



The Board in Brief...

Please note that these are not the official minutes of the meeting.

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
November 26, 2004

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

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Acknowledgments

- **Staff retirement**

NOTED

Ed Moore retired as a special project supervisor in the mechanical division of the Operations and Maintenance Department.

- **Awards**

The GVRD has won the 2004 Canadian Consulting Engineers "Award of Excellence" in the category of Water Resources. Sponsored by the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, this national award was for the GVRD's Little Mountain Reservoir Reconstruction Project. This project previously won two awards in BC.

The City of Port Moody has won two prestigious Livable Community Awards. Port Moody captured first place in the international "Planning for the Future" award and third place overall in their population category for the "most livable community in the world".

This year's GVRD United Way Campaign reached a new level of success. Our employees donated \$53,400, which is a 25% increase over 2003, and the most dollars ever.

Delegations

- **Don Toffaletto, Re-Think RAV Coalition**

HEARD

The board heard this representative's presentation in reference to the impact of RAV.

Finance

- **GVRD Financial Plan Bylaw No.1018, 2004**

APPROVED

The Board approved the adoption of the Greater Vancouver Regional District Financial Plan Bylaw No.1018, 2004 which concludes the administrative process required for the 2005 GVRD Budget and Five year Financial Plan.

- **Temporary Borrowing Authority – GVRD Bylaw 1020, 2004**

APPROVED

The Board approved the GVRD Temporary Loan Bylaw 1020, 2004 which authorizes the borrowing from the District's Banker or others in anticipation of revenues collected during the 2005 calendar year.

- **Cultural Grants Criteria**

APPROVED

The GVRD Board will expand the scope of the existing cultural grants program to include a wider range of organizations and events and endorsed the criteria and procedures to support administration of the program as outlined in the report entitled "Cultural Grants Criteria" dated October 24, 2004

Corporate and Intergovernmental Reports

- **2004 and 2006 World Urban Forums**

ENDORSED

Local government officials were somewhat disappointed in the Barcelona World Urban Forum. The experience presented the opportunity for the focus of the 2006 World Urban Forum to be on local government issues. The Board endorsed the GVRD seek to lead a partnership of local government interests, possibly including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) that would take responsibility for a "local government" stream of discussions and activities at the 2006 World Urban Forum. The Board also approved \$250,000 from sources within the approved 2005 budget to fund the coordination and planning activities for GVRD involvement in the 2006 World Urban Forum.

- **Actions Resulting from the October 12th and 13th, 2004 Board Workshop**

APPROVED

The Board will hold a series of workshops focusing on governance and operations. The first workshop in January 2005 will be GVRD Board Procedural Matters.

- **Progress Report on the Activities of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee on the GVRD's Involvement in Aboriginal Affairs** RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information the report titled Progress report on the Activities of Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee and the GVRD's involvement in Aboriginal Affairs. It was requested of staff that the Chief Administrative Officer arrange a meeting, if possible, on December 10, 2004, before the Regular Board meeting to discuss treaty negotiations with provincial and federal elected officials and Attorney General. It was also requested of staff to prepare a media release on the Musqueam Treaty negotiations.

Parks Reports

- **Tynehead Regional Park: Proposed Golf Training Centre for Tynehead East** APPROVED

The Board approved proceeding to seek public input and subsequently to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design, finance, build and operate a Golf Training Centre at Tynehead East.

- **Boundary Bay Regional Park: Destination Restaurant at Centennial Beach with new Concession and Washroom/Changehouse** APPROVED

The Board approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) following public consultation to design, finance, build and operate a destination restaurant at Centennial beach together with a new concession/washroom/changehouse and possible interpretive and retail space.

- **Recommended 2005 Fees and Charges for Use of Park Facilities and Sites** APPROVED

The Board approved proposed changes to Regional Parks fees and charges for 2005 as outlined in the report titled "Recommended 2005 Fees and Charges for Use of Park Facilities and Sites" dated November 1, 2004. Bylaw Number 1019, 2004 was adopted.

- **Requests for Contribution Funding from Parks Partners** APPROVED

The GVRD Board approved \$8,000 in contribution funding for Pacific Spirit Park Society for 2005, and \$12,000 in contribution funding for Kanaka Educational and Environmental Partnership Society for 2005.

Planning and Environment Reports

- **Northeast Sector Rapid Transit Alternatives Study**

RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information the deferred GVRD report titled “Northeast Sector Rapid Transit Alternative Study”, dated October 19, 2004 and forwarded, for information, the report to the GVTA Board.

