



BOARD in BRIEF

Greater Vancouver Regional District

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Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
June 24, 2005

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Acknowledgements

- In Memorium**

NOTED

The Chair acknowledged the passing of former GVRD Director Rick Marusyk on June 6, 2005.

- Awards**

NOTED

Doug Neden was awarded honorary membership in the American Water Works Association. The association presents the award annually to individuals whose knowledge and accomplishments in the field of water supply entitle them to this special recognition.

- Retirees**

NOTED

John Lamb is retiring from his office at Lake City after 26 years as a timekeeper.

After 15 years with the GVRD, Jan Tonita is retiring as the administrative assistant in the Finance Department.

Delegations

- Am Johal, Civil Society Development Project**

RECEIVED

On behalf of the Civil Society Development Mr. Johal presented to the Board their request for the need to support a publicly funded Olympic watchdog group.

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- **Ms Judy Williams, Wreck Beach Preservation Society** RECEIVED

On behalf of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society Ms Williams expressed their concerns regarding the Marine Student Residence towers at UBC and public involvement in the process.

Finance

- **Financial Target for 2006 to 2010** APPROVED

The GVRD Board approved the Financial Targets for 2006-2010 for budget and long range planning purposes as outlined in the report titled "Financial Targets for 2006 to 2010" dated June 1, 2005. The GVRD Board will convene a program priority review workshop for the GVRD Board prior to the next election.

- **2004 Schedules of Financial Information** APPROVED

The GVRD Board approved the 2004 Schedules of Financial Information for Remuneration and Expenses and for Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services.

Parks Reports

- **Seymour River Joint Utility/Greenway Project** APPROVED

The GVRD Board authorized staff to enter into an agreement with the District of North Vancouver to implement the Seymour River Joint Utility/Greenway connecting the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve with Burrard Inlet. Subject to achieving an agreement staff is authorized to acquire necessary land interests to provide public access for the Seymour River Greenway, and proceed with development in conjunction with the 2005 construction of Seymour Main No.5 east of Capilano College, with the 2005 Parks budget as the source of funds.

Planning and Environment

- **Livable Region Strategic Plan Review** APPROVED

The GVRD Board directed staff to develop, in consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee, proposals for an amended regional growth strategy.

- **Pay As You Drive (PAYD) Vehicle Insurance** APPROVED

The GVRD Board will urge the provincial government to have ICBC and Translink jointly investigate the introduction of mileage/kilometer based (pay as you drive) car insurance.

- **MetroQuest** APPROVED

The GVRD will take a leadership position in securing Green Municipal Funds to enable the application of MetroQuest to a variety of initiatives that include the World Urban Forum, the update of the Livable Region Strategic Plan, and provide the GVRD's component of the funding requirements from existing 2005 budget funds of the GMF application is successful.

Communities Reports

- **Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral District 'A' Zoning Bylaw No. 1028, 2005** APPROVED

The GVRD Board introduced and read a first and second time, then forwarded to public hearing "Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area 'A' Zoning Bylaw No.1028, 2005. The GVRD Board also delegated the authority to hold a public hearing to the Communities Committee and directed staff to forward a copy of this proposed bylaw to Provincial agencies, First Nations and adjacent municipalities for comment.

- **Fire Suppression on Barnston Island in GVRD Electoral Area 'A'** APPROVED

The GVRD Board directed staff to advise Barnston Island landowners and residents and the City of Surrey that without an established service for fire suppression, fire response will be at the discretion of the City of Surrey and costs incurred will be the individual's responsibility. The GVRD Board will send a letter of acknowledgment and appreciation to the City of Surrey for past fire services provided to Barnston Island and encourage the providing of such services in the future.

- **Bowyer Island – Notice of Building Code Deficiency Progress** APPROVED

The GVRD Board requests that Islands trust pursue a legal remedy to remove the offending uses of Bowyer Island, initiate the review of the zoning bylaw for Bowyer Island in 2005 and notify the landowners of Lot "B" Plan 10564, District Lot 1340, NWD Bowyer Island that pending a review of the zoning bylaw no building construction or alteration can be initiated.

