

## Board in Brief

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Actions taken by the  
GVRD Board of Directors  
at its meeting on April 18, 2008

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

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### Greater Vancouver Regional District

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

##### Pacific Parklands Foundation Update

Received

Laura Swift, Executive Director, Pacific Parklands Foundation, was present to provide an update on the Pacific Parkland Foundation. The Board viewed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Foundation's mission and purpose, on-going and future projects, fundraising events, donor recognition, past achievements and involvement of volunteers, municipalities and organizations

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### Innovative Environmental Policies and Practices

Approved

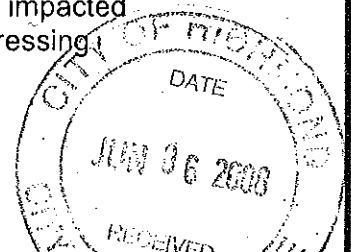
The Board:

- a) Directed staff to post the compendium of Innovative Environmental Policies and Practices on the Metro Vancouver website as a living document;
- b) Referred the report dated March 17, 2008, titled "Innovative Environmental Policies and Practices" to the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee (RAAC) for consideration; and,
- c) Requested staff to report further on how best to disseminate the information in conjunction with communication of the Sustainable Region Initiative.

##### Provincial Consultation on Proposed Power Projects

Approved

The Board approved a recommendation to Minister of Environment Barry Penner that consultations on energy projects be broadened to include both those directly impacted and adjacent regions to ensure that meeting regional energy needs and addressing environmental impacts are widely discussed.



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**Canada Marine Act Amendments**

**Approved**

The Board authorized the Chair to communicate strongly and immediately with Lawrence Cannon, federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; and all B.C. Members of Parliament on the importance of additional representation of municipal members from Metro Vancouver on the Board of Vancouver Fraser Port Authority as an amendment to the *Canada Marine Act*; and further that a meeting be set up with Minister Lawrence Cannon, or his representatives, regarding this issue as soon as possible.

**Vancouver International Airport Authority - April 2008 Update**

**Received**

The Board received the report titled "Vancouver International Airport Authority - April 2008 Update" dated April 9, 2008 for information.

**Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – April 2008**

**Received**

The Board received for information the report dated April 9, 2008, titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – April 2008".

**Metro Vancouver Involvement in Commonwealth Local Government Forum Roundtable, September 3, 2008**

**Approved**

The Board endorsed Metro Vancouver's participation as host of an infrastructure financing roundtable in partnership with the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Infrastructure Canada and the Ministry of Community Services on September 3, 2008 in Metro Vancouver.

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Actions taken by the  
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at its meeting on April 25, 2008

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

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### Greater Vancouver Water District

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### Audited 2007 Financial Statements

Approved

The GVWD Board approved the Audited 2007 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Water District.

##### Status of Reserves

Approved

The GVWD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated April 7, 2008.

##### Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2007

Received

The Board received the report titled "Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2007" dated March 31, 2008 for information.

##### Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – April 2008

Received

The Board received for information the report dated April 16, 2008, titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – April 2008."

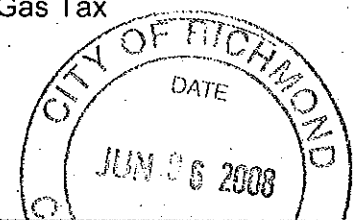
##### Canada-British Columbia Gas Tax Agreement Innovations Fund

Approved

The GVWD Board endorsed the grant funding application for the "Coquitlam UV Disinfection Project" for grant funding under the Canada-British Columbia Gas Tax Agreement Innovations Fund.



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# Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Audited 2007 Financial Statements

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the Audited 2007 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District.

### Status of Reserves

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated April 7, 2008.

### Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2007

Received

The Board received the report titled "Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2007" dated March 31, 2008 for information.

### Canada-British Columbia Gas Tax Agreement Innovations Fund

Approved

The Board endorsed the grant funding application for the "BC BioEnergy from BioGas Project" for grant funding under the Canada-British Columbia Gas Tax Agreement Innovations Fund.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Potential Proposal to Export Waste to the U.S.

