

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
October 4, 2002

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

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Acknowledgments

- **Staff retirement**

NOTED

Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation employee Cynda McLean was recognized by the board on her retirement.

Delegations

- **City of Richmond regarding Riverport development**

HEARD

The board heard a delegation from the City of Richmond concerning its request for an amendment to the city's Regional Context Statement. The amendment, intended to facilitate development in the Riverport area, was considered, and rejected, by the board during its discussion of planning and environment reports (as noted below).

Administration and Intergovernment

- **Proposed Community Care Facility Act**

APPROVED

The board received a report outlining municipal comments regarding the Provincial government's proposed new community care facilities legislation. Information relating to the issue will be forwarded to the UBCM and to all Members of the Legislative Assembly. The board also resolved to call on the provincial government to defer taking the legislation forward until further consultation takes place.

Regional Parks

- **Aldergrove Lake – Aldergrove Bowl Activity Area**

APPROVED

An expenditure of \$116,000 to advance the park's Marsh Pond project – being developed with a number of partners – is approved. GVRD funding comes from the Aldergrove Lake Gravel Extraction Reserve.

- **Approval of Greenway Sector Plans**

APPROVED

Three sector plans that define important parks, conservation and greenway corridors, prepared by the GVRD in cooperation with municipalities and other partners, were approved.

- **Tynehead Park – demolition of dwelling**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted for the demolition of a two bedroom dwelling in Tynehead Park. The dwelling requires considerable upgrading, and it is unlikely that an investment in repairs could be effectively repaid.

Planning and Environment

- **Richmond request for amendment to its Regional Context Statement**

FAILED

A request from the City of Richmond to amend its Regional Context Statement to facilitate proposed development in the Riverport area was considered by the board and rejected as inconsistent with the direction of the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

- **City of North Vancouver's Regional Context Statement**

APPROVED

The City of North Vancouver's RCS, as outlined in the city's Official Community Plan, was accepted by the board.

- **Air Emission Inventory for the Year 2000**

APPROVED

The inventory, which provides recent estimates of air emissions and their sources in the Lower Fraser Valley Airshed, was received by the board and referred to air quality partners for information. Staff was directed to provide further information on emission trends for the area and identify priorities for action. Copies of the inventory are to be distributed to secondary schools throughout the region.

- **Status of AirCare On-Road Program**

APPROVED

The board agreed to convey to provincial authorities its regret that the AirCare On-Road Program has been discontinued, and will continue to pursue a meeting with the premier to discuss a model and funding mechanism for a renewed program.

- **California's legislation to reduce greenhouse gases**

APPROVED

California has passed legislation that limits greenhouse gas emissions from non-commercial motor vehicles, and the GVRD Board recommends that the federal government in Canada support the reduction standards contained in the legislation.

- **BP Cherry Point co-generation proposal**

APPROVED

Two reports relating to the co-generation facility proposal at Cherry Point were considered. The facility has the potential to degrade air quality in the Lower Fraser Valley airshed. The board directed staff to continue its work in cooperation with other agencies to improve air quality in the airshed, and called on the provincial government to become an intervener at upcoming proceedings.

- **Sumas Energy 2 Power Plant Update**

APPROVED

The GVRD Board Chair has been instructed to write to the National Energy Board of Canada to convey the board's desire to protect public health and its concerns that emissions from the proposed power plant will degrade the air quality in the Lower Fraser Valley airshed. The GVRD Board position will be communicated to the City of Abbotsford, Fraser Valley Regional District, BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, and Environment Canada.

- **Options for the Sea-to Sky Highway**

APPROVED

While supporting safety and reliability upgrades to the highway in principle, the board resolved to advise the province that the GVRD does not support highway development through watersheds that provide drinking water in the GVRD, included GVWD and Howe Sound watersheds. The board also resolved that solutions for the Sea-to-Sky corridor be consistent with principle of sustainability, and that consultation with smaller Howe Sound communities such as Strachan Point and Ocean Point be undertaken.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area

- **GVRD comments on LMTAC Discussion Paper on Regional Governance**

APPROVED

Regional governance has been identified as a priority topic at treaty tables in the GVRD, and the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee has prepared a discussion paper on the issue. GVRD comments and concerns will be forwarded to LMTAC.

- **Proposed Howe Sound subdivision**

WITHDRAWN

A report on the proposed development of a subdivision in Howe Sound was removed from the board agenda and referred to committee for further discussion.

Information Reports

- **Information reports received**

RECEIVED

A report on the impact of the 2001 federal census on weighted voting and director representation at the GVRD, along with a mid-year programs progress report and a report on the Status of Regional Work on Homelessness were received.

Notice of Motion

- **Direct Election of GVRD Directors**

FAILED

A motion calling on staff to report on the options available to have the GVRD Boards and the TransLink Board directly elected failed.

Other Business

- **Civil Liability Review**

APPROVED

The board endorsed the response of the UBCM-MIA task force concerning a Consultation Paper on Civil Liability Review and will advise the Ministry of Attorney General of that endorsement.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Delegation - Targetbar marketing Inc**

HEARD

A delegation addressed the board concerning an application for a sewer connection on River Road in Ladner.

- **Wastewater Effluents Consultation**

APPROVED

The board endorsed comments provided previously to Environment Canada in regards to substances declared 'CEPA toxic' under federal legislation, an approved participation in upcoming Environment Canada consultations on the issue.

- **New Westminster CSO storage project**

APPROVED

An expenditure of \$500,000 to commence with the CSO project was approved. Joint funding for the project is being provided by the federal government, the Province, New Westminister, and the GVS&DD through the Canada-British Columbia infrastructure grants program.

- **Turbo Generator project update**

RECEIVED

Construction of a turbo generator at the Burnaby Incinerator has commenced, according to a report received by the board. The \$33 million project will utilize steam to produce electricity.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Comment on senior government guideline document entitled 'Turbidity in Drinking Water'**

APPROVED

Detailed comments on the Health Canada document concerning turbidity in drinking water, including the potential implications of the guidelines for Greater Vancouver, are provided in this report. The comments are to be provided to the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Subcommittee on Drinking Water. The board also requested that the Provincial Minister of Health Services continue to consult with the region as the province implements its Drinking Water Action Plan

- **Prospect Reservoir – Seismic Upgrade**

APPROVED

An expenditure of up to \$950,000 to undertake the seismic upgrade of the 4.6 million litre Prospect Reservoir is approved.

- **Seymour-Capilano Filtration – funding requests**

APPROVED

Two funding requests – up to \$2.2 million for the first phase of geotechnical investigations for the Seymour-Capilano twin water conveyance tunnels, and up to \$1.5 million to complete detailed design of the Capilano Pumping Station – are approved.