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# The Board in Brief.

Actions taken by the GVRD Board of Directors at its meeting on **January 25, 2002**

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## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### Acknowledgments

- **GVRD Staff retirements**

NOTED

The Chair acknowledged the contributions of GVRD staff on their retirement. Leaving are Bob Smith, an administrator in the Air Quality division of Policy and Planning, and Jacki Walton, who provided administrative support to Policy and Planning.

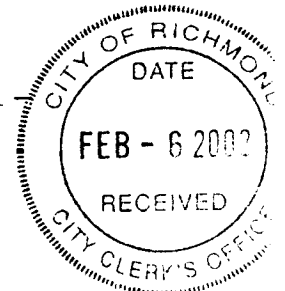
### Chair, CAO reports

- **2001 Retrospective, 2002 Prospective**

HEARD

Board Chair George Puil and CAO Johnny Carline commented on highlights for last year, and outlined key directions for 2002. The chair noted the increasingly important role of cities and the additional responsibilities accruing to them. He underlined the need for urban areas to have access to federal tax monies if they are to properly discharge new responsibilities.

CAO Carline provide the board with an overview of key activities in 2001 siting of a waste transfer station in Surrey and the decision to advance filtration at the Capilano water source, for example – and identified the Sustainable Region Initiative as a key priority for 2002.



## **Finance**

### **• Agreement on Internal Trade**

APPROVED

With the unanimous agreement of directors, the board will communicate to the Province its strong opposition to having the municipal, academic, social and health (MASH) sector included in the Agreement on Internal Trade without prior consultation. The AIT was entered into in 1994 and its objective is to "...reduce and eliminate...barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services and investments within Canada." Inclusion of the BC MASH sector in the AIT would have no affect on the GVRD procurement process, and concern over increased costs to taxpayers, especially arising out of the dispute resolution provisions, were noted by the board. Also agreed by the board was a request that any further changes to the AIT be the subject of consultation, and that the government commit to paying all costs, regardless of outcome, arising from disputes under the AIT.

### **• MFA Borrowing Bylaw**

APPROVED

Board approval was given to a borrowing bylaw on behalf of the Corporation of Delta in the amount of \$5.1 million. The monies, raised through the Municipal Finance Authority, are to be used for a drainage project and for Delta's Aquatic Centre.

### **• Protocol for GVRD Capital Projects**

APPROVED

This protocol is intended to address payment by the GVRD of appropriate municipal charges on regional structures. The protocol was approved, while a decision on the period of retroactivity that will apply was deferred and will be reintroduced at the next meeting of the board.

## **Regional Parks**

### **• Aldergrove Lake - planning for lake liner**

APPROVED

The board approved an expenditure of \$15,000 to fund additional engineering and environmental planning costs for the recreational lake liner at Aldergrove Bowl. Development of the artificial lake is part of the gravel operation restoration project, and is to be funded from reserve capital.

## **Planning and Environment**

- **Board participation in ICLEI Sustainable Cities Conference**

APPROVED

The board approved a recommendation authorizing the chair to choose up to 25 representatives to attend the International Centre for Sustainable Cities Conference entitled 'Cities and Transportation: Choice and Consequences.' The conference takes place February 17 – 19 in Vancouver.

- **ICLEI Local Government Preparatory meeting**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for the attendance of up to eight members of the GVRD Board to attend the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives 'Local Government Preparatory Meeting' from February 27 to March 1 in Vancouver. The meeting, hosted by the City of North Vancouver, the GVRD and the provincial and federal governments, will help coordinate the international local government message to the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg next September.

- **Interim Report of the Provincial Task Force on Energy Policy**

APPROVED

Staff was instructed to prepare a report that provides further consideration on the province's Interim Report on Energy Policy, and to request the Province to provide further time to enable comments.

## **Housing**

- **GVHC 2002 Board of Directors**

APPOINTED

Director Kiichi Kumagai was appointed Chair of the GVRD Housing Committee and Director and President of the Board of the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation. Director Judy Villeneuve was appointed Vice-Chair, and Directors Kurt Alberts, Tom Blom, Victor Durman and Diane Thorne, and Councillors John Braithwaite, Judy Forster and Don Lee were appointed members of the committee and directors of the housing corporation.

Approval was granted to the appointed of an additional member to the GVHC Board this year.

## **Notices of Motion**

- **Retroactivity provision for GVRD Capital Protocol**

APPROVED

A motion was brought forward that called for consideration of an extension of retroactivity related to the GVRD Capital Protocol. Extending retroactivity back to 1994 would provide for payment of fees to the Corporation of Delta totaling some \$3.5 million arising from construction of the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## **Other Business**

- **2002 Miscellaneous Agency Appointments**

APPOINTED

The board approved the following appointments for 2002:

Municipal Finance Authority – Jon Kingsbury, Victor Durman, Doug Drummond, Barbara Sharp, Hardy Staub, Kiichi Kumagai, Marlene Grinnell, Helen Sparkes.

Western Transportation Advisory Council – Jon Kingsbury

Board of Tourism Vancouver – Lynne Kennedy, Judith Higginbotham

Lower Mainland Municipal Association – Don Bell

Fraser Basin Council – Barbara Sharp

Flood Control and River Management Committee, LMMA – Lois

Jackson, Don MacLean, Kiichi Kumagai, Vicki Huntington

Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee – Ralph Drew

GVRD/UBC Joint Committee – Tom Blom, Jennifer Clarke, Ralph Drew

Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department – Scott Young

Fraser Valley Library Board – Tom Blom

Agriculture Advisory Committee – Kurt Alberts

Howe Sound Task Group – Brenda Broughton, Tom Blom, Lisa Barrett, Bill Soprovich

Appointed as the GVRD representative to serve on the Labour Relations Bureau for 2002 was Hardy Staub.

- **Provincial withdrawal from subsidy of bus pass for seniors**

APPROVED

A motion of the board was approved calling on the provincial government to reconsider its decision to remove the bus pass subsidy allotted to seniors.

## Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **2002 Priorities and Milestones**

APPROVED

Changes to the 2002 Program Milestones related to GVS&DD activities were outlined to the board and approved.

- **Protocol for GVRD Capital Projects**

APPROVED

The proposed capital protocol allows for payment of the equivalent amount of municipal charges on regional structures, in accordance with the municipal bylaws in effect at the time. The period of retroactivity that applies to the protocol has not been finalized.

## Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Delegation – Water Filtration System**

HEARD

Patricia Goff appeared as a delegation to provide the board with her thoughts regarding construction of a filtration plant(s) to serve the Seymour and Capilano drinking water sources.

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