

# The Board in Brief..

Actions taken by  
the GVRD Board of  
Directors at its meeting on  
**April 27, 2001**

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ITEMS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### Recognition

- **GVRD staff retirements, awards**

NOTED

The board acknowledged two members of the GVRD staff who are retiring. Chair Puil recognized the contributions of Larry Tenney and Ron Coldwell. Also noted was an award to Doug Neden of Engineering and Construction from the BC Water and Wastewater Association. Mr. Neden received the Stanley Copp Award for Long Distinguished Service to the Association.

### Delegations

- **Vancouver Whistler 2010 Olympic Bid Corporation**

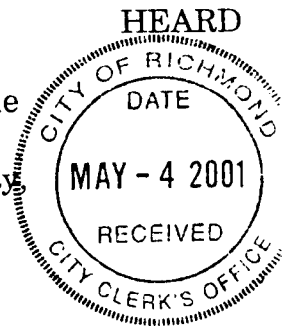
HEARD

Olympic Bid Corporation CEO Don Calder gave a presentation outlining efforts to secure the 2010 Winter Olympics for Vancouver Whistler.

- **CUPE BC**

HEARD

CUPE BC vice-president Chuck White addressed the board concerning the proposed design-build-operate contract for the Seymour Filtration Plan. Mr. White noted concerns over loss of public ownership of the water utility and the absence of public consultation on the issue.



## **Finance**

- **CRTC legal defense costs**

APPROVED

The board approved a contribution of \$60,000 towards the Federation of Canadian Municipalities legal defense fund. The GVRD is contributing to the cost of legal actions related to private industry access to city streets for fibre optic line installation. Municipalities argue that telecommunications companies should compensate them for this access. An appeal of a recent CRTC ruling allowing access is being contemplated.

## **Administration and Intergovernment**

- **Staff exchanges**

APPROVED

The board formalized an arrangement that provides staff exchange opportunities with the City of Salvador in Brazil, and agreed to circulate a report on exchanges to TransLink and member municipalities. The report asks for expressions of interest to participate in staff exchanges.

## **Parks**

- **Participation in Special Park Districts Forum**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for the attendance of two GVRD Parks Committee members to attend the 2001 Special Park Districts Forum in Minneapolis, Minnesota during June, at total cost of approximately \$5,000.

## **Planning and Environment**

- **Second half 2000 compliance level**

RECEIVED

Industry compliance with Air Quality permits regulated by the GVRD was summarized in this report. Two companies were cited, and both have indicated plans to resolve compliance issues.

## **Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Areas**

- **Responding to First Nations' request**

APPROVED

This report outlines an approach to consultation between the GVRD, its various functions, and First Nations. In responding to a specific request from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation for joint discussions concerning the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve, the report noted areas of interface between the region and First Nations and recommends that the GVRD continue to consult with First Nations as part of the normal consultation process. It was also agreed that the LSCR Steering committee, accompanied by the CAO and Chair of the Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area Committee, accept an invitation from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation to consult on issues associated with the LSCR.

- **Comments on Local Government Interjurisdictional Issues Study from the Snuneymuxw First Nation Treaty Process**

ENDORSED

Regional concerns respecting regional land use planning, the delivery and payment for regional services and governance issues are articulated in this report. The report responds to a study by the Snuneymuxw First Nation located in Nanaimo and on Gabriola Island, and its potential to set a precedent for other treaty negotiations.

## **Information Reports**

- **Tsleil-Waututh First Nation**

RECEIVED

A letter congratulating Chief Leah George-Wilson on election as Chief of the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation, and another recognizing the contribution of Leonard George on behalf of the Tsleil-Waututh were noted.

## **Other Business**

- **GVRD Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department**

ADOPTED

This bylaw replaces and updates the existing GVRD Fire Regulation Bylaw. It defines the terms under which the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department operates within the Villages of Anmore and Belcarra.

- **Attendance by Alternate Directors at Board Meetings**

RECEIVED

This report speaks to rules concerning the attendance at GVRD Board meetings by Alternate Directors. It concludes that attendance by an alternate director, on behalf of a director at board meetings, is not limited.

- **Attendance at UN World Summit on Sustainable Development**

APPROVED

Attendance by Director Barbara Sharp, Chair of the region's Planning and Environment Committee, at a UN Summit on Sustainable Development in Ann Arbor, Michigan this June was approved.

- **GVRD Security Issuing Bylaw**

ADOPTED

This bylaw authorizes borrowing in the amount of \$95 million through the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of the GVS&DD.

## **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District**

- **Tour of Cache Creek Landfill, Ashcroft Ranch**

APPROVED

A visit by members of the Solid Waste Committee to the Ashcroft Ranch, the Cache Creek Landfill and the Woodchip Plant on June 23 was approved.

- **Effluent disinfection design - Lions Gate WWTP**

APPROVED

Approval was given to a budgeted expenditure of up to \$100,000 for detailed design of a new sodium hypochlorite disinfection system for the plant. The new system is expected to improve safety and provide reliable disinfection service.

- **Biosolids recycling services within the FVRD**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted for the establishment of written agreements governing biosolids recycling services from the GVRD, on behalf of the District of Chilliwack, the District of Kent, and other communities within the FVRD as requested. Services are provided on a cost recovery basis.

- **Sewerage and Drainage compliance list**

RECEIVED

Only one company was cited on the most recent S&D list for non-compliance with permit conditions – the smallest list to date.

- **Public perception of biosolids as reflected in the media**

RECEIVED

This reports provides the board with an overview of media coverage related to biosolids recycling and its impact on public perceptions.

- **Summary of steps to fulfill conditions related to Federal Government support for implementation of the LWMP**

RECEIVED

Research, technical analysis, and workshops to review findings related to the region's Liquid Waste Management Plan are summarized in a letter to federal authorities. Also noted is the status of five conditions that the Department of Environment and Fisheries and Oceans Canada attached to their support for the GVRD approach to the LWMP.

## **Greater Vancouver Water District**

- **Improving enforcement tools for environmental protection**

APPROVED

This report comments on a proposal that would facilitate the region's ability to issue tickets as an enforcement tool for dealing with minor non-compliance issues. Three readings of a bylaw authorizing ticketing were given, and the bylaw will be forwarded to the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court for approval of fines. An amendment to provincial legislation enabling the creation of bylaws for ticketing by the GVS&DD and the GVWD was also approved.

- **Newton reservoir**

APPROVED

A 20-year lease agreement with the City of Surrey that will allow for public use on the roof the regionally operated Newton Reservoir facility at 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 128<sup>th</sup> Street was approved. Recreational facilities will be located at the site, and additional activity and lighting is expected to reduce the potential for loitering and vandalism in the area.

- **Capilano water treatment project**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for the use of a new site, rather than one previously identified, for the disposal of soil related to the Cleveland Dam seepage control project and the Capilano Water Treatment Project. The change is required due to unfavourable conditions at the original location.

- **GVWD Quality Control Annual Report for 2000**

RECEIVED

The annual water quality report notes that water quality from the region's three sources was good in 2000. Beneficial effects of the Drinking Water Treatment Program and completion of the Westerly Transfer project were identified.

- **Resolution from City of Burnaby concerning DBO contract for Seymour Filtration Plant**

RECEIVED

A resolution from the City of Burnaby supporting full public consultation and input related to the proposed design-build-operate contract for construction of the Seymour Filtration Plant was received.

- **Call for public consultation process for the Seymour DBO**

APPROVED

A motion calling for implementation of a public information session concerning the design-build-operate approach for the Seymour Filtration Plant was approved.