

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
June 30, 2000

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ITEMS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Recognition

- **GVRD Acknowledgments**

NOTE1

Chair Puil recognized recent awards to the GVRD and associates. Noted was a Burnaby Environmental Award for the GVRD related to the Brunette Watershed, and another to Jude Grass of Regional Parks for her contributions to birding; a contribution of \$209,000 from the Colony Farm Park Association towards the construction of a footbridge, and; an Award of Excellence for Consulting Engineers to ABR for their work on the Annacis WWTP secondary upgrade. The chair also noted the GVRD's pioneering role in the now national Clean Air Day, and reviewed the region's contribution to Clean Air Day 2000.

Delegation

- **Mark O'Hara - Northwest WasteSystems**

Mr. O'Hara discussed waste disposal issues within the GVRD and noted his concerns over the export of solid waste.



- **Presentation on Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Management**

This Air Quality presentation provided the board with recent information from worldwide sources on greenhouse gases, their impact on the global environment, and their management. It had been deferred from a previous meeting of the board.

Finance

- **MFA Borrowing Bylaw 956, 2000**

APPROVED

The board gave three readings to Bylaw 956, and forwarded it to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. The bylaw authorizes borrowing in the amount of \$1.2 million for water line construction on behalf of the Township of Langley.

Administration and Intergovernment

- **GVRD/Translink Shared Services – Human Resources**

APPROVED

Approval was given to a shared services agreement between the GVRD and Translink. The arrangement is intended to avoid duplication of services and promote efficiencies in the management of human resources for both organizations.

- **Media Monitoring**

APPROVED

A new process was endorsed, involving internal resources and the discontinuance of an electronic posting system, for monitoring of regional media.

- **Geographic Information System (GIS) Program Staffing**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for the conversion of three full time temporary positions in the GIS program to full time regular status. Two remaining full time temporary positions will allow for fluctuations in project work.

Parks

- **Renewal of Delta Heritage Airpark License – Boundary Bay** APPROVED

Renewal of the license for operation of the Delta Heritage Airpark for a second five-year term was approved. Declining levels of conflict with neighbours, and ongoing efforts to address complaints are noted in the report. Also approved was an expenditure of \$45, 000 from the Airpark Reserve Fund for capital improvements

- **Colony Farms Community Gardens License of Occupation** APPROVED

Continued operation of organic community gardens on up to seven acres of land at Colony Farm Regional Park was approved for a further five years. The agreement is with Colony Farm Community Gardens Society.

- **Interpretive Signs and Viewing Deck at Colony Farm** APPROVED

The City of Port Coquitlam's proposal to contribute two interpretive signs and a viewing deck on the Wilson Farm dyke trail – a portion of the PoCo Trail in Colony Farm Regional Park – was supported. The signs, providing information wildlife habitat and early farming activity in the area, along with the viewing deck are provided at Port Coquitlam's expense.

- **Cambridge House – Boundary Bay Regional Park** APPROVED

Approved was an expenditure of \$63,000 for final costs associated with the restoration of the historic Cambridge House at Boundary Bay. This raises the GVRD contribution to the project to \$190,000 or 42 per cent of the budget. Volunteer and fundraising efforts in support of the project were noted, and specifically that of the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions Club for a contribution of \$150,000.

- **Long Term Development and Use of Tynehead Regional Park** APPROVED

The board amended a report from the Parks Committee to include a call for proposals for development of a portion of Tynehead Regional Park. Staff were also instructed to report in October on a plan for determining long-term use of the park that will include a public consultation process.

- **Brunette Fraser Greenway Implementation**

APPROVED

Development of a new integrated regional greenway in conjunction with Burnaby, New Westminster and SkyTrain was approved. An expenditure of \$897,000 from the Heritage Park Land Fund was approved to fund initial priority actions.

Planning and Environment

- **Federal Funding for Sustainable Urban Transportation**

APPROVED

The board endorsed implementation of an awareness program that is intended to develop support within the GVRD for a GVRD/FCM proposal requesting federal funding for sustainable urban transportation.

