

# The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by  
the GVRD Board of  
Directors at its meeting on  
**February 28, 2001**

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

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## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### Delegations

- **Kwayhquitlum First Nation**

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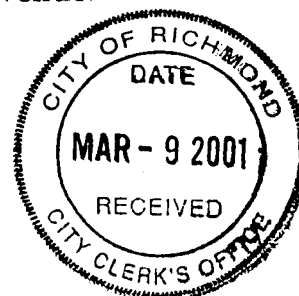
Kwayhquitlum First Nation representative George Chaffee provided the board with information concerning the exercise of aboriginal rights, and specifically aboriginal activities in regional watersheds.

### Finance

- **GVRD Temporary Borrowing Authority**

ADOPTED

The board approved a bylaw that authorizes borrowing, not to exceed \$12 million at any one time, by the GVRD in 2001. Temporary borrowing authority is provided in anticipation of the collection of revenue.



## **Parks**

- **Pacific Spirit Regional Park - Wreck Beach Policing**

APPROVED

Renewal of a contract with the RCMP for additional policing of Wreck Beach during summer months was approved. A total of \$24,500 has been identified in Pacific Spirit's operating budget to accommodate extra policing. Wreck Beach is visited by almost a quarter of a million people each summer.

- **Kanaka Creek - Demolition of rental dwellings**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for the demolition and clean-up of two rental properties in Kanaka Creek regional park. One property's age, susceptibility to flooding, and poor overall condition make it unlikely to generate revenue, and so it will be torn down and the site secured. The second property has remained vacant since its purchase in August of 2000 and would require a significant investment to rehabilitate and so demolition was recommended.

- **Parks Sub-Committee to review dog policy**

APPROVED

A sub-committee comprising five Parks Committee members has been appointed to consult with staff and stakeholders in an effort to resolve issues associated with dog activity in Pacific Spirit and other regional parks. The sub-committee will consider increased commercial dog walking activity, the numbers of dogs, leash versus off-leash activities, and the separation of trail use between various park patrons, among other issues.

## **Planning and Environment**

- **BC Ferries Horseshoe Bay terminal expansion project**

APPROVED

Board support was given to a District of West Vancouver position that the proposed Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal expansion project be stopped and that a proper analysis be undertaken in regards to the expansion's impact on air quality and health. The board also called for a review of the ferry reservation system. The GVRD Air Quality department is examining air quality impacts of the project.

- **Diesel Exhaust Particulate - health effects research**

FORWARDED

A request from the City of Vancouver for detailed monitoring of diesel exhaust particulate levels near major roadways was approved. The additional monitoring request arises from a review undertaken by a Scientific Review Panel from the Vancouver Richmond Health Board of a study into health impacts associated with diesel exhaust. The staff report will be forwarded to TransLink for its information.

- **Attendance at Urban Sustainability Conference**

ENDORSED

The board endorsed the participation of three Directors at the Leadership and Innovation in Urban Sustainability Conference to be held March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver. Planning and Environment Committee Chair Barbara Sharp will be on a panel discussing future visions for urban sustainability.

- **Federal funding for urban transportation - next steps**

APPROVED

This report provides information on recent efforts to secure federal funding for sustainable urban transportation programs. While noting that some federal government announcements concerning transportation funding is encouraging, the board approved a recommendation confirming its position that federal funding be applicable to any sustainable urban transportation expenditures and not be limited to infrastructure, and that funding be on-going.

- **Status of Regional work on homelessness**

APPROVED

A regional plan developed by the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness is nearing completion, and the board agreed to refer a staff report to the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation for comment on GVHC's willingness to consider a role in implementing the plan. The steering committee has been working since March of 2000 on an approach to alleviate and prevent homelessness in the region.

### Information Reports

- **Progress Report - treaty negotiations and LMTAC**

RECEIVED

This report updates the board on treaty negotiations and the GVRD's involvement on the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee. Recent activities include the Lower Mainland Community-to-Community Forum, a workshop to discuss LMTAC first principles, and a series of presentations to municipal councils.

- **Progress Report – Richmond/Airport – Vancouver Rapid Transit** RECEIVED

Phase two of the Richmond/Airport to Vancouver Rapid Transit project, which involves a need analysis, identification of potential funding partners, and a public consultation process is expected to be completed by the end of March. The outcome of Phase Two will contribute to decision-making on whether to project should proceed within the next ten years.

### Other Business

- **MFA Borrowing bylaw 963-2001** ADOPTED

This bylaw authorizes the borrowing of \$1.745 million on behalf of the Corporation of Delta for drainage works.

- **Attendance at Smart Growth Summit** APPROVED

Attendance of Chair Puil at the Smart Growth Summit in Burlington, Ontario, at the invitation of the Mayor of Burlington, in April was approved by the board.

- **Comment on Ports Competitiveness Discussion Paper** APPROVED

Concerns over the process by which a Discussion Paper on the competitiveness of British Columbia ports was developed, the review scope, and a focus on local property taxes and land use policy are expressed in this report. Importance of the ports as an essential economic element is recognized, and the provincial government is urged to consider a more balanced and comprehensive review. The report's comments are endorsed, a letter will be sent to the province concerning the issue, and the endorsement of member municipalities will be sought.

- **GVRD/GVTA Governance** APPROVED

This report recommends that the GVRD and the GVTA Boards not consider pursuing a single integrated GVRD/TransLink staff structure to serve both organizations, and proceed on the basis of two parallel organizations.

## Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Yard Waste recycling and disposal**

APPROVED

Responding to a board request for a review, this report concludes that a disposal ban on yard wastes is not necessary at this time. The GVRD as a whole diverts some 88 per cent of its yard wastes from disposal already, and only limited potential for additional diversion from a formal ban might be expected. Some changes, including random inspections for yard waste, at public waste disposal sites may be implemented to achieve further reductions.

- **2001 Sewerage and Drainage projects**

APPROVED

Approval was given to budgeted expenditures for five capital projects. They are: Iona Island WWTP Digester No.2 Roof and Piping Replacement (\$2.6 million), Harbour Pump Station Upgrade (\$150,000), Lions Gate WWTP Raw Sewage Pump Isolation Gates (\$200,000), Lynn Pump Station Upgrade (pre-design \$50,000), Westridge Pump Station #2 Emergency Genset (\$250,000).

- **Maple Ridge Forcemain – scour protection**

APPROVED

An expenditure of \$1 million was approved for construction of scour protection works for the Maple Ridge forcemain on the Fraser River between Pitt Meadows and Surrey.

- **GVS&DD Temporary Borrowing Authority**

ADOPTED

The board approved a bylaw that authorizes borrowing, not to exceed \$25 million at any one time, by the GVS&DD in 2001. Temporary borrowing authority is provided in anticipation of the collection of revenue.

## Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Tsleil-Waututh First Nation correspondence**

The board received a letter from the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation in regards to participation in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve management planning process, and other interests the Tsleil-Waututh people have in the area. The letter was referred to the GVRD's Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area Committee for direction protocol for responding to First Nations' requests.

REFERRED