Received

Chair Jackson, informed the Board that the Minister of Environment has met with representatives from Cache Creek, Ashcroft and Lytton to discuss Metro Vancouver's plan to export waste to Washington State. The Chair expressed concerns that the Minister noted his Ministry has not yet received the application from Metro Vancouver to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to export the solid waste to the United States.

The Board was informed that an application to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to export solid waste to the United States on a temporary basis (for a five-year period) had been submitted to the Ministry of Environment regional office, and that a Request for Proposal is being prepared for a long-term, waste-to-energy solid waste disposal.

### Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide the Board with a copy of the application to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to export the solid waste to the United States, submitted to the Ministry of Environment.

The Board received for information the April 25, 2008 update on the solid waste export to the United States.

# Greater Vancouver Regional District

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

### Libby Davies, NDP Vancouver East, Member of Parliament

Libby Davies, Bill Siksay, Peter Julian, Penny Priddy, and Dawn Black, BC NDP caucus, were present to discuss urban issues affecting Metro Vancouver, including:

- The impact of downloading on local communities
- Increase of the number of homeless people in the region as an indicator of deteriorating regional social and economic situation
- Loss of affordable housing units
- Specific targets not being established by the federal government to address climate change and to move towards international commitments
- Decline of the CMHC role in providing social and affordable housing
- Money spent on housing pilot projects rather than on programs that would provide affordable and social housing
- Residential rehabilitation and homeless programs not being renewed beyond March 2009
- Federal government's lack of commitment for funding culture
- The impact of the Bill C-10 on film industry
- Disbandment of the CBC orchestra
- Growing infrastructure deficit
- Funding for the Gateway project being below the funding that should be contributed by the federal government
- Emphasis on temporary foreign workers
- Decrease of transfer payments from federal to provincial government resulting in the reduced quality of health care
- Shortage of police officers
- Deficit around public safety (roads, ports, electricity grids not being maintained)
- Illegal drug and weapon smuggling
- Lack of national disaster emergency plan and national disease plan
- Lack of federal government funding for dyking

The following was suggested in response to some of the issues raised above:

- The importance of encouraging rental housing market
- Shift from housing pilot projects to programs that would provide housing
- Private Member's Bill C-377, setting out interim greenhouse gas emissions targets, has been prepared in response climate change concerns
- Private member's bill has been tabled to encourage rental housing market
- Housing Bill of Rights, addressing the need to create a national affordable housing strategy, has been introduced
- Twinning of the Port Mann Bridge will not solve the transportation issues, money would be spent more effectively if invested in public transit and transportation alternatives

- The role that the federal government could play in health care: education of health care professionals, revision of code of practice, national drug strategy, national databases, provisions enabling (health care professional) immigrants to work in the field of their expertise

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns about qualified immigrants, such as health care professionals, not being able to utilize their skills
- Importance of a national housing strategy
- The need for long-term funding for programs dealing with mental health, drug use, and homelessness
- The Riverview project
- Concerns about the disbandment of the CBC orchestra
- The need of the federal government to be actively involved in climate change actions

Backgrounder titled "Metro Vancouver – Intergovernmental Relations" was distributed at the meeting and is retained with the April 25, 2008 Board agenda package.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **George Harvie and Kip Gaudry, The Corporation of Delta**

**Heard**

George Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer, and Kip Gaudry, Director of Community Planning and Development, The Corporation of Delta, spoke in support of the Corporation of Delta request to remove a portion of land in the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club (TGCC) site from the Green Zone. The project met the Board requirements from the June 2007 Board meeting, provides a net benefit to agriculture, and conforms with Delta's commitment to sustainability and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Peter Guichon, Director, Delta Farmers' Institute**

**Heard**

Peter Guichon, Director, Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI) spoke in support of the removal of a portion of land in the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club (TGCC) site from the Green Zone. DFI concluded that the proposed land is not viable for agriculture due to poor soil conditions and no irrigation in place; the land has not been farmed for 25 years. Agriculture community, region and the Corporation of Delta will benefit from 148 acres returned by the developer to the agriculture reserve fund (with a covenant that the land must be actively farmed) and from a \$300,000 donation toward wildlife habitat creation elsewhere in Delta.