- **Vancouver Port Authority Draft Port Plan**

APPROVED

It was requested that the Vancouver Port Authority advise the GVRD Board on the impacts of port development on regional road and rail systems and that the port development will be consistent with GVRD objectives for improved air quality. The Board also forward the report titled “Vancouver Port Authority Draft Port Plan”, dated September 30, 2004 to the Vancouver Port Authority for it’s consideration in finalizing the draft plan, with particular attention to articulating a vision and strategy for managing port growth in context with local and regional objectives for sustainability, growth management, transportation and air quality.

- **FCM Mission to Sweden on Waste Management and Energy**

RECEIVED

The Board received for information the report titled “FCM Mission to Sweden on Waste Management and Energy”, dated September 20, 2004. The Board thanked the FCM for organizing the mission and, directed staff to invite Dr. Karl-Henrik Robert to participate in a panel on sustainability frameworks at the 2006 World Urban Forum.

- **Applications for Exclusion of Agricultural Land Reserves (ALR) lands in the District of Maple Ridge Green Zone**

DEFERRED

The Board requested that the Agricultural Land Commission defer any decision on the current ALR exclusion applications in the District of Maple Ridge not related to the approved Fraser River Crossing and its approaches until the completion of the review of the District of Maple Ridge Official Community Plan and the renewal of the Regional Context Statement within the context of the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

- **Off Road Vehicle Advertising**

ENDORSED

The Board endorsed the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen statement about the need to portray responsible use of off-road vehicles in advertisements and so advise the vehicle manufacturers association.

Housing Reports

- **Geo-Exchange System, Prairie & Flint Project, Port Coquitlam** APPROVED

The GVRD Board will provide a grant pursuant to Section 176 of the local Government Act of up to \$375,000, to be drawn from GVRD general government reserves, for the purpose of geo-exchange heating at the Prairie Road Development, and any cost recovery from the Green Municipal Funds Grant will be returned to GVRD reserves.

Communities Reports

- **Indian Arm School Ferry Service – Response to Request for Funding** APPROVED

The GVRD Board directed staff to forward all previous correspondence, expressing concerns about the elimination of ferry transportation for Indian Arm School children and write a letter requesting that the province assume subsidy responsibility. North Vancouver School District will be informed that it is not within the GVRD's mandate to financially support school ferry transportation.

- **Bowyer Island – Notice of Building Code Deficiency Lot “B” Plan 10564, DL.1340,NWD, Bowyer Island** APPROVED

The Board directed that a designated municipal officer proceed with filing notice on the title of Lot “B” Plan 10564, DL. 1340, NWD, Bowyer Island as being in contravention of GVRD Building Bylaw No.219, 1976. A report further to progress will be required in six months.

Information Reports

- **Federal Fuel Tax Transfer and GVTA Outlook** RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information the report titled “Federal Fuel Tax transfer and GVTA Outlook” dated October 5, 2004.

- **Air Quality Non-Compliance List for January 1 - June 30 , 2004** RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information the report dated September 22, 2004, titled “Air Quality Non-Compliance List for January 1 – June 30, 2004.

- **Transfer of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service**

RECEIVED

The GVWD Board will consider the report dated October 18, 2004, titled "transfer of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service, received as information in the deliberation of the motion made to request the Provincial Government to revoke the Letters of patent with regards to GVRD's function in the delivery of the 9-1-1 service.

- **Transfer of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service (Presentation)**

HEARD

Ken Shymanski, President and CEO of E-Comm and Tracey Lee Vice President and Corporate Council for E-Comm briefed the Board on service and fee structures of E-Comm for Southwest BC

Notices of Motion

- **Transfer of 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System from the GVRD to E-Comm**

DEFERRED

Other Business

- **Notes from the October 12 and 13, 2004 GVRD board Workshop, the Region and its Future**

RECEIVED

The Board received a summary of notes from the Board Workshop held on October 12 and 13, 2004 as prepared by facilitators Glenn Sigurdson and Barry Stuart.

- **Greater Vancouver Regional District Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Communications Equipment Expenditure Bylaw 1022, 2004**

APPROVED

The Board adopted the Greater Vancouver Regional District Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Communications Equipment Expenditure Bylaw 1022 - 2004

- **2005 Board Meeting Dates**

APPROVED

The GVRD Board approved that the proposed January 27 and 28, 2005 Board Workshop takes place outside the boundaries of the regional district.