Other Business

- **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2005 Community Excellence Awards for Best Practices** APPROVED

The GVRD Board approved an application to the 2005 UBCM Community Excellence Awards in the Best Practices category for the GVRD's Safety Management System's *Confined Space Entry (CSE) Program*.

- **Reconsideration of May 27, 2005 GVRD Board Resolution Regarding the Alternative Approval Process for Greater Vancouver Regional District Geospatial Reference System Service Bylaw No. 1030, 2005** APPROVED

The GVRD Board amended the resolution adopted at the May 27, 2005 GVRD Board meeting, in section c) by substituting the phrase “as July 29, 2005 “with the phrase “as August 19, 2005” amending the deadline for receiving electoral responses relative to Bylaw No.1030

- **Nomination to ICLEI Executive Council 2006-2009** APPROVED

The GVRD Board endorsed Director David Cadman for nomination to Executive Committee of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives for the term 2006-2009.

- **Establishment of a Service Function for the Coordination and Administration of Mosquito Control Activities** APPROVED

The GVRD Board delayed the decision on the granting of formal consent to Greater Vancouver Regional District Mosquito Control and Administration and Coordination Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1032, 2005 to the next meeting of the GVRD Board to accommodate the delay in the decision by Port Moody Council.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Reports

- **Financial Targets for 2006 to 2010** APPROVED

The GVS&DD board approved the Financial Targets for 2006-2010 for budget and long range planning purposes as outlined in the report titled “Financial Targets for 2006 to 2010” dated June 1, 2005.

- **Options for the Application of Solid Waste Reserves** APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board approved a policy of applying the entire solid waste surplus to future debt reduction reserves.

- **Electronics Product Stewardship** APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board will advise the Minister of Environment of the GVRD’s support for a regulated electronics product stewardship program, and convey this report titled “Electronics Product Stewardship” dated April 15, 2005 to the Minister and all MLAs from the Greater Vancouver region.

- **North Surrey Interceptor – Port Mann Section Repair**

APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1.0 million of budgeted capital funds for the repair of the North Surrey Interceptor - Port Mann Section.

- **Request from the Resort Municipality of Whistler for Solid Waste Disposal Services; Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) - Request for Additional Tonnage; Powell River Regional District (PRRD) - Waste Disposal Agreement Renewal**

The GVS&DD directed the Commissioner to:

- 1) advise the Municipality of Whistler that the GVS&DD Board is unable to grant their request for waste disposal at Cache Creek
- 2) advise Cowichan Valley Regional District they are unable to approve their request for additional tonnage; and
- 3) advise Powell River Regional District that they are unable to renew their waste disposal agreement

at this time do to uncertainties surrounding the proposed Ashcroft Landfill.

Information Reports

- **Status of Capital Expenditures to April 30, 2005**

APPROVED

The GVS&DD Board received for information the report titled “*Status of Capital Expenditure to April 30, 2005*” dated May 20, 2005.

Greater Vancouver Water District

Reports

- **Financial Targets for 2006 to 2010**

APPROVED

The GVWD Board approved the Financial Targets for 2006 - 2010 for budget and long range planning purposes as outlined in the report titled “Financial Targets for 2006-2010” dated June 1, 2005

- **Seymour River joint Utility/Greenway Project**

APPROVED

The GVWD Board authorized staff to enter into an agreement with the District of North Vancouver to implement the Seymour River Joint Utility/Greenway connecting the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve with Burrard Inlet. Subject to achieving an agreement staff is authorized to acquire necessary land interests to provide public access for the Seymour River Greenway, and proceed with development in conjunction with the 2005 construction of Seymour Main No.5 east of Capilano College, with the 2005 Parks budget as the source of funds.

- **2004 Annual Report – Watershed Management Plan, April 2005** APPROVED

The GVWD Board approved the report titled “2004 Annual Report – Watershed Management Plan, April 2005” and directed staff to distribute the report to interested parties.

- **BC Hydro’s Proposed Dam Seismic Upgrade – Coquitlam Watershed** DEFERRED

Deferred to a future meeting.

