

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, June 25, 2010

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Greater Vancouver Water District

Tap Water Campaign Water Wagon Update

Approved

Metro Vancouver launched a tap water campaign in 2008 to highlight the pristine source and high quality of the region's tap water. The objective: encourage more residents to choose tap water over bottled water.

During the 2010 Winter Olympics, the City of Vancouver and the Province of Ontario placed a "water wagon" on the Robson Street pedestrian corridor, hooked up to a fire hydrant, and provided tap water to passerby. Nearby, Metro Vancouver placed a large electronic billboard and collected more than 4,600 signed pledges to choose tap water over single-use bottled water. The Board approved a recommendation to direct staff to include the cost of two Kewl Earth water wagons at an approximate combined cost of \$130,000 for consideration within the 2011 budget.

Summary of GVWD Quality Control Annual Report for 2009

Approved

The annual report summarizes the information gathered through monitoring programs and provides an assessment of drinking water quality relative to guidelines. An advance copy was reviewed by Dr. Patricia Daly, Chief Medical Health Officer, and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. The report will be sent to public libraries in the region and will be available the Metro Vancouver Library at 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Draft Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan: Consultation Process Concluding Meeting

Approved

The Board agreed to adopt:

- An additional and final public meeting on the Draft Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, following the format of previous public meetings chaired by Chair of the Board and Chair of the



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Waste Management Committee, and held on July 14, 2010 which is the close of the public comment period;

- Advertising of this meeting making clear that this is the last opportunity to make comments on the Draft Plan and that comments or delegation requests after this date will not be considered; and
- The July 14, 2010 meeting of the Waste Management Committee being re-scheduled for July 21, 2010 to receive the consultation report and the final draft Plan from staff and the report of the Solid Waste Management Plan Reference Panel and an additional Waste Management Committee meeting being scheduled for July 28, 2010, if required.

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – District of Maple Ridge **Approved**

Sewerage and drainage district boundaries are occasionally amended at the request of a member municipality, after an examination of financial, technical and operational impacts; land use compliance; effect on services levels; and local, community and regional interests.

The Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the following areas identified on Plan SA-2376, Sheets 53 – 59:

1. the Albion Urban Area
2. the Silver Valley Urban Area Plan
3. Regional Growth Strategy Amendments
4. Correctional Facilities and Future Industrial Area
5. the footprints of existing buildings in the West and North Areas previously connected to sewer
6. the footprints of existing buildings in the East Areas previously connected to sewer
7. the footprints of existing buildings in the South Areas previously connected to sewer
8. Upper Jackson Farm.

Biogas Upgrade and Microsludge Biogas Production Enhancement Proposal **Approved**

That the Board approve \$300,000 funding in the 2011 budget for pre-design of the biogas upgrade and MicroSludge biogas production enhancement project.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Bill 11, 2010 - Proposed Legislative Amendments to the *Local Government Act*, Part 25 (Regional Growth Strategies) **Received**

A report outlines minor changes to the B.C. Local Government Act to streamline the acceptance and amendment process for a regional growth strategy. One of the five changes is a reduction to 60 days, from the current 120 days, for the RGS acceptance period by affected local governments.

Marine Emission Control Area **Approved**

Despite the tightening of international standards for air emissions from marine diesel engines and their fuels, International Maritime Organization standards are considerably less stringent than those developed for land-based sources.

The board approved a recommendation send a letter to the Federal Government, congratulating

them on the adoption of new Annexes of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), and also requesting that the Federal Government enact necessary regulatory changes to allow for the implementation and enforcement of Annex VI and Emission Control Areas without further delay.

2009 Schedules of Financial Information

Approved

The B.C. Financial Information Act requires local government to provide annual statements and schedules for: assets and liabilities; an operational statement; a schedule of debts; a schedule of guarantee and indemnity agreements; a schedule showing remuneration and expenses paid to each employee and Director annually, if the sum exceeds \$75,000; a schedule showing the payments for each supplier of goods or services that exceeds \$25,000.

The Board approved the 2009 Schedules of Financial Information for Remuneration & Expenses and for Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services.

2010 Agriculture Awareness Grants

Approved

Each year, the Agricultural Advisory Committee advises the Board how agriculture awareness funding should be distributed to non-profit organizations in the region.

The Board approved the committee's recommendations to provide grants to:

- 1) Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation for the amount of \$7,500 for the "Take a Bite of BC" program;
- 2) Growing Chefs for the amount of \$6,000 for "Chefs for Children's Urban Agriculture" project;
- 3) The CEED Centre for the amount of \$5,000 for the "Aldridge Acres Connex Project";
- 4) The Langley Environment Partners for the amount of \$5,000 for the "Seed to Plate" initiatives;
- 5) Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust for the amount of \$2,500 for the "A Day at the Farm" event;
- 6) Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association for the amount of \$1,500 for the "Fun 'Til you're Done Farm" display.

Invitation to Metro Vancouver to Co-Host Food System Public Event

Approved

The theme of this year's Gaining Ground conference, to be held in Vancouver Oct. 4-7, 2010, is Eco-Logical: The Power of Green Cities to Shape the Future. A public event on food issues will be held, between 2 and 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 5. The Board approved an Agriculture Committee recommendation to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 to co-host the public event.

Funding Request for Dredging of Burnaby Lake

Received

The City of Burnaby requested \$5 million from Metro Vancouver to dredge Burnaby Lake. The request, which was considered at a joint meeting of the parks and finance committees, was not approved. The Board received, for information, a report about the funding request.