- **GVRD Pins**

RECEIVED

The board received information concerning the official launch of the new GVRD logo.

- **Correspondence from the United Kingdom regarding Public-Private-Partnership arrangements**

RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information this correspondence.

- **Notice of Motion**

APPROVED

The Board directed staff (legal counsel) to report on the ability to suspend Rules of Order governing meeting procedure in order to deal with emergency matters.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Delegations

- **Chief Robert Pasco, Chair, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council**

HEARD

Chief Pasco appeared before the GVW&DD to address the Ashcroft Ranch Landfill proposal.

- **Dr. Michael Easton, President International EcoGen Inc**

HEARD

Dr. Easton appeared before the GVS&DD board to address the Ashcroft Ranch Landfill proposal and offer an optional solution.

- **Joyce Thayer, Barrister and Solicitor, Cornwall Watershed Coalition**

HEARD

Joyce Thayer appeared before the GVW&DD to address the Ashcroft Ranch Landfill proposal.

- **Helen Spiegelman**

HEARD

Helen Spiegelman appeared before the GVW&DD to address the Ashcroft Ranch Landfill proposal.

Reports

- **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District 2005 Cost Apportionment Bylaw 231, 2004**

APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board adopted the "Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District 2005 Cost Apportionment Bylaw 231, 2004"; it being a bylaw governing the distribution of the GVS&DD tax levy for 2005.

- **GVS&DD Temporary Borrowing Authority** APPROVED

The GVS&DD authorized the borrowing from the District's Banker or others in the course of the 2005 calendar year in anticipation of the collection of revenues. The outstanding total should not exceed \$25 million.

- **Financial Penalties for Violations of the GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw** APPROVED

The Board will request, by way of this report titled "Financial Penalties for Violations of the GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw" the Minister of Water, Land and Air protection to amend the Environment Management Act to enable increased penalties for violations of the GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw.

- **GVRD Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment** APPROVED

The GVS&DD approved the revised wording to the proposed amendment to Section 6.1.6 of the 1995 regional Solid Waste Management Plan and will make a request of the Minister of Water Land and Air Protection to consider and approve the amendment

- **South Surrey Interceptor Twinning – Panorama Section, Phase 2** APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$14,000,000 of the budgeted capital funds for supply and installation of the South Surrey Interceptor Twinning – Panorama Phase 2.

Information Reports

- **Comment on Submission by the T Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation Delegation on the Liquid Water Management Biennial Report** RECEIVED

The GVS&DD received for information the report titled "Comment on Submission by the T Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation Delegation on the Liquid Water Management Biennial Report", dated November 1, 2004

- **Ashcroft Ranch Landfill Project – Response to Comments from Delegations to the Board** RECEIVED

The GVS&DD Board received for information the report titled "Ashcroft Ranch Landfill Project – Response to Comments from Delegations to the Board".

- **Ashcroft Ranch Landfill Project – Update on Consultation Process for the Environmental Assessment Application**

RECEIVED

The GVS&DD received for information the report dated November 1, 2004 titled “Ashcroft Ranch Landfill Project – Update on Consultation Process for the Environmental Assessment Application.”

Greater Vancouver Water District

Reports

- **GVWD Temporary Borrowing Authority**

APPROVED

The GVWD Board authorized the borrowing from the District’s Banker or other in the course of the 2005 calendar year in anticipation of collection of its revenue, an outstanding total of which will not exceed \$10 million at any one time.

- **2004 Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes**

APPROVED

The GVWD approved the payment of a grant in lieu of taxes to member municipalities totaling approximately \$1.3 million as shown in Schedule 1 attached to the report title “2004 Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes” and will request of the Province of BC to allow the 2004 payment as a grant in lieu of property taxes.

- **Water-Efficient product Labeling Program**

ENDORSED

That the GVWD Board will advise the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association that it endorses the Association’s proposal to develop a Canadian water-efficient product labeling program.

- **GVWD Comments on New Health Canada Draft Water Quality Guidelines**

APPROVED

The GVWD authorized the Board Chair to send a letter to the Provincial Minister of Health Services and the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water as comment on the new Health Canada draft water quality guidelines. Copies of the letter will be provided to the GVWD member municipalities and Executives of the UBCM, BC Water and Waste Water Association, the FCM and CWWA.