



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
February 25, 2005

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

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Delegations

- **David Forsyth, Pacific Spirit Park Society**

HEARD

Dave Forsyth, Pacific Spirit Park Society, expressed concern with the UBC Marine Residence Towers and requested the Board to uphold the official Community Plan and not dilute the recommendations presented in the report dated February 2, 2005 presented at the Communities Committee and Parks Committee Joint Meeting of February 11, 2005.

- **Judy Williams, Wreck Beach Preservation Society**

Judy Williams, Chair, Wreck Beach Preservation Society, expressed concern and opposition to aspects of the development at the UBC Marine Drive Student Residences and requested the Board support recommendation "B" in the report dated January 21, 2004 presented at the Parks Committee Meeting of February 11, 2005.

- **James Loewen, Wreck beach Preservation Society**

James Loewen, (Vice Chair) on behalf of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society, made a PowerPoint presentation depicting the beach and shoreline with the tower.

- **Patricia Godwin, Save Camp Howdy group**

Patricia Godwin requested that the GVRD find funds to pay for value of Camp Howdy YMCA land located on Indian Arm within Belcarra.

- **Al Poettcker, UBC Properties trust**

Al Poettcker, UBC Properties Trust, gave a PowerPoint presentation of historical

- **Municipal Borrowing – GVRD Bylaw 1025, 2005**

APPROVED

The Board gave consent to the request for financing from the Municipality of Lions Bay in the amount of \$114,000. And the Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No.1025, 2005 was introduced read a first, second, and third time and was reconsidered, passed and finally adopted.

Parks Reports

- **Belcarra Regional Park: YMCA's Request for Road Access**

APPROVED

The GVRD Board requested that the Chair appoint an ad hoc committee of the Board, including the Mayors of Belcarra and Port Moody, to address the issue of Camp Howdy and bring back a recommendation to the GVRD Board and the Parks Committee.

- **Change to Regional Parks Service: City Of Abbotsford**

APPROVED

The Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Conversion and Amendment Bylaw No.1024, 2005 to add part of the city of Abbotsford as a participant, was introduced and read a first, second and third time. Staff was directed to seek the approval of the inspector and participating area pursuant to section 801 of the Local Government Act.

Planning and Environment Reports

- **Livable Region Strategic Plan Review**

APPROVED

The Board directed staff organize workshops for the Planning and Environment Committee, with an invitation to all Board members to attend, to discuss and identify key issues, implementation and amending processes for the growth management strategy (LRSP).

- **Draft Air Quality Management Plan**

APPROVED

The Board directed staff to proceed with interest group and public consultation on the document entitled 'Greater Vancouver's Clean Air Strategy', dated January 27, 2005 and report back with a draft Air Quality Management Plan.

- **Provincial Gateway Program**

APPROVED

It was recommendation that the GVRD Board request the Ministry of Transportation and the Gateway Program staff consult with the board prior finalizing the scope of specific projects. It was also recommended that the Report titled 'Provincial Gateway Program', dated January 25, 2005 be forwarded to the GVTA Board for information, together with a request that GVTA Board participate with the suggested delegation to the Minister of Transportation.

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

APPROVED

The GVRD Board approved \$8,000 in funding for Pacific Spirit Park Society for

- **Barnston Island Issues Update** APPROVED

The Board appointed a delegation comprising the Chair and Vice Chair of the Communities Committee and Electoral Area "A" Director to meet with the Minister of Transportation as soon as possible to discuss needed improvements to the Barnston Island Ferry service.

- **Notice of Building Bylaw Contravention – 2 Montizambert Wynd** APPROVED

The GVRD Board directed the municipal officer to file a notice in the land title office on the following property a being in non-compliance of GVRD Building Bylaw No.219, 1976: Block 2, District Lot 2365, Plan 7016 and directed staff to report back in four months and if the property owner has not complied, identify next steps.

- **Notice of Building Bylaw Contravention – Buntzen Bay, Indian Arm** APPROVED

The GVRD Board directed the municipal officer to file a notice in the land title office on the following property a being in non-compliance of GVRD Building Bylaw No.219, 1976: Lot 1, Section 15, Township 5 Range 7 West of the Seventh Meridian New Westminster District Plan 28257 and directed staff to report back in four months and if the property owner has not complied, identify next steps.

