

## **For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, March 23, 2018**

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## **Metro Vancouver Regional District - Parks**

### **MVRD Regional Park Land Disposition Agreement and Surrender of Sublease**

**APPROVED**

As part of the City of Abbotsford's withdrawal from the MVRD regional parks function, Metro Vancouver will sell and transfer, for nominal consideration, its interests in certain regional park lands and trails to the City of Abbotsford. The terms include a payment of \$1,050,000 to the City of Abbotsford which represents a return of park reserve fund contributions and transitional funding.

The Board:

- a) approved the MVRD Regional Park Land Disposition Agreement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the City of Abbotsford for the sale and transfer of certain regional park land and trails to the City of Abbotsford,
- b) approved the Surrender of Sublease between the Metro Vancouver Regional District, as Subtenant, and the Fraser Valley Regional District, as Sublandlord, to surrender the Sublease dated April 3, 2012 between the Subtenant and the Sublandlord,
- c) authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, to enter into, execute and deliver both the Land Disposition Agreement and the Surrender Agreement;
- d) authorized staff to execute and deliver all such other agreements, instruments and documents as may be necessary to effect completion of the transactions contemplated by the Land Disposition Agreement and by the Surrender Agreement.

### **MVRD Regional Parks Service Reimbursement Agreement**

**APPROVED**

On February 23, 2018 the MVRD Board gave first, second and third reading to Amending Bylaw 1260 that initiates the withdrawal of the City of Abbotsford as a participant in the Regional Parks function. With the withdrawal of the City of Abbotsford from the MVRD Regional Parks service anticipated to be implemented on April 27, 2018, the City of Abbotsford will be responsible for their proportionate share of the costs associated with the 2018 MVRD Regional Parks service from January 1, 2018 to April 27, 2018.

MVRD will invoice the FVRD in the amount of \$281,520 representing the City of Abbotsford's proportionate costs in the MVRD regional parks function in 2018 for the period from January 1, 2018 to April 27, 2018. This amount will be collected as 'other revenue' in 2018 which will result in a

corresponding reduction in the tax requisitions to be apportioned to the remaining participating members.

The Board approve the MVRD Regional Parks Service Reimbursement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and Fraser Valley Regional District and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of Metro Vancouver Regional District, to enter into, execute and deliver the MVRD Regional Parks Service Reimbursement Agreement.

### **Amended 2018 Regional Parks Budget and 2018 - 2022 Financial Plan**

**APPROVED**

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The operational changes associated with the adoption of this Bylaw anticipated to occur on April 27, 2018, including the reduction in parks in the regional system and the withdrawal of the City of Abbotsford as a participant. This requires amendments to both the 2018 Regional Parks Budget and the 2018 – 2022 Financial Plan.

The MVRD Board approved the revised 2018 Regional Parks Budget as presented and endorsed the updated Regional Parks 2018 – 2022 Financial Plan.

### **Regional Parks Acquired Building Management Program – Special Meeting Summary**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report summarizing a special meeting regarding the Regional Parks Acquired Building Management Program.

On June 7, 2017, staff led a discussion of building management and retention to provide the Regional Parks Committee an opportunity to discuss and provide direction to staff. This included:

- That the program should provide direction for all acquired buildings on regional parks sites;
- its principles should follow the Regional Parks Plan 2016 Vision of protecting natural areas and connecting people to nature;
- it should prevent future acquired building issues through an evaluation of a buildings age, designation, uses and condition; and
- provide direction for future building management.

The Acquired Building Management Program should apply to all existing and future acquired buildings, including both heritage and non-heritage designated buildings.

**Metro Vancouver Regional District Disposition of Parkland within the Boundaries of the City of Abbotsford Bylaw No. 1256, 2018** **APPROVED**

As part of the City of Abbotsford's withdrawal from the MVRD regional parks function, a bylaw was given three readings at the January 26, 2018 MVRD Board meeting, seeking disposal of and transfer of interests or rights and associated built assets in or with respect to Matsqui Trail Regional Park, portions of Sumas Mountain Interregional Park, and Glen Valley Regional Park.

Through the alternative approval process, no Elector Response Forms opposing the adoption of the Bylaw were received by the established deadline of March 12, 2018. As such, elector approval of the Bylaw has been obtained through the alternative approval process.

