

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
March 31, 2000

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Finance

• 2000 Work Program

CONFIRMED

The board confirmed the GVRD work program for the Year 2000. Work programs - containing milestones, outcomes and outputs - were considered and approved as part of the annual budget process, and the board has endorsed implementation.

• 2000 Final Budget and Budget Bylaw 950

APPROVED

The GVRD districts final budget for Year 2000 - totaling some \$340 million - was approved. While function budgets are set in November, the Electoral Area's budget process requires adjustments to the budget prior to its final adoption by the-board.



Administration and Intergovernment

• Legal Assistant position

APPROVED

Board approval was granted to the recruitment of a legal assistant in support of the corporate solicitor. Funding for the position will be allocated from existing legal service costs in GVRD departmental budgets.

Parks

• Parks Foundation and Partners Fund Raising

APPROVED

Approved by the board was a recommendation concerning formation of a Regional Parks Foundation, including representation on the foundation's board.

• Belcarra - Licences for telecommunications facilities

APPROVED

A twenty-year agreement, with rent reviews every five years, was approved between the GVRD and Rogers Wireless and Telus Mobility for antennae, building and related equipment in Belcarra Regional Park.

• Proposed Equestrian Cross Country Course - Campbell Valley

APPROVED

Amendment of the current Campbell Valley Equestrian Society Agreement to accommodate construction, operation and maintenance of an Intermediate Level equestrian cross country course was approved.

• Campbell Valley - Equestrian Commercial Use Permits

APPROVED

The board approved a series of recommendations relating to commercial use of regional parks for horse-riding. Fees for commercial operators in Campbell Valley and Matsqui regional parks will increase to \$2,400 annually, on an interim basis, while amendments are sought to the Park (Regional) Act allowing for variable permit fees. Permit fees are to be set aside for trail rebuilding and upgrading.

• Trans Canada Trail Relay and Pavilion

APPROVED

This report received board approval for routing of the Trans Canada Trail through Capilano River Regional Park, and for the installation of a pavilion in Matsqui Trail Regional Park.

- **Gravel Pit Survey and Facility Design - Aldergrove Lake**

APPROVED

An expenditure of \$15,000 from the Gravel Extraction Reserve was approved for detailed design of facilities in a rehabilitated gravel pit. Site reclamation is virtually complete, and it is anticipated that the existing gravel pit lease will be terminated by the end of this year.

- **Special Parks District Forum**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted to the attendance of two Park Committee members at the 2000 Special Park Districts Forum in Greenbelt, Maryland, June 7th to 10th.

Planning and Environment

- **Sustainable Development Research**

APPROVED

Board support was confirmed for a design workshop on growth concentration and for the development of a set of sustainability indicators for the Vancouver, Seattle and Portland regions. The report notes that the indicator project in particular is a useful contribution to GVRD involvement in activities related to Cascadia.

Housing

- **Chateau de Ville Project**

RECEIVED

This report summarizes progress on development of the 86 unit affordable rental housing project on the site of the old Coquitlam City Hall. The project is on schedule for completion at the end of May.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area

- **GVRD Policy regarding land claims in the ALR**

RECEIVED

The board's policy regarding agricultural lands in relation to land claim negotiations was reaffirmed. That policy states that "...lands designated within the ALR, in the selection of lands for First Nations, continue to be dedicated for agricultural use in the future." This report is to be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee for reference in treaty negotiations.

- **Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations**

RECEIVED

In keeping with a board request, this report updates treaty negotiations and the GVRD's involvement in the activities of the LMTAC.

Other Business

- **National Research Council Utility Cuts Project**

APPROVED

The board agreed to allocate \$150,000 over the next three years to a National Research Council project. The research will examine how cost savings and improved pavement performance can be achieved in the repair of roadway cuts that are made for the installation and repair of underground utilities.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Sewer Cost Apportionment Bylaw**

APPROVED

This bylaw gives administrative effect to the cost allocation contained in the District's 2000 budget. Changes this year are minimal and related to the transition to the third phase of the BOD/TSS Industrial Charge and the move to the use of metered flows rather than property assessments in the Fraser Sewerage Area.

- **Development Cost Charges Reserve Fund Expenditures**

APPROVED

A bylaw authorising expenditures from the reserve fund was approved. The expenditures will either repay principle and interest arising from debt incurred to expand sewerage facilities, or to pay for completion of work that has not been debt financed.

- **Source Control Program-Appointment of Officers**

APPROVED

The following have been appointed as Officers for the Source Control Program: Marion Mi Hyon Kim and Manjit Singh Dhillon of the GVRD's Source Control Group as Municipal Sewage Control Officers; and Linda Kwan of the City of Vancouver Environmental Protection Branch. The appointments of Sherry Ann Illersich and Andrea Christine Loewie were rescinded.

- **Brunette River - Still Creek Flood Reduction**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for the expenditure of \$250,000 towards a detailed assessment of flood reduction options for the Brunette River - Still Creek drainage system.

- **Borden Street Combined Trunk Sewer Replacement**

APPROVED

Detailed design and property acquisition related to replacement of the Borden Street Combined Trunk Sewer, at a cost of \$80,000, was approved.

- **Liquid Waste Management Plan Report**

RECEIVED

According to this information report, significant progress is being made on reaching consensus regarding LWMP issues raised by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks. Three key issues identified are: how the district will have input in the designation of water uses that are established by the Ministry; what criteria will apply with regards to the levels of treatment at wastewater treatment plants and the triggers for upgrading, and; commitments to combined sewer overflow elimination.

- **Review of Minimum Residential Drop-off Fees**

RECEIVED

This report updates the board on the impact of changes to the residential drop-off fees. Increasing the fee to \$6.00 per load on weekends and charging \$3.00 during the week has had the desired effects of increasing average load size, reducing traffic growth, and moving traffic from busy weekends to weekdays. The new rate structure was reconfirmed.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Delegation - Paul Hundal**

HEARD

Mr. Hundal spoke to the board on several matters, including the proposed Design/Build/Operate agreement for the Seymour Filtration Plant.

• Public Consultation Activities related to Seymour Water Utility Projects in 2000 RECEIVED

This report outlines consultation plans intended to ensure sufficient public input from residents affected by the construction, operation and maintenance of water utility projects, including activities in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve.