

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
June 27, 2003

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

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Acknowledgments

- **Staff retirement**

NOTED

The board recognized GVRD Regional Parks employee Thomas Day-Madunicky on his retirement.

Delegations

- **Ladner By-pass**

RECEIVED

The board received information from delegations representing the Tsawwassen Business Association, the Corporation of Delta and the Delta Farmers Association related to the proposed Ladner By-pass.

- **International Gas Union Award**

RECEIVED

Sebastian Moffat, a lead participant in the recent CitiesPlus award winning submission to the IGU in Japan, provided the board with an update on the competition. The GVRD was a key partner in the submission.

Finance

• Financial Targets for 2004 - 2008

APPROVED

For the third year, 5-year financial targets which provide context for budget development were presented to the board. Overall, targets identified for 2004 would increase the average household fees paid to the GVRD by about \$17. Key drivers include construction of the Seymour-Capilano Water Filtration Plant.

• Board and Committee Remuneration

APPROVED

Following on from the recommendations of an independent committee, the board considered the committee's recommendations and then agreed modifications. The Board Chair will now receive \$40,000 per annum, and the Vice-Chair half that. Directors of the board see their meeting fees increase from \$125 to \$200. Directors' remuneration was last increased in 1997.

• Mortgage Financing for GVHC Property

APPROVED

Approval for a loan in the amount of \$1.3 million, secured by a one-year term mortgage, was approved for the GVHC's Crown Manor property. The 28 unit building in New Westminster was acquired in 2002 and interim financing is to be repaid.

• Public Consultation on Financial Plans

APPROVED

A consultation plan reaffirming the region's already transparent budgeting process and adding an annual public budget workshop was approved.

• 2002 Schedules of Information

APPROVED

Information reports, outlining remuneration, expenses or other payments made to or on behalf of directors, committee members, employees and vendors, as required by the Financial Information Act were considered by the board and approved.

Corporate and Intergovernmental

• Board Workshop on First Nations and Regional Governance

APPROVED

Regional governance has been identified as a priority topic at Lower Mainland Treaty tables. A report was received and staff directed to organize a board workshop on the issue of First Nations and regional governance.

- **Extension of local calling area to Abbotsford, Mission**

APPROVED

The board agreed to request that Telus conduct an economic study on the feasibility of expanding the GVRD local calling area to include the Cities of Abbotsford and Mission.

- **UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

REFERRED

A City of Vancouver resolution regarding the UN Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women was referred.

- **Comments on proposed amendments to the Provincial Waste Management Act**

ENDORSED

GVRD staff comment on three discussion papers prepared as part of the provincial government review of its Waste Management Act was received. Legislative reform is expected to focus on regional district responsibilities in waste management.

- **Mosquito Control**

APPROVED

A process that requests the Provincial government to take responsibility for key elements of mosquito control while the GVRD coordinates municipal monitoring and mapping programs was approved. Municipal concurrence with the proposed process will be determined.

Regional Parks

- **Parks' Fees and Charges bylaw**

APPROVED

A bylaw approving changes to fees and charges for Parks services and facilities was reconsidered and finally adopted. Fee changes approved in this bylaw relate to rates for public interpretation programs, Cammidge House and Inverholme Schoolhouse rentals, and Outdoor Group Camp rentals.

Planning and Environment

- **Air Quality monitoring site**

APPROVED

The board approved a license agreement with Simon Fraser University that authorizes relocation of an air quality monitoring station from its site on Burnaby Mountain to facilities owned and operated by the university.

- **GVTA Borrowing Cap**

APPROVED

The board approved a committee recommendation that the borrowing cap of the GVTA be held at its current level so that future projects of the GVTA can be considered by the GVRD Board as to their compatibility with Livable Region Strategic Plan objectives and the environmental objectives of the GVRD.

- **Amendment to Delta Regional Context Statement**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted to a request from Delta to amend its RCS. The amendment deletes reference to the East Ladner Bypass in the RCS. The board also called on Delta, the GVTA and the Ministry of Transportation move forward with a planning process on the timing and routing of a proposed interchange.

- **Progress on Green Building Initiatives**

ENDORSED

Long term infrastructure and sustainability benefits of green buildings are advanced by board endorsement of the LEED BC building assessment system as the voluntary framework for green building in the region. The framework is to be used for all new GVRD facilities, and municipalities are encouraged to adopt the LEED BC as the framework for new municipal facilities.

- **Cascadia Metropolitan Forum**

APPROVED

Board approval was given to participation by up to five members of the board at the Cascadia Metropolitan Forum to be held this year in Portland, Oregon. GVTA elected representatives and staff, as well as the chairs of RAAC, REAC, and TAC, will also be invited to join the delegation.

Small Communities

- **Policing for Small Communities**

APPROVED

Changes to police services will impact GVRD's small communities and Electoral Area 'A' both financially and potentially in service levels. This report calls on the Solicitor-General to comment on how RCMP reorganization will be implemented in small communities, and instructs staff to report back to the committee upon release of the Province's new discussion paper on police financing in small communities and electoral areas.

- **Removal of Contravention Notice at Ocean Point**

A contravention notice related to the Hurdal property at Ocean Point has

been removed.

Information Reports

- **Information reports received**

RECEIVED

Reports on the rights of representation for non-member residents in First Nations jurisdictions and on the progress of LMTAC and GVRD involvement in Aboriginal affairs were received for information.

Other Business

- **Notice of Motion**

NOTED

Director Trasolini brought forward a notice of motion concerning an exemption from property taxes for ports. Also presented as a notice of motion was a call for restrictions on the use of cell phones in the GVRD boardroom.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Ashcroft Ranch Landfill – public consultation report**

RECIEVED

This report provides the board with information on public consultation activities for the Draft Terms of Reference related to environmental assessment of the proposed landfill project.

- **Ashcroft Ranch Landfill – revised draft terms of reference**

APPROVED

Staff are authorized by the board to submit revised draft terms of reference on the landfill project to the Provincial Environmental Assessment Office.

- **Surrey Transfer Station**

RECIEVED

An update on establishment and construction of a Waste Transfer Station in Surrey was received for information.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Information Reports**

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RECEIVED

The board received the 2002 Water Quality Control Annual Report, and an update on water supply for 2003.