Information Reports

- **Status of Capital Expenditures to April 30, 2005** RECEIVED

The GVWD received for information the report titled “Status of Capital Expenditures to April 30, 2005” dated May 20, 2005.

- **Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status** RECEIVED

The GVWD received for information the report dated May 27, 2005 titled “Seymour –Capilano Filtration Project –Project Status.”



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
July 20, 2005

Here are the highlights of the July 20 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

The complete agenda and supporting reports for every board meeting are posted on TransLink's website (www.translink.bc.ca). The Board-in-Brief is also available on the website.

Please note: Board-in-Brief is not the official minutes of the TransLink Board of Directors' meeting and should not be interpreted as such. The minutes for this meeting will be adopted at the next board meeting.

REPORTS

1. GVTA Transit Tariff Amendments for Minor Fare Zone Boundaries

Staff sought authorization for minor amendments to the Transit Tariff to address fare-zone boundary anomalies between Lions Bay and West Vancouver; Annacis Island and Delta; Bowen Island and West Vancouver. The changes would lower transit fares and offer some potential for slight increases in local ridership.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the removal of the fare-zone boundary between Bowen Island and West Vancouver, effective Sept. 6, 2005.
- B. Approved fares on Bowen Island to be the same as those in the North Shore fare zone, effective Sept. 6, 2005.
- C. Adopted the Transit Tariff amendment bylaw.

2. Bylaw for Assessing Tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge

The board was asked to give final approval of the bylaw to assess tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge. The amended bylaw includes a trigger mechanism for the implementation of high-occupancy-vehicle lanes and will be forwarded to the Greater Vancouver Regional District for ratification.

The board took the following action:

- A. Adopted the bylaw.
- B. Directed staff to investigate and report back on the implications of removing the tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge when the capital costs have been repaid and to develop an overall policy on tolling.

3. Richmond Airport Vancouver Project – Double Tracking in Richmond

Staff recommended that the board reinstate double tracking on the RAV Line from Bridgeport Station to Cambie Station. Double tracking would result in operational efficiencies.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the reinstatement of double tracking from Bridgeport Station to Cambie Station to be funded from existing capital programs in an amount estimated at \$10.26 million.
- B. Authorized the chief executive officer to execute legal documentation to implement this change.
- C. Directed staff to report back on the actual cost of construction of the 2nd Avenue Station.

4. Preliminary Design of Pattullo Bridge Median Barrier

Rehabilitation work on the Pattullo Bridge will include the installation of a concrete centreline barrier to reduce head-on collisions that have resulted in fatalities and serious injuries. Some improvements to the bridge are required before the barrier can be installed. Staff recommended interim safety steps that can be implemented immediately.

The board took the following action:

- A. Received the update on the Pattullo Bridge median barrier preliminary design for information.
- B. Made a policy decision to implement the recommended phased safety-improvement program for reducing the risk of crossover collisions on the Pattullo Bridge, including the following four immediate tasks:
 - 1. Close the two centre lanes of the bridge to traffic at night.
 - 2. Improve the delineation of the bridge centreline (for example, by installing bollards).
 - 3. Reduce the posted speed limit on the bridge by 10 km/h and request that the municipalities increase enforcement in the vicinity of the bridge.
 - 4. Proceed with technical work required to facilitate the installation of a median barrier as soon as feasible.

5. Vancouver-UBC Area Transit Plan

The staff report presented numerous recommendations from the Vancouver-UBC Area Transit Plan to reduce overcrowding and increase the reliability of transit service, especially along the Broadway corridor. The recommendations include two new bus routes connecting to SkyTrain; B-Line rapid bus service on Hastings Street and 41st Avenue; Community Shuttle service to UBC, and numerous improvements to existing transit services to improve travel time and customer satisfaction.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the recommendations from the Vancouver-UBC Area Transit Plan in the following categories:
 - 1. Service recommendations, including improvements to existing services, new services and integration with RAV in 2009
 - 2. Service design recommendations
 - 3. Transit policy
 - 4. Measures to improve reliability
 - 5. Required infrastructure
 - 6. Future directions.
- B. Received the Vancouver-UBC Area Transit Report for approval.
- C. Received the City of Vancouver Council recommendations on the Vancouver-UBC Area Transit Plan for information and directed staff to report back on the feasibility of the council's request to the board.
- D. Directed staff to work with the City of Vancouver to implement transit priority measures beginning with the Broadway corridor and report back to the board prior to Nov. 1, 2005.