Aldergrove Lake Regional Park – Swimming Lake Facility

Withdrawn

Staff had recommended the permanent closure of the Aldergrove Lake Swimming Facility at the end of the 2010 summer operating season. The Parks Committee has deferred a decision and asked staff to obtain comments and explore alternatives with Township of Langley and City of Abbotsford staff. Staff is to report back to the Parks Committee July 13 any potential swimming

opportunities in the community and water recreation facilities within Aldergrove Lake Regional Park or surrounding area.

Metro Vancouver External Appointments – Status Report June 2010

Received

The Board received for information the following reports from Metro Vancouver representatives to external organizations:

- a) Report on the Recent Activities of Fraser Basin Council from Director Richard Walton
- b) Report on Activities of the GVRD/UBC Joint Committee from Director Maria Harris
- c) Report on Lower Mainland Local Government Association – Activities for the period of November 2009 – April 2010 from Director Raymond Louie
- d) LMTAC Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations from Director Ralph Drew
- e) Report on Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia – Activities for the period of November 2009 – April 2010 from Director Brodie, Director Corrigan, Director Walton and Director Wright
- f) Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) – June 2010 Report from Alternate Director Michael Wright as contained in the report dated June 1, 2010, titled “Metro Vancouver External Appointments – Status Report June 2010”.

Comments on TransLink’s Draft 2011 Base Plan and Outlook

Approved

- a) Advise the TransLink Board and Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation that the Base Plan component of the draft 2011 Plan is, given the financial constraints, understandably consistent with the direction set out in TransLink’s 2010 10-Year Plan, but that the plan will still frustrate the achievement of regional economic, environmental, greenhouse gas reduction, and broad planning goals;
- b) Request TransLink to respond to the Metro Vancouver Board on the following concerns:
 - (i) the impacts that the Service Rationalization Initiative, expansion of the U-Pass program, and scheduled transit fare increase in 2013 may have on transit ridership and fare revenue growth require further explanation and discussion;
 - (ii) the understanding of the impact of key cost factors having potentially large effects on TransLink’s financial stability, such as construction inflation, labour rates, and long-term interest rates, would benefit from the inclusion of sensitivity analyses;
 - (iii) in the absence of new committed federal and provincial funding for regional transportation, the priority is to identify and implement new within-region, transportation user-based revenue sources, and management strategies, including, transportation demand management, transportation system management, and parking and vehicle-based revenue sources; these should have a higher priority than capital expansion studies other than those related to the Evergreen line;
 - (iv) any studies for rapid transit expansion should reflect the priorities required to support the emerging Regional Growth Strategy: the Evergreen Line, followed by rapid transit expansion in the South of Fraser subregion;
 - (v) the Smart Card and Faregates project should proceed only if there is a clear and prior commitment to implement new innovative transit pricing solutions and to develop these in close consultation with affected stakeholders;
- c) Advise the TransLink Board that joint sessions of the TransLink Board and Metro Vancouver, supported by the Regional Planning Committee and Finance Committee, be

- convened to collaborate on the preparation of a new Supplemental Plan and Outlook, and priority core strategies for sustainable funding and transportation demand management;
- d) Reaffirm that 100 percent of the Federal Gas Tax Revenue (Strategic Priorities Fund) allocated to the region be directed to TransLink for eligible transportation expenditures that are supportive of regional goals for 2010 and,
 - e) Advise the Federal Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities and the Provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure that any new federal or provincial funding sources for regionally-significant infrastructure should be broad-based and not be constrained to transportation expenditures only.

Carbon Tax Revenue for Local Governments and Regional Transportation **Approved**

The Board approved the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Union of B.C. Municipalities requests the Province of B.C. provide municipal governments with their per capita share of the carbon tax revenue to support capital and operating costs associated with new greenhouse gas emission reduction measures implemented by local governments and regional transportation authorities to comply with provincially legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Results of Alternative Approval Process for “Greater Vancouver Regional District Road Dedication of Part of Tynehead Regional Park for the Port Mann/Highway 1 Project Bylaw No. 1123, 2010”, and Proposed Final Adoption of the Bylaw **Approved**

That the Board reconsider, pass and finally adopt “Greater Vancouver Regional District Road Dedication of Part of Tynehead Regional Park for the Port Mann/Highway 1 Project Bylaw No. 1123, 2010”.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1125, 2010: Third and Final Reading **Approved**

- a) give third reading to Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1125, 2010.
- b) reconsider, pass and finally adopt Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1125, 2010.

Fall MFA Borrowing for City of Pitt Meadows – GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw 1126, 2010 **Approved**

The GVRD Board gave consent to the request for financing from the City of Pitt Meadows in the amount of \$2.6 million.

Fall MFA Borrowing for City of Pitt Meadows – GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw 1127, 2010 **Approved**

The GVRD Board gave consent to the request for financing from the City of Pitt Meadows in the amount of \$2,175,000.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Parks Fees and Charges Bylaw
Number 1128, 2010**

Approved

The Board approved proposed Regional Park fees and charges for 2010, as outlined in the report titled "Greater Vancouver Regional District Parks Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 1128, 2010.

**Fall MFA Borrowing for City of Coquitlam – GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw
1130, 2010**

Approved

The GVRD Board gave consent to the request for financing from the City of Coquitlam in the amount of \$3 million.