- **Greater Vancouver's Economic Performance in the 1990's**

RECEIVED

A report on the region's economic performance during the past decade was received by the board, and forwarded to the Greater Vancouver Economic Partnership. The report noted steady growth during the decade, despite an economic downturn in the late 1990's. Population increased by nearly half a million, and growth in the employed labour force far exceeded the national average.

- **Municipal Open Burning Restrictions**

ENDORSED

The board agreed that GVRD municipalities that continue to allow some form of open burning of vegetative waste or for land-clearing purposes be encouraged to institute outright 'no burning restrictions'. Open burning is a significant source of emissions that affect air quality.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Areas

- **Building Bylaw Consolidation for Electoral Area A**

APPROVED

Amendment to the building bylaw reflects changes to Electoral Area A's configuration as a result of incorporation of Bowen Island as a municipality and the amalgamation into Area A of Electoral Area C.

- **Development Variance Permit Application**

APPROVED

A variance permit to accommodate minor expansion of an existing house on Strachan Point was authorized.

Information Reports

- **Reports received for Information**

RECIEVED

The following reports were received: Status of Capital Expenditures as at April 30, 2000, Dog Conundrum Symposium Update, May Housing Portfolio Vacancy Report, Opening Ceremony – Chateau de Ville, Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Management, and Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and the GVRD's Involvement in the Activities of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee.

Other Business

- **Leaky Condominium Situation in BC**

NOTED

Chair George Puil authored a letter to Prime Minister Jean Chretien seeking redress for condominium owners in BC who have been impacted by leaking buildings.

- **UBCM Resolution on Arts and Culture Funding**

APPROVED

Board support was given to a resolution forwarded to the UBCM by the District of Maple Ridge in regards to arts and culture funding. The resolution notes that per capita funding in BC is well below the average in other Provinces, and calls on the provincial and federal governments for increased investment in arts and cultural activities.

- **GVRD Sub-Committee on GVTA Governance**

NAMED

Named to the committee that will review governance issues associated with the GVTA are: Mayor Marlene Grinnell, Mayor Ralph Drew, Mayor Barbara Sharpe, Councillor Gordon Price, and Mayor Helen Sparks. GVRD CAO Johnny Carline, and TransLink CEO Ken Dobell sit as ex-officio members.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Member municipality rebate - 1999**

APPROVED

In keeping with its policy to provide a rebate to member municipalities based on the difference between disposal fees charged and the actual cost of disposal, the board approved a rebate payment of \$44,599 for 1999.

- **GVRD Compost Education Program** APPROVED

Given increased municipal participation in composting education, the board agreed to refocus the GVRD program on regional compost training and research. The existing compost demonstration garden will be transferred to the City of Burnaby in 2001.

- **Status of Waste Hauling and Disposal in the Region** APPROVED

The region's commitment to protection of the regional solid waste management system's financial integrity was reaffirmed. Export of waste from the region has the potential to threaten that integrity.

- **Feasibility of Food Waste Collection** APPROVED

Staff are instructed to report back on opportunities for diverting waste as part of an overall Demand Side Management Strategy.

- **DLC Landfill Study** APPROVED

The GVRD will contribute up to \$30,000 towards the cost of a study relating to land filling of demolition, land clearing, and construction waste. The study is to be carried out in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Corporation of Delta.

- **Burnaby Incinerator – Excess Steam Utilization** APPROVED

A proposal to upgrade boilers and install a turbo-generator to utilize excess steam produced at the Burnaby Incinerator is to be considered. Preliminary studies indicate that revenue could be increased from \$3 million to as much as \$5.6 million with little financial risk to the district, and a more detailed assessment was approved.

- **FCM Conference Report** APPROVED

This report provided the board with information on an FCM discussion paper – 'Options for Municipal Governments on Sustainability through Waste Minimization – and seeks board support for the recommendations. Several concerns regarding implementation of new waste minimization initiatives are also noted.

