

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, July 18 and Friday, July 25, 2008

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Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Special Meeting, July 25, 2008

Solid Waste Management Planning

Approved

The board asked staff to issue a non-binding call for an expression of interest about the availability of existing solid waste or garbage disposal or processing options in the United States.

The board also directed staff to develop an amended Solid Waste Management Plan by sequentially carrying out the following actions:

Develop a report setting out the strategies and actions recommended by Metro Vancouver staff to achieve a 70 per cent waste diversion target by 2015;

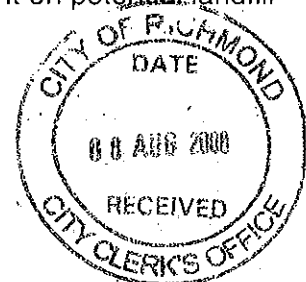
Develop a report by an outside consultant assessing the relative characteristics and merits of landfills and waste to energy (various technologies) as means to process or dispose of the remaining 30 per cent of the waste stream;

Consult with the community, municipal staff, First Nations and stakeholders on these two reports; Report back to the Board, through the Waste Management Committee, on the the results of these consultations and the implications for an amended Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan.

Staff report on the money spent on new landfill or garbage dump proposals

Approved

Metro staff was asked for a financial accounting of the costs of acquiring the Ashcroft Ranch, consulting contracts about alternative landfills to replace the existing landfill at Cache Creek, the capital spent on retrofits at the Ashcroft Ranch, an estimate of staff time spent on potential landfill sites and an estimate of the potential sales value of the Ashcroft Ranch.



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Greater Vancouver Regional District Regular Meeting, July 25, 2008

Financial Challenges Facing the Region

Approved

Using a moderate set of assumptions, the cost of services by member municipalities, TransLink and Metro Vancouver could climb to \$12.4 billion per year by 2030 from \$4.7 billion in 2008. The board adopted projections outlined in Financial Challenges Facing the Region, a July 16, 2008 report that is to help advance the case for senior government funding participation in significant Metro Vancouver utility projects.

Directors also voted to reconsider:

1. the merits of maintaining the existing "levy as you go" strategy" or whether to adopt a pre-levy, pay as you go strategy
2. whether to adopt a five-year debt amortization, versus a longer term amortization.

The board also decided to:

1. forward the Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation and the TransLink Board as context for evaluating future TransLink expenditures, as well as the Municipal Financing Authority;
2. direct staff to conduct an outreach and consultation program with business and interested community groups on these projections and report back to the Board on any feedback obtained during the budget process;
3. direct staff to report back on potential mitigation measures available to municipalities, or to the region;
4. direct staff to look at different financial models to reduce or help finance future capital expenditures.

Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations

Received

Some highlights: the Canadian Senate approved the final agreement with the Tsawwassen First Nation; there are 47 sets of negotiations in B.C.

Metro responds to Delta Councillor Jeannie Kanakos e-mail about Metro's constitutional challenge to the B.C.

Approved

A letter from Metro's Aboriginal Relations Committee explains why Metro began a legal challenge of the provincial legislation.

International Regions Benchmarking Consortium

Approved

Director Derek Corrigan summarized the key messages at the consortium's June, 2008 conference in Seattle and recommended that Metro Vancouver join the consortium as a full member. Existing members include: Barcelona, Spain; Daejeon, South Korea; Dublin, Ireland; Fukuoka, Japan; Helsinki, Finland; Melbourne, Australia; Munich, Germany; and Stockholm, Sweden.

Metro Vancouver Sustainability Academy – Strategic Framework

Approved

A July 15, 2008 staff report outlines Metro's vision for a network of sustainability academies that would deliver a public campaign and inspire residents to support Metro's sustainable region goals. Five academies or facilities are proposed, for a total projected cost of about \$25 million, at the Annacis Island wastewater treatment plant, the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, Pacific Spirit Regional Park, Colony Farm Regional Park and Kanaka Creek Regional Park.

The report was forwarded to a Sustainability Academy Task Force. Six Metro directors were appointed to the task force: Water Committee Chair Tim Stevenson, Waste Management Committee Chair Marvin Hunt, Parks Committee Chair Gayle Martin, Aboriginal Relations Committee Chair Judy Forster, Regional Cultural Committee Chair Max Wyman, and Environment and Energy Committee Chair Joe Trasolini.

Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation's 2008 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report

Approved

Metro Vancouver, the sole shareholder of the housing corporation, approved the financial statements for the company. The following Metro directors were elected directors of the housing corporation until its next annual general meeting: Judy Villeneuve, Kurt Alberts, Judy Forster, Wayne Wright, Colleen Jordan, Darrell Mussatto, Tim Stevenson, William B. McNulty, Mae Reid and Linda King.

Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission

Approved

Metro's board directed staff to: prepare a submission to the CRTC about the second phase for the community channel hearings; write a letter to member municipalities requesting their endorsement by resolution to Metro Vancouver's submission to the CRTC; write a letter to the CRTC regarding the community channel.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – July 2008

Received

Submissions from the Smart Living Foundation and the Artist Response Team Inc.

Emergency Management Grant Application

Approved

Metro's board endorsed an application by the Union of B.C. Municipalities, titled Emergency Planning Grant, to help UBCM offset the cost of a hazard, vulnerability, risk and impact assessment of the likelihood of an aircraft crash in the watersheds, and its potential affect on drinking water quality.

