

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, December 11, 2009

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Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Board Workshop on the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan

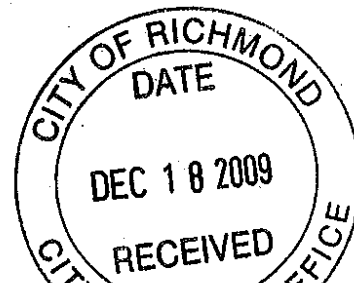
Approved

The Board approved a staff recommendation to:

- a) direct staff to report on the pros and cons of potential revisions to the draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) identified in Attachment 2;
- b) convene a meeting on January 15, 2010 to:
 1. consider the staff report on potential revisions to the draft Solid Waste Management Plan, arising from discussions at the Board workshop held on December 4, 2009;
 2. revise the draft Solid Waste Management Plan as appropriate;
 3. accept the draft Solid Waste Management Plan (as amended) as the basis for further discussions with the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and affected First Nations;
- c) authorize the Metro Vancouver Intergovernmental Committee to meet with the FVRD Executive Committee to discuss the revised draft SWMP and receive advice on how the FVRD executive would like to see Metro Vancouver consult with Fraser Valley communities on a future draft SWMP;
- d) authorize the Metro Vancouver Intergovernmental Committee to invite affected First Nations to a meeting to discuss the revised draft SWMP and receive advice on how First Nations would like to see Metro Vancouver consult with First Nations on a future draft SWMP;
- e) direct the Intergovernmental Committee to report back to the Board on January 29, 2010, on the results of their consultations with the FVRD Executive and First Nations with the intent of providing direction to staff to:
 1. produce a further draft plan for the purpose of public consultation on a draft SWMP;
 2. produce a public consultation plan reflecting the input received from the FVRD and First Nations; produce a timetable providing for a 'post Olympic' public consultation process, consideration of a final draft and adoption of final plan by the GVS&DD Board, referral to and ratification by member municipalities and submission of the ratified plan to the Minister for final approval by July 31, 2010.



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Solid Waste Management Questions and Responses

Received

The Board received for information the report titled Solid Waste Management Questions and Responses, dated December 9, 2009. The report provides answers to questions raised by Directors at a Dec. 4 meeting about the draft Solid Waste Management Plan. For example, here is the first of the 17 questions and answers:

Q: Why not set the diversion rate at higher than 70 percent (Zero Waste)?

A: 70% by 2015 is an aggressive target that represents best practice in North America. There will be challenges going much beyond the 2015 target because there are practical limits on what can be recycled, such as composite products that cannot be disassembled, contaminated materials, and materials for which there are limited recyclable markets. Changing international manufacturing practices will require leadership from all governments and will take time.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Election of Board Chair

Approved

Lois Jackson, the 2009 Chair of the Board of Directors and the Mayor of Delta, was re-elected as the 2010 Chair.

Election of Board Vice Chair

Approved

Richard Walton, the 2009 Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and the Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, was re-elected as the 2010 Vice Chair.