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# The Board in Brief...

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Actions taken by the GVRD Board of Directors at its meeting on **December 15/19, 2000**

(Due to the length of the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board reconvened at a special meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to complete its agenda)

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

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## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### Election

- **Board Chair and Vice-Chair elections**

ELECTED

Vancouver Councillor George Puil was re-elected as Chair of the GVRD Board of Directors, with White Rock Mayor Hardy Staub re-elected as Board Vice-Chair. Mayor Helen Sparkes was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Greater Vancouver Water District.

### Administration and Intergovernment

- **Richmond's Environmental Purchasing Committee**

APPROVED

The board approved a recommendation that would see environmental purchasing guidelines developed by the City of Richmond, with input from the GVRD's Solid Waste function, considered in light of existing GVRD purchasing policies. Also approved was the development of training workshops for municipal and GVRD staff. Environmental purchasing evaluates potential purchases not just by price and performance but by environmental criteria such as recycled content, packaging, and energy efficiency as well.



**Parks**

- **Tynehead – Request for easement, discharge outlet**

DENIED

The board denied a request from a private property developer for a stormwater easement and discharge outlet into Tynehead Regional Park. The request relates to a proposed 25 residence subdivision adjacent to the park. Park Committee policy has been to deny most of the numerous easement and other development related requests received to avoid negative environmental impacts on parks.

- **Belcarra – proposal from Canadian Pacific Trials Association**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for continued, non-exclusive use by CPTA of the informal trail network within the Admiralty Heights area of Belcarra regional park. CPTA has been an active and responsible user of the trails for many years, and have submitted a proposal for multiple-use recreational activities in the area which is to be reviewed by staff.

- **Pacific Parklands Foundation 2001 workplan, budget**

APPROVED

Board approval was given to release of \$200,000 in reserve funds towards the Parklands Foundation 2001 budget. The foundation has been established to undertake a fundraising program in support of the Regional Park system.

- **Derby Reach – waterline connection to municipal service**

APPROVED

A cost-sharing contribution of up to \$50,000 was approved for a Langley Township waterline extension that will serve Derby Reach Regional Park. The extension is part of a local improvement project on Allard Crescent that provides water to a number of residential properties.

**Planning and Environment**

- **Ports Competitiveness Review**

REQUESTED

An extension to the deadline for input to the Ports Competitiveness Review was requested. The review has implications related to transportation, property taxation and sewage system discharges and outfalls, and an extension to February 28 is proposed. The review is intended to “...provide ...the transportation infrastructure and efficient services (needed) to successfully trade and compete in world markets.”

- **Progress report – federal funding of urban transportation**

APPROVED

An update on efforts to promote increased senior government support for urban transportation was received. Information is to be provided to elected candidates in the recent federal election.

- **2000 Annual Report – Livable Region Strategic Plan**

ENDORSED

The board endorsed the Livable Region Strategic Plan 2000 Annual Report and instructed that it be forwarded to stakeholders for information and comment. The LRSP presents a common vision for the GVRD's 21 member municipalities in terms of preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Greater Vancouver, and charts how the region will accommodate an additional million residents in the next 20 years.

- **Air Quality Information Update**

APPROVED

This report provides information on air quality issues. The board approved a committee recommendation that the GVRD seek Option 1 Intervention status concerning the Sumas 2 energy plant application.

- **Greenways associated with the new SkyTrain line**

APPROVED

Establishment of a continuous greenway along the alignment of the new SkyTrain line was endorsed by the board. The board also agreed to encourage Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster to continue to work together and with TransLink to coordinate greenways so as to support the continuous route.

- **Recent Development in Child Care**

ENDORSED

Board support was given in principle to general initiatives set out by a Provincial government discussion paper on a comprehensive, accessible child care system.

### Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Areas

- **UBC Comprehensive Community Plan, MOU**

APPROVED

The board agreed that UBC's proposed Comprehensive Community Plan is consistent with the Official Community Plan for the campus. Authorized was a new MOU that provides a basis for the GVRD to continue its role as the overall planning authority for the University campus, and serves as a model for the conduct of future relations between the GVRD and UBC.

## Information Reports

- **Reports received for Information**

RECIEVED

The following reports were received: Internal Audit Status Report, Delegations to November Planning and Environment Committee, October 2000 Housing Vacancy Report, Briefing for the GVRD Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area Committee and, Overview of the Workshop to Discuss First Nations Participation on Regional District Boards.

## Notices of Motion

- **Start time of GVRD Board meetings**

FAILED

A motion to change the start time for board meetings to 9:30 a.m. from 9:00 a.m. failed.

## Other Business

- **Protocol for GVRD capital projects**

RECEIVED

GVRD payment of permit fees, development cost charges, and other municipal fees, as well as participation in public processes related to GVRD capital projects within municipal boundaries is the subject of this jointly-developed protocol. The protocol is to be distributed to member municipalities for review. The concept of retroactive payments for past projects has been referred to the Finance Committee for review.

- **GVTA Governance**

APPROVED

Recommendations of the GVTA Governance Task Force were approved by the board, including a request to the Province that the GVTA Act be amended to provide for an expanded GVTA Board of Directors. The proposed structure would allow for a 20-member board with Surrey and Vancouver holding two seats each, one member representing the interests of Belcarra, Bowen Island, Lions Bay and Electoral Area A, and each of the remaining 15 member municipalities one director each. Anmore requested that its interests be represented by Port Moody. Appointment of alternate directors was also approved.

- **Motion to rescind approval of the TransLink STP and levy**

FAILED

A motion to rescind the board's previous approval of the TransLink Strategic Transportation Plan, including the vehicle levy, was defeated.

## Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Vernon Drive forcemain replacement – phase 3**

APPROVED

The board approved an expenditure of \$250,000 for engineering design and preparation of a detailed cost estimate for phase 3 of the Vernon Drive forcemain replacement program.

- **Queensborough Pump Station**

APPROVED

Approval was given to the allocation of \$430,000 in additional funds to complete the Queensborough Pump Station Wet Well Ventilation and Odour Control project.

- **Borden Street combined trunk sewer replacement**

APPROVED

An expenditure of up to \$25,000 was approved for replacement of the Borden Street combined trunk sewer. The project entails a pipe capacity upgrade to eliminate overflows following rainfall events.

- **Cariboo Dam seismic stability assessment**

APPROVED

Analyses related to seismic stability of the Cariboo Dam on the Brunette River near Burnaby Lake, and the design of any remedial measures, if necessary, was approved at a cost of \$50,000.

- **Front Street Pressure Sewer – SkyTrain section**

APPROVED

Phase two of a program to increase capacity – construction of the SkyTrain section of the Front Street Pressure Sewer – at a cost of \$2.35 million was approved. The project entails construction of some 1,000m of 1675 mm diameter sewer pipe.

- **Chilco Pump Station Upgrade**

APPROVED

Building construction and the pre-purchase of major electrical equipment related to an upgrade of the Chilco Pump Station, costing \$570,000, was approved.

- **Liquid Waste Management Plan**

APPROVED

Following provincial approval of the Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 2, the board approved a work plan and schedule for Stage 3 of the process. The Stage 3 plan is expected to be submitted to provincial authorities by March 30, 2001.

- **Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw**

ADOPTED

This bylaw strengthens the authority for environmental protection contained in existing solid waste regulatory bylaws, and was developed in consultation with industry and municipalities. The bylaw also creates a single window approach to the regulation of private municipal solid waste facilities.

- **Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Waste Minimization**

APPROVED

The board approved appointment of the Chair of the region's Solid Waste Committee to the FCM Steering Committee on Waste Minimization.

- **Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Committee**

APPROVED

A proposal asking board approval for four new members on the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Committee was approved. Two appointees from interest groups and the public, and two from professional groups were endorsed.

- **Beverage Container Stewardship Program**

APPROVED

This report details the stewardship program, and proposes that the report be conveyed to the Union of B.C. Municipalities. Also proposed is a Stewardship Task Group to provide advice on industry stewardship priorities, and that an opportunity to review and comment on proposals from the Beverage Container Management Board be provided to the GVRD.

- **Burnaby Incinerator – Excess steam utilization**

APPROVED

An expenditure of up to \$2.5 million was approved for detailed design of a turbo generator to utilize excess steam generated at the Burnaby Incinerator. Also approved was the solicitation of Expressions of Interest for the purchase of electrical power produced by the turbo generator.

- **Acceptance of waste from Powell River Regional District**

APPROVED

The board reaffirmed acceptance, for a five-year period, of approximately 5,000 tonnes of waste per annum from the Powell River Regional District for disposal at the Cache Creek Landfill.

- **Information Reports**

RECEIVED

A summary report on the GVRD-Wastech Comprehensive Agreement related to waste disposal was received.

## Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Participation of the Fraser Valley Regional District in the GVRD's Drinking Water Management Plan**

APPROVED

This report advises the board of FVRD's decision to decline participation in the GVRD Drinking Water Management Plan, and recommends that all potential water supply sources be examined, including those outside GVRD boundaries, in planning for future supply.