The Board passed and finally adopted Metro Vancouver Regional District Disposition of Parkland within the Boundaries of the City of Abbotsford Bylaw.

## **Metro Vancouver Regional District**

**Community Works Fund – 2018 Projects** **APPROVED**

The Community Works Fund is delivered to all local governments in British Columbia through a direct annual allocation to support local eligible priorities. In April 2016, the MVRD endorsed the distribution of the Community Works Fund to areas within Electoral Area A based on population.

The Board approved funding from the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund for the following projects:

- Pedestrian and cycling improvements to the Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard intersection up to \$424,925
- Green infrastructure to mitigate storm water impacts from climate change up to \$138,575

**Electoral Area A Building Inspection Function Review** **APPROVED**

The Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Building Administration Bylaw was adopted in July 2006 and has not been amended since its adoption. Staff have identified a number of potential revisions, including language revisions, permit fees and timelines, and the bylaw service area that staff believe would improve the building inspection function for Electoral Area A. In addition, recent Provincial legislation (Bill 3 – 2015 Building Act) intended to create consistency of technical requirements for buildings across the Province is gradually introducing regulations that necessitate a review of the bylaw.

The Board directed staff to review the Electoral Area A building administration bylaw, including updating regulations, permit fees and service area boundaries.

**Consultation Feedback Report: Proposed Amendments to the Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw**

**RECEIVED**

Diesel particulate matter (DPM) emissions are a leading air quality threat to human health in Metro Vancouver, while also contributing to climate change and visibility impairment. In 2012, Metro Vancouver introduced the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw to target higher polluting non-road diesel engines as an initiative to improve air quality in the region.

There is need for an updated approach that changes the low-use registration requirements to improve compliance and the efficiency of the system, while maintaining the intent of reducing the use of higher polluting non-road diesel engines.

The Board received for information a report summarizing the feedback received by Metro Vancouver during the consultation on proposed amendments to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Bylaws and Requirements**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report about existing municipal bylaws and policies within Metro Vancouver requiring electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new developments.

To support electric vehicle adoption, it will be critical to ensure widespread availability of charging infrastructure, especially in new multi-family residential developments. To date, six member jurisdictions (Richmond, Port Coquitlam, Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, City of North Vancouver and West Vancouver) have adopted requirements for electric vehicle charging infrastructure to be installed in new residential, and in some cases commercial, building developments.

**2017 Canadian Zero Emissions Vehicle Survey in Metro Vancouver**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report with on research conducted in 2017 to understand the preferences and characteristics of the next wave of buyers of plug-in electric vehicles, which will be used to inform current and future work to increase the adoption of electric vehicles in Metro Vancouver.

**Agricultural Land Soil Investigation Results**

**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver and the Agricultural Land Commission initiated a study to investigate the land use outcomes of ALC applications for the placement of fill in the Agricultural Land Reserve. All fill ALC applications in the Metro Vancouver region from 2006-2016 were reviewed and evaluated by a soil consultant.

The Board agreed to send a letter to the BC Minister of Agriculture requesting that the 11 recommendations, as noted in the report, be considered as part of the review to revitalize the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission, and will forward the report to Metro Vancouver member local jurisdictions.

**Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study Phase 2: Exploring New Supportive Tools** **RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report summarizing Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Study Phase 2. This phase will advance information and knowledge to practitioners and decision-makers about the effectiveness and applicability of a set of tools to catalyze the construction of transit-oriented affordable rental housing units on a much wider scale in the Metro Vancouver region. The proposed tools are intended to consider addressing the construction and land cost components of development of this form of housing. It is anticipated that the study findings will be communicated widely to federal, provincial, and regional stakeholders, and may recommend a proposed implementation approach on tools deemed effective and viable.

**Centres and Corridors Literature Review and Case Studies – Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas Policy Review** **RECEIVED**

The Board received a report with an overview of two reports commissioned by Regional Planning.

“Assessing Metro Vancouver’s Growth Overlays: Review of the Literature on Centres and Corridors as a Regional Planning Concept” (Literature Review), and “Assessing Metro Vancouver’s Growth Overlays: Peer Jurisdiction Assessment” (Case Studies).

**Implementation of the Regional Food System Action Plan** **RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report about the implementation of the Regional Food System Action Plan. Going forward, Metro Vancouver will convene two meetings annually of local government staff to provide an ongoing forum for peer to peer knowledge exchange and to advance Action Plan implementation.