**Ron Toigo, Managing Director, Shato Holding Ltd.**

**Heard**

Ron Toigo, managing director, Shato Holding Ltd., and Ross Clouston, project manager, Talisman Homes Ltd., requested the Board to support the Land Use and Transportation recommendations adopted in favour of the TGCC redevelopment, highlighting the following:

- The project met directives from the June 2007 Board meeting. The project received Agricultural Land Commission approval and went through an extensive consultation process.
- 10.6 acres of farmland, currently zoned industrial, will be re-zoned to agriculture and dedicated to the Corporation of Delta.
- The developer will rezone and put an active-farming covenant on additional 150 acres of land.
- The proposal has been approved by Delta Council, the Agriculture Land Commission, and Delta Farmers' Institute.
- The proposal has received public and business community support.
- A number of environmental initiatives are incorporated in the project.

**Kent Warmington, Delta resident**

Kent Warmington, Delta resident, spoke in opposition of the proposed TGCC redevelopment. The delegate expressed concerns about:

- The diminishing supply of Delta's farmland due to high farm prices caused by real estate development speculation
- The precedent setting nature of the amendment (the impact on the remaining agricultural land)
- The loss of Delta farmland due to port expansion requirements, the Tsawwassen First Nation's treaty settlement lands, the South Fraser Perimeter Road and other developments

The Board was requested to refer the consideration of the application to the Regional Growth Strategy review process.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Request from the Corporation of Delta to Amend the Livable Region Strategic Plan Green Zone (Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club)**

The Board gave first and second reading to "Greater Vancouver Regional District Livable Regional Strategic Plan Amendment Bylaw Number 1077, 2008", to remove a portion of the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club from the Green Zone to enable a housing development in conjunction with a golf course on the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club site.

The Board directed staff to schedule a public hearing related to Bylaw No. 1077, 2008.

The Board accepted the Corporation of Delta's request to amend the Livable Region Strategic Plan Green Zone and requested the Corporation of Delta to submit a Regional Context Statement Amendment to be processed concurrent with or subsequent to the Bylaw No. 1077, 2008.

The Board accepted the Corporation of Delta's request to amend the Livable Region Strategic Plan Green Zone and directed staff to bring forward an amendment to the Fraser Sewerage Area boundary following the approval of the Green Zone amendment Bylaw No. 1077, 2008 by the Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Additional Feedback from the Preliminary Public Consultation Process on Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy**

**Received**

The Board received for information the report dated April 3, 2008, titled "Additional Feedback from the Preliminary Public Consultation Process on Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy".

### **Audited 2007 Financial Statements**

**Approved**

The GVRD Board approved the Audited 2007 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and received for information the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation Audited 2007 Financial Statements.

### **Follow-up to March 13, 2008 Financial Workshop**

**Approved**

- a) The Board received the report titled "Follow-up to March 13, 2008 Financial Workshop" dated April 4, 2008 to the Board for information; and
- b) The Board directed Metro Vancouver staff, with the assistance of RAAC, REAC and RFAC, to coordinate a May 2008 workshop to consider the financial challenges facing the region (including municipalities and transportation authority) in coming years, with the presentation titled "Follow-up to March 13, 2008 Financial Workshop" comprising part of the content of the workshop, and that the results of the workshop be reported back to the Finance Committee and to the Board.
- c) The Board recommended that the invitation to the workshop on the financial on the financial impacts and the timing of the initiatives proposed in the Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plan be extended to the Metro Vancouver standing committee chairs.

### **Status of Reserves**

**Approved**

The GVRD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated April 7, 2008.

### **2007 Financial Results**

**Received**

The Board received the report titled "2007 Financial Results" dated April 8, 2008 for information.



***The Sustainable Region TV show - 2004-2007***

**Received**

That the Board receive the report, dated April 16, 2008, titled the "*The Sustainable Region TV show - 2004-2007*", and promotional video for information.

**Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – April 2008**

**Received**

The Board received for information the report dated April 17, 2008, titled *Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – April 2008*.