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The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
March 26, 2004

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Finance

- **FCM Rights-of-Way Defense Fund**

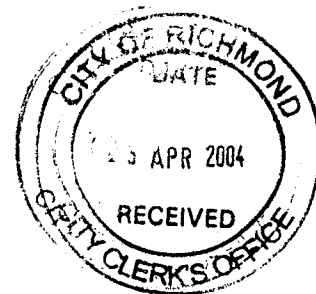
APPROVED

The GVRD Board agreed to maintain its funding (up to the \$500,000 cap established) for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Rights-of-Way Defense Fund.

- **Bylaw 1008, 2004 to Authorize Expenditure from a Sinking Fund**

APPROVED

A surplus (\$255,452) from the sinking fund established to repay issue #34 was contributed to the Heritage Parkland Acquisition Fund.



Corporate and Intergovernmental

- **Extending Local Calling Area in the Lower Mainland to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen**

DECLINED

The board declined to ask TELUS to study an extension of the Greater Vancouver local calling area to include the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen until the results of the studies for the City of Abbotsford, the District of Mission and the Sunshine Coast Regional District are complete.

- **Progress Report on the Activities of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee and the GVRD's Involvement in Aboriginal Affairs**

RECEIVED

The Board received the Jan. 13, 2004 report and requested that staff circulate the report and a brochure (GVRD Aboriginal Affairs Update – Bulletin No.1, February 2004) to member municipalities as well as the Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) whose ridings are within the GVRD. The materials outline the BC Treaty Process and the status of current negotiations in the Lower Mainland.

- **Overview of the Tsawwassen Agreement-in-Principle and potential implications for the GVRD**

APPROVED

Consideration of this report, which provides information on the key areas of GVRD concern in regards to the Tsawwassen AIP was delayed until the Corporation of Delta could comment. Having received those comments, the Board referred the report on to the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee, outlining the GVRD's key areas of concern about the proposed agreement.

- **Regional Policy for a Standardized Preparedness and Management Approach for West Nile Virus for Health Purposes: Mosquito Surveillance, Education and Larval Control**

APPROVED

The Board agreed to a region-wide management policy to help Lower Mainland municipalities deal with West Nile Virus vector mosquitoes on a coordinated basis. The policy is designed to give greater confidence to the public that the proper actions are being taken as well as to enable each jurisdiction to develop the inventory, assessment and management work necessary to prepare for the mosquito season.

- **9-1-1 Governance**

DEFERRED

Postponed pending further information including clarification of the actual cost of running 911 call answering, the involvement of the CRTC in setting and administering the phone levy, the transitional requirements to make the change, the cost to municipalities as a consequence of the GVRD contract, the impact of switching from property tax to call answer and if service delivery will improve as a result.

Regional Parks

- **Tynehead Regional Park: Adoption of the 2004 Tynehead Regional Park Management Plan**

APPROVED

The 2004 Tynehead Regional Park Management Plan sets out policies and land use guidelines for facility development and recreational use of the park and was prepared after an inclusive and comprehensive public process.

- **Surrey Bend Regional Park: Memorandum of Understanding with City of Surrey on Joint Development and Operation of Surrey Bend Regional Park** APPROVED

Surrey Bend Regional Park has been a park reserve area ever since it was assembled during the 1995 Lower Mainland Nature Legacy Program. The City of Surrey wants to begin work at the park and has offered to fund planning, design and construction of a first phase of trails and a staging area once a Memorandum of Understanding can be reached with the Board.

- **2004 Special Park Districts Forum: DuPage County (Illinois)** APPROVED

Two Parks Committee representatives will attend the 2004 Special Park Districts Forum in DuPage County Illinois to see what may be useful and applicable to GVRD's regional parks and greenways.

Planning and Environment

- **Cascadia Metropolitan Forum – Portland, Oregon** APPROVED

The Board agreed to host the Cascadia Metropolitan Forum, a meeting where representatives of the metropolitan planning organizations for Portland, Seattle and Greater Vancouver meet to exchange planning and development experiences and ideas. This event would be hosted in conjunction with Habitat +30 The World Urban Forum.

- **Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 937, 1999: New Appointments** APPROVED

The Board appointed Dani Candice Astles, Natasha Lee Silva and Darrell William Wakelin as Officers pursuant to the Waste Management Act and Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 937, 1999.

Housing Reports

- **Section 95 Housing Portfolio – Rent Assistance** APPROVED

Rent-g geared-to-income (RGI) housing units owned and managed by the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation receive a CMHC subsidy to help cover the operating costs of these units. Over the past few years, the subsidy received for these units – defined as Section 95 units – hasn't been enough to meet the costs of operating the units, creating a deficit. The situation has prompted the Housing Committee to revise the target number of these Section 95 units (to 30% of the total GVHC units) for 2004 and to prepare a report to the Board reviewing options for GVHC's rent assistance program in the future.

Information Reports

- **Responses to Issues Raised by Delegations to the November 28, 2003 Board Meeting regarding Recommended Approach for Managing Emissions from Stationary Combustion** RECEIVED

This report provides staff comments on the questions raised by delegations on the issue of a conditional relaxed standard for emissions from stationary combustion, as requested by the Board.

- **Governance Relationships Regarding the Official Community Plan for the University of British Columbia Area** RECEIVED

The Board received the Jan. 22, 2004 report to provide a summary of the governance relationships in the administration of the Official Community Plan (OCP) for the University of British Columbia area.

- **NEB Reasons for Decision – Sumas Energy 2 Application for IPL** RECEIVED

The Board received the March 15, 2004 report informing them about the National Energy Board's decision to deny the Sumas 2 Generating Facility. Staff will continue to monitor the project status and report further as required.

