



BOARD in BRIEF

Greater Vancouver Regional District

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Actions taken by the
GVRD Board of Directors
at its meeting on November 24, 2006

0157-20-BDIR

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

Bill Morrell
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Greater Vancouver Water District Board

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

GVWD Temporary Borrowing Authority

Approved

The GVWD Administration Board authorized borrowing up to \$10 million from the District's Banker or others in 2007 in anticipation of the collection of its revenue.

Boundary Road Main No. 5 (Phase 3) – Pre-purchase of Steel Pipe and Valves

Approved

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$10.8 million of budgeted capital funds for the pre-purchase of steel pipe and valves for Boundary Road Main No. 5 (Phase 3).

Decision of Advertising Standards Canada (ASC) Regarding Brita Commercials and Advertisements

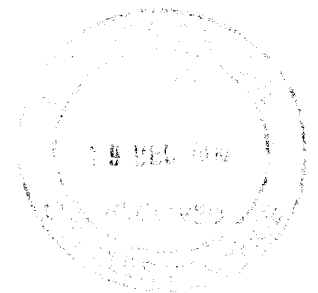
Approved

Recent Brita Canada advertising implies tap water is not suitable for drinking unless it goes through a Brita brand filter. The GVWD Board requests the Chair write to Advertising Standards Canada regarding Brita commercials and advertisements, express support for the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association's position that the Advertising Standards Canada decision in this matter is unsatisfactory and request that they re-open the case and require Brita to withdraw its advertisement.

Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status

Received

The GVWD Board received for information the report titled "Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status" dated October 23, 2006.



Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

GVS&DD Temporary Borrowing Authority

Approved

The GVS&DD Administration Board authorized borrowing up to \$12 million from the District's Banker or others in 2007 in anticipation of the collection of its revenue.

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Fraser Highway Between 239 Street and 244 Street, Township of Langley

Referred

The GVS&DD Board referred back to staff the matter of amending the Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Fraser Highway between 239 St. and 244 St., Township of Langley with respect to the inclusion of the building footprint.

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Boundary Bay Airport, Corporation of Delta

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the industrial zoned lands at Boundary Bay Airport in the Corporation of Delta as shown on Plan SA-2376, Sheet 29 and described in the report titled "Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Boundary Bay Airport, Corporation of Delta" dated October 24, 2006.

Port Moody Sewage Pump Station Odour Control Facility - Construction

Approved

The GVS&DD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1.5 million of budgeted capital funds for the construction of the Port Moody Sewage Pump Station Odour Control Facility.

North Fraser Way Relief Sewer – Phase 3 Construction

Approved

The GVS&DD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$800,000 of additional budgeted capital funds for construction of Phase 3 of the North Fraser Way Relief Sewer.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Retirees

Noted

Morris Mennell retired after 24 years of service in air quality planning in the P&P Department.

Bill Lewicky retired from his position as a building inspector in Electoral Area A.

Lois Thorp retired from her position as office manager in the Human Resources Department.

Awards

Noted

GVRD's television show "The Sustainable Region" received an award from the Fraser Basin Council.

DELEGATIONS

Menn Biagtan, BC Lung Association

Heard

Menn Biagtan presented information on the activities of the association and air quality.

Judy Williams & Marilyn Hogan, Wreck Beach Preservation Society

Referred

Two delegations presented to the Board on Stormwater Management at UBC and Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

The GVRD Board referred the presentation of November 24, 2006 by the Wreck Beach Preservation Society to the GVRD/UBC Joint Committee to discuss and provide direction with respect to the independent governance review of UBC.

Ken Shymanski, President and CEO, E-Comm

Heard

Ken Shymanski, President and CEO, E-Comm, presented to the Board on emergency coverage and response improvements.

MLA Lorne Mayencourt

Heard

MLA Lorne Mayencourt presented to the Board on the inter-related issues of homelessness and addictions.

PARKS REPORTS

Brae Island Regional Park - Implementation of Revised Phase 1 Development

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the revised Brae Island Regional Park Concept Plan and Development Program. They authorized capital expenditures of \$1,600,000 from the 2006 Parks Capital Budget and \$3,240,000 from the 2007 Parks Capital Budget to implement Phase 1 of the project.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

A Regional Approach to Assessing Community Need in Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Applications

Referred

The GVRD Board requests that the GVRD refer the report dated October 30, 2006 titled "A Regional Approach to Assessing Community Need in Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Applications", to the Technical Advisory Committee for comment on its context and substance criteria for assessment, and provide an analysis on what criteria the conclusions would be based on and how they fit in with the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

Consideration of Development Control Options for the University of British Columbia

Approved

The GVRD Board will request that the province initiate a dialogue with the GVRD, UBC, University Neighbourhood Association, University Endowment Lands and the City of Vancouver on an alternate governance system for UBC. The Board endorsed the Joint Committee's decision to defer for six months the recommendation to "Direct staff to introduce development controls in the form of a revised Official Community Plan, development permit areas and a zoning bylaw for the University of British Columbia until such time as an alternative governance system is put in place." The Board will request the Minister of Community Services meet with a Board delegation, in conjunction with UBC representatives, to discuss alternative governance for the UBC and the University Endowment Lands.

**Vancouver International Airport Authority
Draft 20-Year Master Plan**

Approved

The GVRD Board will advise the Vancouver International Airport Authority that the Board supports the YVR 20-Year Master Plan objectives that accommodate increased capacity for aircraft movements through maximizing existing runway capacity. The Board will request that Transport Canada prepare a regional airport strategy in collaboration with the Vancouver International Airport Authority and other Lower Mainland airports, the GVRD and GVTA, prior to further pursuing an additional runway.

The Board will also request that the Vancouver International Airport Authority give particular consideration to the following in finalizing the Master Plan:

- Re-designating “groundside commercial” lands, which allow “suburban office uses”, to a designation that limits them to airport-related and industrial uses;
- Including a commitment to pursue, in collaboration with the GVRD, GVTA and adjacent municipalities, transportation supply and demand management strategies that emphasize transit use and accommodate necessary airport and non-airport-related traffic;
- Advising the Board on the impacts of airport expansion on local and regional air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, including the measures the Authority will take to minimize these impacts.

Independent Power Projects and Bill 30

Approved

The GVRD Board will request that the provincial government repeal Section 53 of Bill 30 and return to working with the Union of BC Municipalities to complete the commitments of the Memorandum of Understanding on Independent Power Projects.

**GVRD Board Request for Research into Alternatives to
Twinning the Port Mann Bridge and Widening Highway 1**

Approved

The GVRD Board will request the GVTA Board and the Province to consider, during the development of a successor to the Transport 2021 long-range transportation plan, transportation network options that do not include expanded highways and bridges beyond those projects already identified in existing regional plans, in order to assess their relative benefits, costs and support for achieving the Board’s growth management and air quality objectives.

ENVIRONMENT REPORTS

Release of Funds to Climate Change Central

Approved

The GVRD Board will release the unused portion of funds in the GVRD’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Trading partnership account to Climate Change Central.

Policy Framework: Planting for Voluntary Carbon Credits and Community Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (CERI) Agreement

Approved

The GVRD Board endorsed a corporate policy framework for planting for voluntary carbon credits that allows GVRD to cooperate with other agency, non-government or private planting programs where greenhouse gas emissions are reduced through carbon sequestration and where GVRD assigns voluntary carbon credits to a partner. The Board authorized staff to implement a Community Ecosystem Restoration Initiative partnering agreement with Ecosystem Restoration Associates (ERA). ERA would supply trees, according to the restoration plan, to areas of specified regional parks to enhance the environment in exchange for an assignment of voluntary carbon credits to ERA.

Invasive Plant Strategy for B.C. Memorandum of Support

Approved

The GVRD Board will support the Fraser Basins Council's Invasive Plant Strategy for B.C. by signing the Memorandum of Support as an indication of the GVRD's corporate support of the Strategy; and request the delegate come to the Board at a future date.

FINANCE REPORTS

Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw (GVTA) Number 1058, 2006

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the recommendation for financing from the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority up to the amount of \$525,000,000. The GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw (GVTA) No. 1058, 2006 was adopted and will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for Certificate of Approval.

