Coquitlam that the GVRD assume full responsibility for design, construction and funding of the Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Sewer, staff are directed to undertake a comprehensive review of the specific criteria that define what should constitute a regional utility project and what should constitute a municipal utility project.

- **Financial Statements of the GVS&DD** RECEIVED/
APPROVED

Audited 2000 financial statements for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District were received and approved.

- **Information Reports**

RECEIVED

Information relating to the Municipal Rebate for 2000 – a total of \$324,000 shared between participating municipalities based on population – as well as on the Hollyburn Interceptor twinning project and on legal action taken against Pacific Fermentation Industries was received.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Comments on Bill 20 – Drinking Water Protection Act and Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Regulation**

APPROVED

The board will provide provincial authorities with comments regarding the newly introduced Act and regulations, and requests that the Province initiate consultation process so that comments can be taken into account. The new requirements, including a reduction in allowable turbidity levels from five to one NTU, have implications for the GVRD

- **Phasing of filtration of Capilano source - DWTP**

APPROVED

Subsequent to changes in drinking water regulations, the board considered a report that proposes advancement of the timing for filtration at the region's Capilano water source. The board agreed to place on hold the current ozonation project at Capilano, and to refer a proposal to advance the timing of filtration to member municipalities and public meetings. It is anticipated a final decision will be made at the July board meeting.

- **Financial Statements of the Greater Vancouver Water District**

RECEIVED/
APPROVED

Audited 2000 financial statements for the Greater Vancouver Water District were received and approved.