Notices of Motion

- **Notice of Motion – Financial Support to Events of Regional Economic Importance and Participation** REFERRED

The City of Vancouver has requested that the GVRD commit \$100,000 towards the \$448,000 cost of the Celebration of Light. The issue of support for regionally-significant events was referred for further discussion.

- **Notice of Motion – GVTA Strategic Transportation Plan – Property Tax Referenda** REFERRED

That the GVRD Board consider municipal referenda relative to property tax as a funding mechanism in the Greater Vancouver Transit Authority's Strategic Transportation Plan.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Increase in Provincial Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Fees** APPROVED

The Province has changed the amounts and basis for calculating wastewater discharge permits, significantly raising the costs of these fees for the GVRD. The Board has agreed to challenge the Province's decision on these fee changes on the grounds that they are inappropriate when a local government is discharging wastewater in accordance with a Liquid Waste Management Plan approved by the Provincial Minister.

- **2004 Motor Control Centre Replacement – Iona Island and Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plants** APPROVED

The Board agreed to authorize spending budgeted capital funds to replace aging electrical components at the Iona Island and Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plants. Spending this money (\$625,000 for Iona and \$275,000 for Lions Gate) these projects is part of the GVS&DD Infrastructure Repair and Rehabilitation Program.

- **Liquid Waste Management Plan – Biennial Report** APPROVED

The Board agreed to submit a biennial report to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection in accordance with the requirements of the approved Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP). A special meeting to receive comments and submissions on the LWMP progress will be held prior to May 31, 2004.

- **Adoption of Revised Sewer Use Bylaw** APPROVED

The Board agreed to adopt GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw Number 299, 2004 to replace GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw Number 164, 1990. This new bylaw was prepared after a comprehensive review involving the business community, member municipalities and community groups.

- **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Bylaw No. 228, 2004 (Amendment to Plan F – Fraser Sewerage Area – Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Sewer)** APPROVED

The Board approved GVS&DD Bylaw No. 228, 2004 which authorizes Amendment No. 19 to Plan F – Fraser Sewerage Area. This revises the sewer servicing plan for the Northeast Coquitlam area and results in a 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement for the Northeast Coquitlam Trunk Sewer.

- **Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw: New Appointments** APPROVED

The Board appointed Dani Candice Astles, Natasha Lee Silva and Darrell William Wakelin as Officers pursuant to the GVS&DD Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw 181, 1996.

- **South Surrey Interceptor – Grit and Control Chamber Construction** APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board agreed to spend up to \$1.2 million of budgeted capital funds for construction works related to the South Surrey Interceptor at River Road in order to maintain the project schedule and coordinate construction with the 2004 DFO construction window.

- **GVS&DD Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 230, 2004** APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board adopted this bylaw to meet statutory requirements for Development Cost Charges (DCCs) on which the annual budgets have been based.

Notices of Motion

- **Sewerage and Drainage Area Boundary – Richberry Farms, Westminster Highway, City of Richmond** RECEIVED

The GVS&DD Board received a notice of motion to rescind the resolution (adopted at its Oct. 3, 2003 meeting) that the board not include in the Fraser Sewerage Area, the area within the City of Richmond known as Richberry Farms.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Capilano Mains at the North Shaft of the First Narrows Water Crossing Seismic Upgrade – Detailed Design** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$250,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out detailed design work for the seismic upgrade of Capilano Mains No. 4 and 5 at the North Shaft of the First Narrows water crossing as these structures are vulnerable to earthquake damage.

- **Port Moody Connector Main – Route Selection and Detailed Design** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$200,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out detailed design work for route selection and detailed design for the Port Moody Connector Main. This main will interconnect Port Moody Mains No. 1 and 2 and increase the reliability of water supply to Port Moody and parts of Coquitlam.

- **Whalley Reservoir – Seismic Upgrade Design** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$200,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out detailed design work for the seismic upgrade of the Whalley Reservoir.

- **Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve Management Plan Draft Annual Report for 2003** APPROVED

The GVWD Board approved the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR) Management Plan Draft Annual Report for 2003 as a means of measuring and monitoring progress on the original plan. This information will be used to guide current and future work on the LSCR Management Plan.

- **Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Funding for Construction of Twin Tunnels** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$182.9 million of budgeted capital funds towards construction of the twin tunnel component of the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project. Although agreement with the District of North Vancouver must still be reached to acquire the site in Lynn Canyon Park for constructing the Seymour access shaft, this approval will help maintain the project schedule, pending the agreement.

- **Cambie-Richmond Mains No. 1 and 2 – Fraser River North Arm Crossings Preliminary and Detailed Design of Seismic Upgrade** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$500,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out preliminary and detailed design work for the seismic upgrading of the existing Cambie-Richmond Mains No. 1 and 2.

- **Phase 2 Remediation Construction for E2 Drainage Shaft Near Cleveland Dam** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$850,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out Phase 2 remediation construction for the E2 drainage shaft near Cleveland Dam. This shaft has experienced chronic soil loss, posing risks to the stability of the slope in the area.

- **Coquitlam Ozone Standby Power** APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$500,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out preliminary and detailed design work for the Coquitlam Ozone Standby Power Project. This project is required to provide an uninterruptible power system to protect the ozonation plant from power disturbances and outages in its electrical service from BC Hydro.

- **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Replacement Project – Design**

APPROVED

The GVWD Board agreed to spend up to \$500,000 of budgeted capital funds to carry out design of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Replacement Project. The current SCADA system – which allows the Lake City Operations Centre to remotely control and monitor the GVWD water supply system and the GVS&DD wastewater collection system – is 11 years old, and increasingly subject to increasing maintenance costs.