

Board in Brief

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Actions taken by the
GVRD Board of Directors
at its meeting on March 28, 2008

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

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Greater Vancouver Water District Board

CONSENT AGENDA

American Water Works Association 2008 Annual Conference and Exhibition **Approved**

The Board approved the attendance of the Chair of the Water Committee at the American Water Works Association 2008 Annual Conference and Exhibition being held June 8 - 12, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia at an approximate cost of \$7,000.

Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR): **Approved**
Proposed "Richard Juryn Trail"

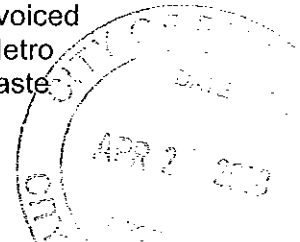
The Board approved the naming "Richard Juryn Trail" for the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve portion of a proposed trail originating in District of North Vancouver that connects with an existing trail in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

DELEGATIONS

John Ranta, Mayor, Village of Cache Creek **Heard**

John Ranta, Mayor, Village of Cache Creek, provided the history of the working relationship between the Village of Cache Creek and Metro Vancouver, voiced concerns about waste export to the United States, and suggested that Metro Vancouver consider the Cache Creek Landfill Extension as an interim waste disposal solution.



Chief Mike Retasket, Bonaparte Indian Band, spoke in opposition to waste export to the United States, requested that the jobs be retained in the region, expressed the band's willingness to work on a potential in-province solution, and presented documents demonstrating Bonaparte Indian Band's support of the Cache Creek Landfill Extension.

The documents will be retained with the March 28, 2008 Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage agenda package.

Chief Greg Blain, Ashcroft Indian Band, informed the Board that the letter from Chief Pasco introduced at the January 25, 2008 Board meeting was not authorized by all chiefs and will get ultimately revoked. The Board was also informed that the Ashcroft Indian Band is working closely with Wastech on an agreement, supported by 90% of community members.

Amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan to Authorize Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste to the United States

Approved

The Board directed Metro Vancouver staff to:

- (a) Apply for an amendment to Metro Vancouver's 1995 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to authorize the export of municipal solid waste for either processing or disposal in the United States;
- (b) Seek legal assurances that the export of what may be considered a resource will not fetter Metro Vancouver under the provisions of NAFTA;
- (c) Initiate a competitive bidding process for the export of solid waste to the United States; and
- (d) Continue to discuss the amendment with staff from Ministry of Environment and, if further specificity is required, report back to the Board subsequent to the competitive process; and to provide regular updates regarding the status of the amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan enabling the waste export to the United States and report on legal assurances of the viability of this option.

The Board received for information the report dated March 13, 2008 from the Waste Management Committee titled "Amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan to Authorize Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste to the United States".

CONSENT AGENDA

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 14293 Crescent Road and 3615 Elgin Road, City of Surrey

Approved

The Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the land located at 14293 Crescent Road and 3615 Elgin Road, City of Surrey as shown on plan SA-2376, Sheet 41 and described in the report titled "Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 14293 Crescent Road and 3615 Elgin Road, City of Surrey" dated February 8, 2008.

Potential Lions Gate WWTP Biomethane Project

Approved

The Board approved supporting Terasen Gas in their application for senior government funding of the project demonstration phase for the use of a biogas purification system to produce biomethane to inject into the Terasen Gas pipeline at the Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Metro Vancouver Food Waste Composting Facility

Approved

The Board directed staff to expand the scope of the request for proposal process for the design, construction and operation of an organic waste stream processing facility for technologies other than just composting. The Board directed staff to include in the report analysis of food security and environmental impacts.

Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues: Waste Management

Approved

The Board directed staff to:

- a) Forward the report dated March 6, 2008 titled "Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues: Waste Management" to member municipalities, and other related agencies for their information and comment; and
- b) Consider the report in the context of updating the Solid Waste Management Plan.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA

GVS&DD Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 243, 2008

Adopted

The Board adopted "Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 243, 2008".

MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Regional Waste Options

Received

The Board received for information the Notice of Motion titled "Regional Waste Options", introduced at the February 29, 2008 Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board received for information the following items of correspondence

Received

Metro Vancouver Food Composting Facility

Letter dated March 20, 2008 from Mateo Ocejo, Net Zero Waste Inc., to Councillor Peter Ladner, City of Vancouver, regarding the Metro Vancouver food waste composting facility.

Keeping Metro Vancouver's Options Open re Solid Waste Management and Saving Metro Vancouver \$3 Billion

Letter dated March 25, 2008 from Tony Sperling, President, Sperling Hansen Associates Inc., to Chair Jackson and Board, regarding the potential disposal of solid waste to the Highland Valley Centre for Sustainable Waste Management.

Interior Landfilling Task Force

Email dated March 26, 2008 from the Interior Landfilling Task Force to the Board Chair Lois Jackson, informing about formation of the Interior Landfilling Task Force and outcomes of its first meeting on March 5, 2008.

Rabanco's Letter regarding the amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan

Letter dated March 27, 2008 from Joe Casalini, Rabanco/Allied Waste Services, to Board Chair Lois Jackson, responding to the Waste Management Committee recommendation regarding the amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan to Authorize Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste to the United States and the Notice of Motion titled "Regional Waste Options".