2007 Funding for External Organizations

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the following grants for 2007 to external organizations:

Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC).....	\$285,829
Fraser Basin Council.....	310,000
Pacific Parklands Foundation	175,000
Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program (BIEAP)	22,500
Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP)	22,500
30+ Plus Network.....	4,000

GVRD Temporary Borrowing Authority – Bylaw No. 1056, 2006

Approved

The Greater Vancouver Regional District Temporary Loan Bylaw 1056, 2006 was adopted, authorizing borrowing of up to \$12 million in anticipation of the collection of revenues.

E-Comm 911 Retroactive Payment Grant**Approved**

The GVRD Board approved a one-time grant of \$664,857 to E-Comm for retroactive payments for 2002 to 2004.

Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund**Approved**

The GVRD Board endorsed the Overpass for the Delta South Surrey Greenway as a submission for grant funding from the Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

HOUSING REPORTS**Response to Provincial Housing Strategy****Approved**

The GVRD Board will forward the report dated November 7, 2006, titled "Response to Provincial Housing Strategy" to the Minister Responsible for Housing. They will request that a GVRD Board delegation meet with the Minister Responsible for Housing to discuss establishing a multi-jurisdictional task force on affordable housing. The task force would be focused on meeting the housing and support services needs of homeless people (including addressing physical and mental health issues and addictions), and the needs of low-income individuals and families.

Development of a Regional Affordable Housing Strategy**Approved**

The Housing Committee will host a Board workshop to review the preliminary proposals of regional action on affordable housing identified in the report "Discussion Paper for a Regional Affordable Housing Strategy." The GVRD Board requested this report be forwarded to municipalities for information and comment.

ABORIGINAL RELATIONS REPORTS**Agricultural Lands in Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Negotiations****Approved**

The GVRD Board will express its concerns to the Provincial government about published media reports speculating the removal of the Agricultural Land Reserve designation from Tsawwassen Treaty Settlement Lands through a process other than the Agricultural Land Commission. The GVRD Board will communicate its interests and policies on the exclusion of lands from the ALR to the new Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation as presented in the report "Agricultural Lands in Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Negotiations," and suggest that the basic principles of a defensible ALR boundary and "no net loss" be used.

**Negotiations of a Master Services / Taxation Agreement
between Squamish Nation and the District of West Vancouver**

Approved

The GVRD Board will express its support to the North Shore communities and Squamish Nation in establishing an economic and service agreement, and to the ongoing positive relationship between the North Shore communities and both North Shore First Nations communities.

SUSTAINABLE REGION INITIATIVE REPORTS

GVRD and Regional Economic Initiatives

Approved

The GVRD Board will direct staff and existing committees to identify projects that may be done in collaboration with the Greater Vancouver Economic Council (GVEC). The Board will provide GVEC with formal support including support in their request for Federal, Provincial and private sector financial assistance. The Board will also direct the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force to draft Terms of Reference for the development of a Regional Economic Strategy with input from the Regional Economic Development Sub-committee.

**Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues:
Dealing with your drug problem, Labour Pains, and The World Is Watching**

Approved

The GVRD Board will forward the following reports to member municipalities for their information and comment:

- Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues – Labour Pains
- Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues – Dealing with your drug problem
- Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues – The World Is Watching.

The Board directed staff to consider the output of the dialogues in the development of a “sustainability based vision” for the future of the region.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations

Received

The GVRD Board received for information the report dated October 20 2006, titled “Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations” and directed staff to pursue more engagement opportunities in Aboriginal relations, such as holding Community-to-Community Forums or taking part in First Nations celebrations as described in the report.

**International Association of Business Communicators Award
Presented to GVRD Television Program “The Sustainable Region”**

Received

The GVRD Board received the report “International Association of Business Communicators Award presented to GVRD television program The Sustainable Region” dated October 4, 2006 for information.

MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Letter to Premier Campbell and Minister Taylor

Approved

The GVRD Board will send a letter congratulating Premier Campbell and Minister Taylor for recognizing that the de-institutionalization of mentally ill was not successful and offering help to find solutions on how to provide more support and accommodation for mentally ill.

Request of Housing Committee

Approved

The GVRD Board will send a letter to the Premier requesting the Province investigate the San Patrignano model or other similar models for treating drug addiction, and if a suitable model is found, the GVRD may be able to work together in the context of the Ashcroft Ranch location.

OTHER BUSINESS

Domestic Regulation

Heard

Members were advised of the impact and potential effect to municipal autonomy of international trade agreements.