

# Board in Brief

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Actions taken by the  
GVRD Board of Directors  
at its meeting on March 16, 2007

MATERIAL RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST  
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## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### DELEGATIONS

**Late Delegations: Beryl Eales** Heard  
Beryl Eales and Stuart Pledge presented information regarding the Jackson property in the District of Maple Ridge.

**Late Delegations: Jennifer Redmond** Heard  
Jennifer Redmond presented information regarding the Jackson property in the District of Maple Ridge.

**Invited Presentation: Neil Peters, P. Eng., Inspector of Dikes, Ministry of Environment and Steve Litke, Program Manager, Fraser Basin Council** Heard  
Steve Litke advised members of an integrated flood hazard management approach with multiple defences to minimize flood damage and to protect flood prone areas. Members were advised of the results of a Lower Fraser Flood Model that will be used to forecast water levels this spring.

Neil Peters briefed members of environmental activities related to the new Fraser River flood profile information, including a comprehensive work plan with mitigation options; risk analyses; and a hydrological assessment of Fraser floods.

The 2007 Fraser River freshet information was provided, including the causes of floods on the Fraser from snowmelts and weather related factors. 2007 is the fifth largest snow pack since 1950 which extends the risk period longer into the spring.



<p><b>Jim Lowrie, Chair, Regional Engineers Advisory Committee</b>  Members were advised that the Province has announced a program to fund flood protection projects in anticipation of the 2007 freshet in the Fraser River. However, work undertaken by the Fraser Basin Council and others indicate that future flood levels will be higher in the Fraser than expected. Thus the need for dedicated long-term funding to be made available to local authorities to ensure proper flood protection of communities in the future.</p>	<p><b>Heard</b></p>
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**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

<p><b>Regional Engineers Advisory Committee Resolution on Funding for Flood Protection</b>  The GVRD Board recognizes the urgency to establish long-term adequate management strategies in the lower Fraser River system and therefore requested the Provincial and Federal governments establish dedicated long-term funding to address integrated flood hazard management strategies in the lower Fraser River system; and to participate in the coordination of emergency planning for spring freshet in the lower Fraser River system.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>
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<p><b>District of Maple Ridge Request to Amend the Green Zone</b>  The GVRD Board referred Maple Ridge's request to amend the Green Zone to the regional growth strategy review.</p>	<p><b>Referred</b></p>
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<p><b>An Overview of the "Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement"</b>  The GVRD Board authorized conveying the report "An Overview of the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement" to the Minister, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, identifying GVRD concerns regarding land use planning and the Specified Lands Approach; protection of the Agricultural Land Reserve; and GVRD infrastructure and discretionary First Nations taxation. The GVRD Board will request the Province respond to the recommendations as expeditiously as possible. The same report will be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee for its information.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>
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<p><b>Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations</b>  The GVRD Board received for information the report dated February 21, 2007 titled "Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations."</p>	<p><b>Received</b></p>
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<p><b>Payment of Remuneration and Expenses for Attendance by Alternate Director Cadman at 2007 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Events</b>  The GVRD Board approved a global budget of \$30,000 for Alternate Director Cadman's expenses as set out in the report titled "Payment of Remuneration and Expenses for Attendance by Alternate Director Cadman at 2007 International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Events".</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>
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<p><b>GVTA Governance Model</b>  The GVRD Board requested staff report back with a GVRD perspective on the March 2007 GVTA governance model arising from the provincial review.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>
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### Greater Vancouver Water District Board

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

**Boundary Road Main No. 5 (Phase 2) – Construction** **Approved**

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$11.5 million of budgeted capital funds for construction of Boundary Road Main No. 5 – Phase 2.

**Maple Ridge Main (West) - Abernethy Way Pre-Build Section** **Approved**

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$3.5 million of budgeted capital funds for the pre-purchase of steel pipe and construction of the Abernethy Way pre-build section of the Maple Ridge Main (West).

**Coquitlam UV Disinfection Project  
– Operations and Maintenance Centre Building** **Approved**

The GVWD Board authorized the addition of an Operations and Maintenance Centre building to the scope of the Coquitlam UV Disinfection Project.

**American Water Works Association - Summit Workshop** **Approved**

The GVWD Board approved the attendance of the Vice Chair of the Water Committee at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Summit Workshop being held on June 24, 2007 in conjunction with the Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada at an approximate cost of \$3200.

**Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status** **Received**

The GVWD Board received the report titled "Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status", dated February 1, 2007, for information.



# Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

### Zero Waste Challenge

Approved

The GVS&DD Board directed staff to investigate and report back on the following potential Zero Waste Challenge actions:

- a) Enhanced material disposal bans
- b) Financial incentives for composting yard and garden waste
- c) Tipping fee bylaw
- d) Food waste composting pilot trial
- e) Extended producer responsibility – recommend new programs
- f) Education – directed messaging
- g) Work with and develop partnerships with the business community and related agencies

### CCME Canada-wide Strategy for Municipal Wastewater

Approved

The GVS&DD Board Chair will forward a letter to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment in response to the request for comments on their consultation document titled Options for a Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent.

### Maple Ridge Forcemain No. 2 – Katzie Section Pre-build

Approved

The GVS&DD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1.3 million of budgeted capital funds for steel pipe pre-purchase and construction of the Maple Ridge Forcemain No. 2 - Katzie Section pre-build.

## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

#### Renewal of Mortgages Held by GVRD from GVHC

Approved

The GVRD Board authorized the renewal of mortgage financing for three Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation properties – Regal, Manor, and Crown - for a further one year term, at a rate of prime minus 1.5%.

#### Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement

Approved

The GVRD Board requested that the Union of BC Municipalities coordinate a municipal response to the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement and review and report on the implications to local government of the agreement itself.

#### Regional Affordable Housing Strategy: Discussion Paper Review and Public Consultation Process

Approved

The GVRD Board endorsed the process and schedule for Board review and public consultation of a draft Regional Affordable Housing Strategy.

#### January 2007 Board Workshop Outcome: Board Structure and Procedures

Approved

The GVRD Board directed staff to prepare a draft procedure bylaw incorporating the following decisions arising from the GVRD Board Structure and Procedures Workshops held in January 2007:

- a) Application of a consent agenda
- b) Delegations:
  - i. Permit delegates the opportunity to speak to the Board when an item is on the agenda
  - ii. Delegations to limit speaking time to five minutes with a five minute question period
  - iii. Invited presentations at the approval of the Chair under exceptional circumstances
  - iv. Delegates to provide an executive summary for inclusion in Committee and Board agenda packages, with larger amounts of information to be kept on file with the Corporate Secretary and/or posted to the GVRD website
- c) Reduce members speaking time limit from five to three minutes
- d) Allow for submission of written reports from appointees to outside agencies using report standards identified by staff.

Staff will report back on an implementation plan to adopt the name of 'Metro Vancouver' and use this process to increase the profile and influence of the organization.

Staff will streamline the agenda and operation of the Board whenever possible and appropriate;

The Board Chair will establish an Intergovernmental Committee comprised of Standing Committee Chairs, the Board Chair, and the Board Vice Chair"

Finally, the Board will solicit Regional Administrative Advisory Committee feedback on ways of supporting board efficacy and innovation.

**Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues Summary:**  
*Transportation – We Can't Get There from Here*  
*Energy – Batteries Not Included*

**Approved**

The GVRD Board directed staff to report back on an analysis of road pricing and other North American transportation demand management options within the context of the development of a Growth Management Strategy and communicate same to GVTA with respect to the Strategic Transportation Plan.

Staff will organize a Council of Councils on Energy/Climate Change as a follow-up discussion on the Energy Dialogue.

The GVRD Board will forward the report dated February 5, 2007, titled "Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues Summary: Transportation – We Can't Get There from Here and Energy – Batteries Not Included" to member municipalities for their information and comment.

The GVRD Board directed staff to consider the output of the dialogues in the development of a "sustainability based vision" for the future of the region and in the development of a Growth Management Strategy.

**Smart Growth 2007 Conference Sponsorship**

**Approved**

The GVRD Board approved the expenditure of \$5,000 to provide sponsorship funding for the Building Complete Communities: Developers Leading the Way Conference being held by Smart Growth BC on June 1, 2007.

**GVRD Appointment to Fraser Valley Regional Library Board**

**Approved**

The GVRD Board rescinded the resolution of the January 26, 2007 GVRD Board meeting appointing Peter Fassbender as representative, and Gayle Martin as alternate representative to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for 2007. Gayle Martin was then appointed as representative and Mel Kositsky as alternate representative.

**Proposal for an Integrated Port Authority for the Lower Mainland**

**Approved**

The GVRD Board authorized the Chair to strike a Task Force of Board Directors or GVRD mayors to review the proposal for an integrated port authority for the Lower Mainland; engage the port authorities and senior government in a dialogue on local and regional interests; report back to the Board as appropriate; and to retain consulting services to assist in this review if necessary.

**Meeting with Honourable Ida Chong, Ministry of Community Services,  
regarding Alternative Government for UBC and UEL areas**

Received

The GVRD Board received for information a verbal update from Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the meeting with Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, concerning alternative government for UBC and UEL areas.