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Bill 12 – 2008 Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act

Received

The Board received for information the report dated March 27, 2008 titled "Bill 12 – 2008 Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act" and referred the subject to the upcoming regular and in-camera board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Joint Project Proposal – "Fraser Trails Legacy" Initiative and Joint 2008 Special Event

Approved

The Board directed staff to develop:

- a) options and test feasibility of a "Fraser Trails Legacy" initiative to create interconnecting "discovery" loops in the Fraser Valley between Coquitlam and Hope connecting and encompassing the Trans Canada Trail, as a collaborative effort among Metro Vancouver Regional District, Fraser Valley Regional District, Trails BC, local jurisdictions, provincial and federal government, BC Tourism, and First Nations; and to seek support and grants from senior levels of government and other funding sources; and
- b) an event jointly delivered by Metro Vancouver Regional District and the Fraser Valley Regional District with the participation of Trails BC, focusing on initiatives arising from approved options in recommendation (a) above.

Additional Feedback from the Preliminary Public Consultation Process on Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy **Received**

The Board received for information the report dated February 26, 2008, titled "Additional Feedback from the Preliminary Public Consultation Process on Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy".

Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations **Received**

The Board received the report dated February 19, 2008, titled "Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations", for information.

International Eco-Municipality Conference **Approved**

The Board authorized the conference registration fee for Director Richard Walton to attend the International Eco-Municipality Conference in Sweden in May 2008, and requested Director Walton to report on the conference results to the Environment Committee.

Climate Change Visioning in Metropolitan Vancouver **Approved**

The Board:

- a) Approved a partnership with the Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning at the University of British Columbia in support of improving regional climate change visualizations and outcomes; and
- b) Approved a grant in the amount of \$25,000 in 2008, with similar grants to be brought forward for consideration in the 2009 and 2010 budgets, to the Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning at the University of British Columbia in support of improving regional climate change visualisations and outcomes.

Funding for Staffing Resources for the Committee **Approved**

The Board approved the request for \$80,000 to fund activities as defined by the Port Cities Committee 2008 work plan.

System Furniture and Tenant Improvement Reserve Funding **Approved**

The Board approved the use of \$925,000 from reserves to fund system furniture upgrades and tenant improvements within 4330 Kingsway and the neighboring building to the east, 5945 Kathleen Avenue, Burnaby, BC.

Name Change to Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation **Approved**

The GVRD Board, on behalf of the sole shareholder of the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation, resolved to change the name of the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation to "Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation."

Update on Regional Homelessness Count 2008

Approved

The Board approved writing to the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness, Vancouver Foundation, and United Way to thank them for undertaking the count of homeless people, and to the Social Planning Research Council for engaging 670 volunteers in the process, in support of the Board's objective to eliminate homelessness, and forward a copy of the letter to the Federal and Provincial ministers responsible for housing, and Metro Vancouver member municipalities.

Integrated Metro Vancouver Public Communication and Outreach/Engagement Strategy

Received

The Board received the report dated March 13, 2008, titled 'Integrated Metro Vancouver Public Communication and Outreach/Engagement Strategy' for information.

British Columbia (BC) Canada Pavilion in Beijing

Approved

The Board approved:

- a) Advising the Ministry of Economic Development and the Vancouver Economic Development Commission that Metro Vancouver will choose not to directly participate in the BC Canada Beijing Pavilion;
- b) The use of "Metro Vancouver" by the Taskforce on Regional Economic Development Opportunities (TREDO) for the purposes of the June 2008 mission to the BC Canada Beijing Pavilion and directed staff to work with TREDO on that mission; and
- c) Directing staff to develop a policy on the use of "Metro Vancouver".

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT

Disposition of Part of Tynehead Regional Park – GVRD Bylaw No. 1075, 2008

Approved

The Board approved:

- a) Giving leave to introduce "Greater Vancouver Regional District Disposition of Part of Tynehead Regional Park Bylaw No. 1075, 2008" and that it be read a first, second and third time. The bylaw authorizes the sale of a portion of two properties in Tynehead Regional Park located at the northwest corner of 96th Avenue and 176th Street in Surrey. If the Bylaw is adopted, the lands will be dedicated as road for the Gateway Project widening of 176 Street (Highway 15) at the intersection with 96th Avenue.
- b) Directing staff to implement an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant section 797.5 of the *Local Government Act*;
- c) Establishing the deadline for receiving elector responses as May 16, 2008;
- d) Establishing elector response forms in the form attached;

- e) Determine that the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 1,551,515; and
- f) Direct staff to report the results of the alternative elector approval process to the Board and if approval has been obtained, bring the Bylaw forward for final reading and adoption by the Board.

MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement **Approved**

The Board endorsed the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference on December 12, 2007.

Support for the Rapid Transit Link from Lougheed Mall to Coquitlam Centre **Approved**

The Board confirmed support for the rapid transit link from Lougheed Mall to Coquitlam Centre via Port Moody as part of the transportation corridor outlined in the growth strategy of the Liveable Region Strategic Plan.