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The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
September 29, 2000

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Finance

- **2001 Budget Targets**

APPROVED

The board approved of a series of budget targets for the coming year. Budgets will be prepared based on: a GVRD tax increase limited to one per cent; a cap of six per cent on the water rate increase; a sewer levy increase capped at four per cent, and; no change in the regional solid waste tipping fee.

Parks

- **Campbell Valley - Termination of rentals**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted to termination of a residential lease on a parcel of land at Campbell Valley. Demolition of buildings and clean up of the site will allow for increased public recreational use of the site and adjacent parkland.



- **Aldergrove Lake – Gravel Pit grading and revegetation**

APPROVED

Reclamation of a gravel pit in Aldergrove Lake Regional Park continues as the board authorized an expenditure of \$44,000. The funding will allow for final grading work at the site to proceed, and the revegetation program to begin.

- **Proposed Tynehead Development Competition**

APPROVED

Board approval was given to a process that will guide a proposal call for recreational development of the eastern half of Tynehead Regional Park. Private sector entities will be invited to submit proposals for high quality facilities on the site. The board also approved two key guidelines for proposals: That concepts for Tynehead East provide unique or special facilities not typically found in other local and provincial park systems, and; that projects achieve a high environmental standard, not interfere with public access to substantial areas of the site, and provide some non-fee services.

- **Draft Constitution and Bylaws – Pacific Parklands Foundation**

APPROVED

Modifications to the draft constitution and bylaws of the foundation, arising from a series of questions posed by the Park Committee, were approved. The foundation is intended to raise funds in support of the GVRD's regional system of parks and greenways.

Planning and Environment

- **Federal responsibility for funding of Urban Transportation**

APPROVED

Canada's federal government, unlike other G-8 nations, does not provide funding for sustainable urban transportation. The GVRD, in response to a Transport Canada request for comments on its draft Sustainable Development Strategy, prepared a report that compared federal government inactivity in this area with the records of other nations. The board agreed to forward the report to the Minister of Transport, and to note, once again, the need for federal government involvement in urban transportation.

Also received by the board was a progress report on efforts by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to secure federal funding. The reports will be provided to the Liberal Caucus, all BC Members of Parliament, as well as candidates in the upcoming federal election.

- **Richmond - Vancouver Rapid Transit Project**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted to the Richmond/Airport – Vancouver Rapid Transit Project Management Plan as a basis for GVRD involvement in the project. Planning will examine the proposed rapid transit link and identify possible sources of funding. The Chair was authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding related to the project.

- **Regional Context Statement – Port Moody**

APPROVED

A Regional Context Statement for Port Moody containing revisions to its current statement received board approval. Regional Context Statements illustrate how official community plans will be consistent with the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

- **Sumas 2 Energy Generating Facility**

ENDORSED

The board endorsed a report and recommendations from the Planning and Environment Committee expressing opposition to the proposed gas-fired generating facility to be located in the U.S. near Abbotsford. The report is to be forwarded to the U.S. approving agency.

Approved was a contribution of \$10,000 for the City of Abbotsford towards its costs as an intervenor in the siting process, and a commitment to continued technical assistance from the GVRD.

A resolution from the City of Langley regarding Sumas 2 was received.

Housing

- **Affordable Housing Week**

APPROVED

October 15th to 21st was proclaimed Affordable Housing Week. This report highlights activities taken to increase public awareness of housing issues.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Areas

- **Subdivision and road realignment – Barnston Island**

APPROVED

Authorized, at the request of National Cranberries, was an ALR subdivision and road realignment on Barnston Island that will now be considered by the Land Reserve Commission. A report points out the lack of a regulatory framework by which to judge the application and recommends that the commission examines impacts of the proposal.

Information Reports

- **Reports received for Information**

RECEIVED

The following reports were received: Urban Development Institute Award (a selection panel of directors is proposed); Overview of the Howe Sound Coordinated Planning Forum (next Forum November 1); Environmental Impacts of Chevron Operations; 1999 Emission Inventory Update for the Lower Fraser Valley Airshed; Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Management Information; Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations; and a 2001 Management System Improvements report related to the program planning and budget process.

Other Business

- **Quebec referendum on governance for Island of Montreal**

RECEIVED

A letter concerning a municipal governance issue in Montreal and surrounding town sites from Mr. Steve Mancinelli was received.

- **UBCM Representative**

ELECTED

Director Helen Sparkes was elected as the GVRD's representative on the UBCM Executive.

- **Use of flyash concrete in SkyTrain construction**

ENDORSED

Flyash concrete, which utilizes much less energy to produce and provides a superior product, was endorsed by the board and recommended for use on the SkyTrain extension project.

- **Upcoming meetings**

NOTED

Note was made of the November 4th Council of Councils Meeting, the November 24th Budget Workshop, and the December 1st Special Meeting of the Board.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Sewer and Shaughnessy Sanitary Sewer Route Selection and Detailed Design** APPROVED

The board approved an expenditure of up to \$240,000 for route selection and detailed design – costs to be recovered from the City of Coquitlam – of the trunk sewer and sanitary sewer to service northeast Coquitlam. The GVRD will provide project management, with construction expected to begin in the Spring of 2001.

- **Amendment of Sewerage and Drainage Area Boundaries** APPROVED

Extension of the Fraser Sewerage Area boundaries to accommodate service to areas of Richmond, the Township of Langley, Maple Ridge and Surrey was approved.

- **Attendance at INFRA Conference** APPROVED

Sewerage and Drainage Committee Vice-Chair Director Judith Higginbothom will represent the region at the INFRA 2000 Conference in Laval, Quebec during November, and speak to the issue of sewer rehabilitation.

- **Impact of reduced tipping fee on Solid Waste Reserves** APPROVED

In order to ensure sufficient reserves for the Solid Waste function against business uncertainties, the board agreed to maintain the tipping fee at \$65 per tonne, and remit any revenues in excess of operating costs to qualifying members.

- **Information reports** RECEIVED

A report was received outlining a debris-flow that occurred on Schoolhouse Creek following heavy rains on May 28, 2000. Staff are working with Coquitlam and Port Moody on drainage issues in the watershed. Also received were the results of an operations audit conducted on the region's solid waste weigh scale operations and accounting controls.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Delegations**

HEARD

The board received delegations concerning the alignment of a recreational roadway in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, a request for reconsideration of purchasing practices related to a bid for welding services, and revision of the Watershed Amending Indenture.

- **Assumptions for the Drinking Water Management Plan**

APPROVED

Assumptions for the DWMP, under the categories of *Comprehensive Integrated Plan, Source, and Treatment, Transmission and Water Conservation*, were approved.

- **Seymour Filtration Plant DBO - Tour of Tolt River Plant**

NOTED

Board and Water Committee members are offered the opportunity to visit the Seattle Tolt River Filtration Plant. The plant, which is nearing completion, is similar in technology and magnitude to the proposed Seymour Plant.

- **Request for access to the Coquitlam Watershed**

APPROVED

Access to the Coquitlam Watershed by members of the Kwikwetlem First Nation who wish to conduct a traditional ceremony within watershed lands was approved.