Metro Vancouver Directors at International Conferences

Approved

Board Chair Lois Jackson and Director Derek Corrigan will go to Istanbul, Turkey for a Nov. 28-30, 2008 conference of the United Cities and Local Governments World Council; Director Joe Trasolini will visit Sydney, Australia for an Oct. 22-25 conference of the World Congress of Metropolis.

Request from Maple Ridge to remove the Jackson Farm from the Green Zone **Approved**

Metro's board gave first and second reading to a bylaw that amended the Green Zone boundary of the Liveable Region Strategic Plan and remove the property known as the Jackson Farm, at 24554-102nd Ave., 24426-102nd Ave and RP 6579F, in Maple Ridge.

Changes to air quality management fees and bylaws **Approved**

Per-tonne fees that allow permit holders to release hazardous or toxic air pollutants will increase, so they are more proportional to the potential health and environmental impact posed by those pollutants. Other bylaw changes include: changes to annual emission fees and changes to one-time application and registration fees for emitters.

Boilers and Process Heaters Emission Regulation Bylaw 1087, 2008 **Deferred for 90 days**

Proposed air pollution limits for natural gas, propane and wood-fired boilers and process heaters, including the wood-fired heaters used by the greenhouse industry, were deferred by the board for 90 days, so staff can consult with the greenhouse industry.

Greater Vancouver Water District July 18 regular meeting

Amendments to the Greater Vancouver Water District Act to enable the water district to produce and supply energy. **Approved**

Changes to the law allow the water district to pursue energy projects, such as generating power from Capilano Reservoir water spilled over the dam in winter.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District July 18 regular meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

Consultation program results: Strategy for Updating the Solid Waste Management Plan **Received**

Summary of the consultation program and input received for Metro's proposed plan for solid waste, including recycling and garbage disposal.

GVS&DD and Wastech Comprehensive Agreement **Received**

The year 2007 financial results for the agreement between Metro Vancouver and Wastech Services Ltd., which operates the Cache Creek landfill and waste transfer stations in Coquitlam, North Vancouver, Matsqui and Surrey.

Amendment to the Fraser Sewerage Boundary, 16th and 52nd Street, Corporation of Delta

Approved

Delta requested a change to the enlarge the Fraser Sewerage area, to include 11.5 hectares of land along 16th Ave west of 52nd St. in Delta.

Powell River Regional District-Metro Vancouver agreement to dispose PRRD solid waste at Cache Creek

Approved

A one-year renewal, to Dec. 31, 2009, of an agreement that allows the Powell River Regional District to dump garbage at Cache Creek.

Amendment to extend the mandates of the Reference Panels for the Solid and Liquid Waste Management Plans

Approved

Panel meetings began in April, 2008 and were to finish in June, 2008. The mandate of both panels is extended until the draft solid and liquid waste management plans are submitted to Metro's Board for final approval.

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Dale Parker, Chair of the TransLink Board, and other TransLink officials, spoke about the transportation authority's Transport 2040 Plan.

City of Pitt Meadows Regional Context Statement

Approved

The B.C. Local Government Act requires all municipalities to describe in writing how the official community plan is consistent with the Liveable Region Strategic Plan.

Amendment to the Corporation of Delta Regional Context Statement

Approved

The board approved changes to the regional context statement that allow for Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club lands to be excluded from the Green Zone.

Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogue: Regional Growth

Received

A summary or synthesis of the key messages from four regional dialogues in March, April and May, in West Vancouver, Port Moody, Surrey and Vancouver.

Turnstiles by TransLink

Approved

The board requested that TransLink base any decision around the installation of turnstiles on a financial and security analysis. It also advised TransLink that the greatest transportation need for citizens of Metro Vancouver is additional service, which means more buses and more rapid transit lines.

Board comments on TransLink's Transport 2040 Strategy **Approved**

Metro Vancouver's Board advised the TransLink Board it (a) generally supports the broad strategies proposed in Transport 2040, including the intended coordination of land use and transportation development (b) recommends that Transport 2040 be further developed in order to support regional development objectives to include a stronger transit plan for the rapidly developing parts of the region, greater articulation of the goods movement system, further identification of inter-regional links, and a greenhouse gas reduction target; (c) prefers a broad funding base for transportation with greater reliance on new transportation-related sources, and urges the TransLink Board to engage the province in establishing those sources.

Review of Capital Projects – Environmental Impacts **Approved**

The report received the June, 2008 report and requested that TransLink provide data on the environmental implications of TransLink's plans, including Transport 2040.

Sustainable Procurement Update 2008 **Received**

An update on sustainable purchasing or procurement initiatives at Metro Vancouver.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee **Received**

Written submissions from: Harp Hoonjan re the Jackson Farm; Thang Vu re preventable injuries of cyclists, drivers and other people; the B.C

Exclusions from the Green Zone in Maple Ridge

First and second readings to amend the GVRD Liveable Region Strategic Plan, to remove lands: 23213 Lougheed Highway, 20199 McIvor Avenue; 12161, 12102 and 12146 - 237th Street; corner of Slatford Place and 104th Avenue; 10175, 10141 and 10121 - 240th Street. **Approved**

Direct staff to prepare a bylaw to change the Green Zone boundary and exclude 24554 – 102nd Avenue, (the Jackson Farm), 24426 – 102nd Avenue and RP 6579F. **Approved**

Refer Liveable Region Strategic Plan Amendment Bylaws 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092 to a public hearing held by Metro's Land Use and Transportation Committee. **Approved**