6. Procurement of Standard Low Floor Transit Buses – Preferred Proponents and Proposals

The staff report outlined several bus-technology options, including diesel, diesel-electric hybrid, and compressed natural gas (CNG), for the proposed contract to procure new standard, low-floor buses.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the procurement of buses with CNG engines.
- B. Authorized the chief executive officer to finalize and execute the contract with the successful proponent within the existing funding envelope.
- C. Directed staff to provide an updated financial forecast at the September board meeting.
- D. Directed staff to request that the Province waive the provincial sales tax on the purchase of the CNG buses.

7. Community Pass Principles Review and Program Update

The staff report updated the board on the development and implementation of a Community Pass Program for residents of communities at Simon Fraser University and UBC. The board was asked to approve program principles that encompass issues such as participation rates, sponsorship, and pass pricing.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the proposed principles for the Community Pass Program, which will be used for the SFU Community Trust and UBC.
- B. Authorized staff to continue to work with SFU Community Trust and UBC to develop and launch Community Pass Programs.
- C. Directed staff to bring the SFU and UBC Community Pass Program Agreements and a fare tariff amendment for the board's approval prior to implementation.

8. Proposal to Modify Rules Governing the Carriage of Bicycles on SkyTrain

Staff recommended a pilot project that would involve a temporary relaxing of the rules governing bikes on SkyTrain to improve transit service for cyclists. During the trial period between Aug. 15 and Dec. 31, bikes would be permitted at all hours except Monday to Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on inbound trains and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on outbound trains. Cyclists would also be allowed to board via any door, with a limit of two bikes per SkyTrain car.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved a change to the Transit Tariff to permit a pilot project between Aug. 15 and Dec. 31 to examine possible changes to the rules governing the carriage of bicycles on SkyTrain.
- B. Directed staff to review the experience related to the revised rules and to report back to the board in December with recommendations to adjust the rules or to formally adopt the changes into policy.
- C. Adopted the GVTA Tariff Amendment Bylaw.

9. Common Definition of Heavy Truck

The board was asked to endorse a common definition for heavy trucks for the purpose of limiting heavy vehicle movements to designated municipal truck routes. If municipalities were to adopt a shared definition, it would simplify communication with the trucking industry and could result in improved compliance.

The board took the following action:

- A. Endorsed the Major Roads and Transportation Advisory Committee's recommendation of a common definition for heavy trucks as "motor vehicles with greater than 10,000 kg licensed gross vehicle weight" for the purpose of limiting travel to designated municipal truck routes.
 - B. Communicated its endorsement of a common definition to the municipalities along with copies of the *Truck Route Reference Guide* for their use and distribution.
10. **2005 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval**

The board was asked to approve the expenditure of \$1.7 million for the seismic upgrade and general repair of the 67-year-old Pattullo Bridge. In addition, staff recommended approval of \$250,000 for the initial deployment of a Regional Advanced Traveller Information System that would provide travellers with on-line trip information, including reports on traffic congestion, delays due to accidents or construction, and weather advisories.

The board took the following action:

Provided Specific Project Approval for the following capital projects:

- A. \$1.7 million for the Pattullo Bridge – Seismic Upgrade and General Rehabilitation Design (Phase 4)
- B. \$250,000 for the Regional Advanced Traveler Information Systems – Phase 1 (b) Initial Portal Implementation

INFORMATION REPORTS AND ITEMS

The board received the following:

1. Trolley Bus Replacement Project – Status Update
2. September 2005 Transit Service Improvements
3. First Quarter 2005 – Transit Services Performance
4. First Quarter 2005 – Revenue and Expenditure Forecast
5. First Quarter 2005 – Capital Project Summary
6. Minutes of the April 27, 2005 meeting of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Finance and Audit Committee

The next TransLink Board meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005.