**TransLink Application for Scope Change to Approved October 2017 Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund** **APPROVED**

TransLink is seeking approval for a scope change to one project previously approved as part of the October 2017 GVRF application. The Board previously approved \$7.29 million in GVRF funding towards the purchase of seven 40-foot hybrid buses for 2019 expansion. The proposed scope change is to procure five 60-foot hybrid buses in lieu of the seven 40-foot hybrid buses for the same amount of GVRF funding of \$7.29 million – there is no financial implication to the proposed scope change. The 60-foot hybrid buses

will be part of a fleet of 60-foot buses serving four new B-Line routes as part of the Phase One Investment Plan implementation.

TransLink's application is consistent and supportive of the MVRD Board's established policies on regional growth management, air quality management, and climate protection. Each 60-foot hybrid bus emits about 20% fewer greenhouse gases, nitrogen oxides, and particulates than an equivalent 40-foot diesel bus on a seated passenger-km basis. The four new B-Line routes serve high demand and rapidly developing corridors in the region that connect Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas (Marine Drive in the North Shore; 41st Avenue in Vancouver; Lougheed Highway connecting Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Port Coquitlam, and Coquitlam, and Fraser Highway connecting Langley City and Surrey).

The approved TransLink's requested scope change to 2017 application for Federal Gas Tax funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund, replacing seven 40-foot hybrid buses to be purchased in 2019 with five 60-foot hybrid buses.

### **Public Engagement Policy**

**APPROVED**

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### **Board Composition and Voting Structure Options**

**APPROVED**

The Voting Allocation Task Force requested options to consider with respect to changing the voting unit and imposing a cap on the overall number of directors that sit on the Board. For context on this matter, the Task Force also requested information on the capacity to make council and standing committee appointments, as well information on other regional districts' voting strength. The Task Force was presented with three options for consideration to bring forward to the Finance and Intergovernment Committee to recommend to the Board.

The Board will request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to amend the Greater Vancouver Regional District Letters Patent as necessary to change the population deemed to be the voting unit from 20,000 to 2,000, and change the maximum number of votes a Director may hold from 5 to 50.

## **Electoral Area A Official Community Plan**

**APPROVED**

In September 2017, the MVRD Board gave first reading to MVRD Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017, and the OCP Bylaw was referred to various agencies, adjacent municipalities and First Nations. Referral comments and additional public feedback have been received and have been incorporated into the OCP Bylaw. In accordance with legislative requirements for adopting an OCP, the Board must consider the OCP Bylaw in conjunction with its financial plan, waste management plan and must refer the OCP Bylaw to the ALC. Once confirmation from the ALC is received that the OCP Bylaw is consistent with the ALC Act, staff will set the date for the public hearing and will notify residents in accordance with legislative requirements

The Board:

- a) amended MVRD Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017, in Schedule A, Section 5.2, Subsection 29 (Indian Arm), and Subsection 39 (Pitt Lake), in both places, after the phrase “Short-term rentals will be supported, where permitted through”, by adding the phrase “provincial regulations and local”;
- b) gave second reading to MVRD Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw 1250, 2017 as amended;
- c) considered the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan in conjunction with Metro Vancouver Regional District’s financial plan and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District’s Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan;
- d) referred the plan to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission for comment;
- e) delegated the holding of the public hearing to the following Board Directors who are appointed to the MVRD Electoral Area Committee:
  - Maria Harris
  - Karl Buhr
  - Kerry Jang
  - Ralph Drew
  - Michael Smith
  - Tom Gill
  - Mike Clay
- f) appointed Maria Harris as chair of the public hearing and Karl Buhr as vice-chair of the public hearing and set quorum for the public hearing at 3 directors; and
- g) directed staff to set the date for the public hearing.

**MVRD Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 1262, 2018**

**RECEIVED**

The Board approved the Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Amending Bylaw, which includes provisions for low-use engine registration, as well as amendments to improve the administration and clarity of the Bylaw.

**Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1263 – Hazelmere**

**APPROVED**

The Board initiated the Metro 2040 minor amendment process in response to the City of Surrey's request to amend the regional land use designation for the Hazelmere site, giving first and second reading to an amending bylaw and directing staff to notify affected local governments and to set a public hearing date.

