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Actions taken by the  
GVRD Board of Directors  
at its meeting on March 3, 2006

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

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### Greater Vancouver Regional District

#### FINANCE REPORTS

##### Spring MFA Borrowing for Member Municipalities – GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw 1042, 2006

The GVRD Board, pursuant consented to the request for financing from the District of North Vancouver in the amount of \$2,000,000. In addition "Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1042, 2006" being a bylaw to authorize the entering into of an Agreement respecting financing between the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, was introduced and read a first, second and third time; reconsidered, passed and finally adopted and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for Certificate of Approval.

Approved

##### Spring MFA Borrowing for Member Municipalities - GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw 1044, 2006

The GVRD Board consented to the request for financing from the City of North Vancouver in the amount of \$2,000,000. In addition "Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1044, 2006" being a bylaw to authorize the entering into of an Agreement respecting financing between the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia was introduced and read a first, second and third time; reconsidered, passed and finally adopted and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for Certificate of Approval.

Approved

##### Spring MFA Borrowing for Member Municipalities - GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw 1049, 2006

The GVRD Board consented to the request for financing from the City of Port Moody in the amount of \$3,000,000. In addition "Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1049, 2006" being a bylaw to authorize the entering into of an Agreement respecting financing between



the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia was introduced and read a first, second and third time; reconsidered, passed and finally adopted and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for Certificate of Approval.

#### **Renewal of mortgages held by GVRD from GVHC**

The GVRD Board authorized the renewal of mortgage financing as requested by the Housing Committee for a further one year term, at a rate of prime minus 1.5%. **Approved**

#### **Amendments to CMHC Subsidy Policy**

As the GVHC and other non-profit housing projects have experienced financial problems for several years as a result of CMHC's existing subsidy policy, the GVRD Board requested that the federal government extend the retroactive portion of the changes to the CMHC subsidy program to a period back at least five years. **Approved**

#### **Alternatives for Committee and Board Delegation Provisions in the GVRD Procedure Bylaw**

The GVRD Board policy with respect to hearing delegations as detailed in Part 13 of the Greater Vancouver Regional District Procedure Bylaw Number 1009, 2005, will remain status quo. **Approved**

### **HOUSING REPORTS**

#### **Regional Plan on Homelessness – Renewal of Implementation Partner Contract**

The GVRD Board confirmed the GVRD's willingness to continue as Implementation Partner to the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness from April 01, 2006 to March 31, 2007 on the same basis as the current Contribution Agreement with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. **Approved**

#### **Union of BC Municipalities Community Health Promotion Fund – Greater Vancouver Homelessness Awareness Week**

The GVRD Board confirmed support for the application submitted by the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness for funding of the Greater Vancouver Homelessness Awareness Week project and recommended to the Regional Steering Committee that emphasis be placed on profiling the best practices. **Approved**

### **ABORIGINAL RELATIONS REPORTS**

#### **Treaty Settlement Land: the Fiscal Impacts on Local Governments**

The GVRD Board will advise the Union of BC Municipalities that, from the perspective of the GVRD, the key concerns are that the physical and financial integrity of regional utility systems is of vital importance to **Approved**

the region and provision should be made in any settlement to maintain these systems under regional district, and not First Nation, control; in an urban context a 'Global Services' approach needs to be pursued which includes consideration of issues of the purchase of fee simple lands within the Greater Vancouver region and any land claim settlement should be subject to such an agreement; the GVRD needs to have the flexibility to negotiate directly with First Nations where GVRD interests are directly affected and, therefore, and the Province should also address the issues of loss of revenues and the negotiation of costs for "soft" services. In addition the Board directed staff to send a copy of the letter and the report titled "Treaty Settlement Land: the Fiscal Impacts on Local Governments" to local Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

**Progress Report on the Activities of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee and the GVRD's Involvement in Aboriginal Affairs**

The GVRD Board received for information the report dated February 2, 2006, titled "Progress Report on the Activities of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee and the GVRD's Involvement in Aboriginal Affairs." **Received**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**UBC Official Community Plan** **Deferred**

**Greater Vancouver Water District**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

**Douglas Road Main No. 2 – Construction**

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$8.9 million of budgeted capital funds for construction of Douglas Road Main No. 2 - Buckingham Heights and Delta Avenue Sections. **Approved**

**Boundary Road Main No. 5 (North) Phase 2 – Pre-purchase of Steel Water Pipe**

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$8 million of budgeted capital funds for pre-purchase of steel water pipe for Boundary Road Main No. 5 (North) - Phase 2. **Approved**