Information Reports

- **Federal Fuel Tax Grant** RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information the report titled 'Federal Fuel Tax Grant' dated February 14, 2005.

- **GeoExchange International Conference and Trade Show** RECEIVED

The GVRD Board received for information the report titled 'GeoExchange International Conference and Trade Show' dated February 10, 2005.

Other Business

- **Regional District Managers and CAO's Meeting – March 22, 2005** APPROVED

The Board approved the request of the Chair to attend the Regional District Chairs and CAO's meeting to be held on March 22, 2005.

- **Planning for Larval Mosquito Management for Control of the West Nile Virus in the Greater Vancouver Region** APPROVED

The Board directed staff to prepare a mosquito management service function establishing bylaw and circulate it to municipalities for approval. In addition the board approved the establishment of a budget of \$120,000 for the work.

Other Business

- **Grant Application under the BC Community Water Improvement Program** **ENDORSED**

The Board endorsed the application for a grant under the BC Community Water Improvement Program for the Jervis Forcemain Upgrading and related works project.



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
March 11, 2005

Here are the highlights of the March 11 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

The complete agenda and supporting reports for every board meeting are posted on TransLink's website (www.translink.bc.ca). The Board-in-Brief is also available on the website.

Please note: Board-in-Brief is not the official minutes of the TransLink board meeting and should not be interpreted as such. The minutes for this meeting will be adopted at the next TransLink board meeting.

REPORTS

1. 2004 Transit Ridership

The report shows that total transit ridership increased by 8.3 per cent in 2004 – the second highest annual growth rate since 1986. The ridership increase was 7.7 per cent more than the budget target.

The board took the following action:

- A. Received the report for information
- B. Directed staff to undertake a transit capacity study to determine if there is adequate capacity in the transit system to meet current and Three-Year Plan ridership goals
- C. Directed staff to report back to the board no later than June, 2005, with a plan to accelerate services if required.

2. Authorization for Travel by the TransLink Chair

The board considered a request to approve TransLink Chair Doug McCallum's travel to attend the International Association of Public Transport World Congress in Rome, Italy, from June 5 to 9, 2005, followed by transit site visits to Lyon, France, and London, England. The trip to Rome would provide the chairman with an opportunity to discuss common challenges faced by public transportation authorities, while the transit site visits would allow him to inspect recent transportation infrastructure improvements.

The board took the following action:

Approved Chair McCallum's travel plans as outlined in the report.

3. OnBoard Program Update

The report summarizes the performance of TransLink's OnBoard program. Launched in 2003, the program offers employer-based commuting options, such as the Employer Pass, car sharing, van pooling and parking management strategies. Currently, more than 160 organizations and companies are participating in the program, and to date, the program has eliminated approximately 300,000 single-occupant-vehicle commuting trips.

The board took the following action:

- A. Received the report for information.
- B. Directed staff to write to the federal finance minister to indicate support for the federal government's budget announcement to consider "future action" on amendments to the Income Tax Act to eliminate the inequity between employment benefits for drivers and transit users and make employer-provided transit benefits income-tax exempt;

4. 2005 Capital Project – Specific Project Approval

Staff requested specific project approval for the project definition phase of the Coquitlam Line rapid transit project. The proposed work would include completing the preliminary design and construction schedule, updating the cost estimate, assessing property and environmental impacts, confirming the financing strategy, and issuing a request for interest.

The board took the following action:

The board provided specific project approval for the Coquitlam Line rapid transit project with a budget of \$3 million.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The board received the following information reports:

- 1. U-Pass Program – Addition of UBC Summer Pass
- 2. Fourth Quarter 2004 Capital Project Summary

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Resolution from the City of Burnaby regarding the AirCare **On-Road** Program
2. Letter dated Feb. 14, 2005, from the Vancouver Board of Trade regarding the Greater Vancouver Transportation Accord.

*The next TransLink Board meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on **Wednesday**, April 20, at a location to be determined.*