**Metro Vancouver Regional District Financial Plan Amending Bylaw No. 1264, 2018**

Metro Vancouver Regional District Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1251, 2018 was adopted by the Metro Vancouver Board on October 27, 2017. As there are material changes to the financial plan for Regional Parks due to the withdrawal of the City of Abbotsford, an amendment to the financial plan bylaw is required. Due to the withdrawal of the City of Abbotsford from the Regional Parks function, changes to the budget require that the 2018 – 2022 financial plan bylaw be amended.

The Board approved the amending bylaw.

**Proposed Amendments to the Remuneration Bylaw – Amending Bylaw 1265**

**APPROVED**

The Board made amendments to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Board and Committee Remuneration Bylaw to respond to the elimination of the non-taxable status of the 1/3 non-accountable portion of elected official remuneration, and to consider a retiring allowance for directors.

The bylaw amends Board Director remuneration with a one-time adjustment in 2019 to offset the tax impact. A second bylaw amendment includes a retiring allowance for Board directors. This amendment implements changes that are consistent with practices for provincial MLAs and federal MPs, practices in other provinces that apply to local governments, and some local governments within the Metro Vancouver region.



## Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

### **Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – Project Definition Update**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report on the work underway to complete the Project Definition Phase for the new Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A Project Definition Phase Team consisting of internal Metro Vancouver staff and external consultants and advisors is being assembled. Request for Proposals have been issued for the consultants and advisors and the contract awards are anticipated to be completed by mid-May.

### **Award of Contract Resulting from RFP No. 18-021: Installation of Front Street Sewer Upgrade**

**APPROVED**

The Front Street Sewer Upgrade work will connect the new Sapperton Pump Station to the New Westminster Interceptor through the Front Street Pressure Sewer, which was completed in 2005 but not yet connected. Completion of this connection represents the final downstream work to enable the new Pump Station to operate in its intended manner.

The Board authorized an award of a contract for an amount up to \$7,358,377 (exclusive of taxes) to JJM Construction Ltd., resulting from RFP No. 18-021 for the Installation of Front Street Sewer Upgrade, and increased the budget for the Sapperton Forcemain Pump Station Connections Construction to \$9,000,000.

### **2017 Regional Create Memories Not Garbage Campaign Results**

**RECEIVED**

That Board received for information about the 2017 Regional Create Memories Not Garbage Campaign Results. The campaign supports the waste reduction objectives in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan. 2017 was the seventh year of the campaign and the 10th year that Metro Vancouver ran a holiday waste reduction campaign.

### **2017 Regional Food Scraps Recycling Campaign Results**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report on the results of the 2017 regional Food Scraps Recycling campaign. The campaign supports the organics disposal ban and objectives established in the Integrated Solid Waste Resource Management Plan. The objective of the 2017 campaign was to increase the amount of food scraps from multi-family homes being diverted to the green bin. The target audience was apartment and condo residents.

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## **Greater Vancouver Water District**

### **Provincial Approval of the Joint Water Use Plan for the Capilano and Seymour Watersheds**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report regarding the Provincial approval of the Joint Water Use Plan (JWUP) for the Capilano and Seymour Watersheds and the granting of Conditional Water Licences for the proposed Capilano and Seymour hydropower projects. The JWUP provides Metro Vancouver with regulatory approval and public support for its water supply management activities in the two watersheds. With receipt of the Conditional Water Licence for the proposed Capilano hydropower project, staff will now reassess the feasibility level business case.

### **Seymour Salmonid Society – 2017 Annual Report**

**RECEIVED**

Under the terms of the Contribution Agreement with GVWD, the Seymour Salmonid Society is required to submit an annual report on its activities to Metro Vancouver. The Society achieved the goals set out in the Contribution Agreement and operated successfully in 2017. The Board received for information the Seymour Salmonid Society's 2017 Annual Report.

### **Award of Phase B, Detailed Design Engineering Services for the Kennedy Newton Main and Annacis Main No. 5 South**

**APPROVED**

The Board authorized the award of Phase B, Detailed Design Engineering Services, in the amount up to \$2,599,258 (exclusive of taxes) to the Phase A project consultant, CH2M Hill Canada Limited, for the Kennedy Newton Main and Annacis Main No. 5 South.

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**Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation****Public Engagement Policy****APPROVED**

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