**Coquitlam Ozone Power Supply Upgrade**

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$6.56 million of Budgeted capital funds to construct a dedicated underground power line to the Coquitlam Ozone Disinfection Facility. **Approved**

### **Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status**

The GVWD Board received for information the report dated January 19, 2006 titled "*Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status*". **Received**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Canada Line Rapid Transit Project Coordination with GVRD Capital Projects**

The GVWD received for information the letter dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, from Johnny Carline, Commissioner, GVWD to Jane Bird, CEO, RAVCO regarding "Canada Line Rapid Transit Project Coordination with GVRD Capital Projects." **Received**

### **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage**

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

##### **Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Portion of 12191 Colebrook Road, City of Surrey**

The GVS&DD Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include a portion of the property at 12191 Colebrook Road within the City of Surrey as shown on plan SA-2376, Sheet 25 and described in the report titled "Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Portion of 12191 Colebrook Road, City of Surrey" dated January 3, 2006. **Approved**

##### **Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Stage 4(b) Expansion –Equipment Pre-purchase and Ground Densification**

The GVS&DD Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$3.0 million of budgeted capital funds for equipment pre-purchase and ground densification for the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Stage 4(b) Expansion Project. **Approved**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

##### **Zero Waste**

The Solid Waste Management Plan is due for review and this provides the opportunity to integrate the Zero Waste philosophy on a regional basis. It was recommended that prior to GVRD adopting a Zero Waste policy that the Item be referred to committee with a request that staff report back. **Referred**

Excerpt from The Vancouver Sun, March 1/06

# Sustainability Supplement

## CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR GREATER VANCOUVER

By Johnny Carline

**G**reater Vancouver is considered one of the most livable places in the world. A physical setting second to none, abundant resource base, strong economy, educated workforce and vibrant, multi-cultural civil society all contribute to the region's reputation.

From the Mercer rankings for executive travellers, to the International Gas Union's long-term urban planning award, Greater Vancouver continues to earn world-wide praise for its plans and actions towards sustainability. And the region's governance model – a federation of independent municipalities that, through the Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority, co-operate on regional land use planning, transportation services, air quality management, the delivery of utilities and other services – attracts considerable attention as an example of collaborative decision-making.

We have earned our plaudits, but now is the time to move beyond livability to sustainability. So how sustainable are we?

Fully eight of ten trips in the region are made by private automobile, while only one in ten is by transit and fewer still by bicycle or walking. Residents generate some three million tonnes of garbage each year, and although half is diverted from disposal for recycling or reuse, managing waste becomes more and more challenging.

Economic analysts have expressed concern about the relative stagnation in regional per capita incomes, ongoing shortages in the supply of skilled labour, and the development of infrastructure necessary to capitalize on burgeoning Asia-Pacific trade opportunities. Effective regional approaches to social issues such as drugs, poverty and crime, and opportunities for cultural development have been difficult to come by. These difficulties also extend to emergency response and recovery planning and management.

The GVRD's response has been to launch the Sustainable Region Initiative (SRI), an action-oriented approach to building sustainability principles into everything we do.

Individual municipalities have also made significant moves towards sustainability, while the private sector has also shown leadership through the green building movement and exploration of alternative energy technology.

Clearly, innovative approaches to regional economic and social issues, and attention to the growing impacts of globalization are required if we are to be truly sustainable. Achieving that requires the GVRD to act not as the sole source of planning for sustainability, but rather as a participant, facilitator, and catalyst for collaborative action.

In the coming months, the GVRD will move forward with management plans that flow from the Sustainable Region Initiative (including a renewed growth management strategy), conduct Sustainability Dialogues, continue its Community Sustainability Breakfasts, and help welcome the world at the World Urban Forum to be held in Vancouver during June.

Greater Vancouver has a number of challenges, but in facing them, we can still seek to offer the world an example of how a commitment to sustainability, coupled with positive, collaborative governance, can provide practical solutions to the challenges our region, and the world, face.

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Greater Vancouver Regional District



### GVRD 30 DAYS EVENTS

Community Breakfasts  
March 24, 2006

Greater Vancouver Region Sustainability Dialogues  
March 27, 2006

The high cost of housing in our region has become a major issue for residents and on the economy. What are the impediments to an adequate supply of housing that is livable, affordable and sustainable?

Members of the SRI Partners Committee, an association of organizations committed to sustainability.