- **Annacis WWTP Capital Projects 2000/07/11** APPROVED

Expenditure of funds for design and construction of a Trucked Liquid Waste Screen Facility – \$330,000 – and for pre-design of an expansion to the Sludge and Scum Screening works – \$75,000 – was approved.

- **Proposed funding of East Clayton Headwater Project – Phase 2** APPROVED

GVRD support in the amount of \$35,000 was approved for an outreach program related to the East Clayton Headwater Project. The program will help disseminate information on ways to minimize the impacts of stormwater discharges on the receiving environment.
- **Draft Watershed Plan for the Brunette Basin** APPROVED

This draft plan, which reflects a consensus of all watershed stakeholders, provides an integrated watershed management program for the Brunette Basin, was approved.
- **Process to Apply new Canada Marine Act Regulations** APPROVED

The GVRD will work with key stakeholders (three Port Authorities and GVRD member municipalities) to coordinate the application of new environmental regulations under the act. The objectives of the region's Liquid Waste Management Plan, currently being completed, are consistent with the new act.
- **Fraser Sewerage Area Odour Control Facilities** APPROVED

An expenditure of \$500,000 to manage odour issues arising from the ventilation of air from the district's major interceptor systems in New Westminster and North Surrey was approved.
- **Mallairdville Sanitary Trunk Sewer Twinning** APPROVED

Twinning of the trunk sewer between Casey Street and Schoolhouse Street, and between Marmont Street and Nelson Street, at a cost of \$600,000, was approved.
- **Front Street Pressure Sewer – SkyTrain Section** APPROVED

Re-allocation of \$2 million from the Sapperton Pump Station project to Front Street Pressure Sewer construction, and an expenditure of up to \$1.4 million for design and pipe pre-purchase was approved. This project is one component of an upgrading of the Sapperton Pump Station and Forcemain that is intended to accommodate population growth.
- **Vernon Drive Forcemain Replacement** APPROVED

Approved is a capital expenditure of up to \$2.475 million for construction of the Vernon Drive Forcemain replacement. The replacement program addresses corrosion of the existing main.

- **Ventilation Improvement at Katzie Sewage Pumping Station** APPROVED

Design and construction of ventilation improvements, costing \$230,000, at the Katzie Sewage Pumping Station in Maple Ridge is approved.

- **Liquid Waste Management Plan – Stage 2** ADOPTED

The board adopted the waste management plan entitled 'Greater Vancouver Regional District Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 2 Policies and Commitments' and agreed to submit the plan to the BC Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks for approval. Twenty of twenty-two municipal jurisdictions in the GVRD have passed Council resolutions endorsing the plan.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Education Campaign** RECEIVED

This report updates the board on a public education program undertaken to modify behaviour around household hazardous wastes, in conjunction with business, industry and non-profit organizations.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Scientific Review Panel – Watershed management** REFERRED

The board extended its appreciation to the Scientific Review Panel for its participation in the watershed management planning process, and referred the report – Scientific Review Panel – Watershed Management to the Regional Water Advisory Committee for consideration.

- **Scope assumptions for the Drinking Water Management Plan** APPROVED

Development of a comprehensive integrated Drinking Water Management Plan that address water quality and supply is underway, and the board approved draft scope assumptions related to the plan.

- **Harrison Lake Supply Study – Financial Analysis** APPROVED

This report recommends that the GVRD consider Harrison Lake as one of a number of options for water supply in the long term. Also approved were recommendations that the FVRD be invited to participate in the planning process, and that the GVRD continue to proceed in the short term with its drinking water supply program, including the Capilano Ozonation and Seymour Filtration facilities.

- **Cleveland Dam East Abutment Seepage Control Blanket**

APPROVED

Approval was granted for an expenditure of up to \$21.4 million for construction of a seepage control blanket at Cleveland Dam. Additional funding will be requested for fisheries and fish hatchery construction impact mitigation and compensation.

- **Information Reports**

RECEIVED

Two reports – one on water supply in the district's reservoirs and another related to Submerged Pipeline Monitoring and Scour Protection Program – were received.