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The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
October 3, 2003

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

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Acknowledgments

- **Staff retirement**

NOTED

The board recognized and expressed its thanks to Glen Miller of the Iona Waste Water Treatment Plant on his retirement. Mr. Miller, after 37 years of service, is the GVRD's senior employee. Also recognized was Pamela Nel, most recently of Safety Management and known for her leadership in recycling programs, who is relocating to Washington State.

Finance

- **Formula for adjustments to Board remuneration**

APPROVED

Adjustments to board and committee remuneration annually, based on the Vancouver Consumer Price Index at January 1st of each year, was approved, and an amendment to the remuneration bylaw will be prepared. Also approved were guidelines for the payment of fees that are relative to the duration of meetings and provide that members will be paid the set rate for meetings up to four hours and double for those that last more than four hours.

Corporate and Intergovernmental

- **Sustainable Region Initiative - Phase 2**

ENDORSED

This report provides details on proposed actions, in keeping with Board direction, to move forward with the SRI and incorporate sustainability objectives in regional plans and other initiatives. The process was endorsed, with amendments providing for municipal review and input, and the rescheduling of a board workshop and Council of Councils to 2004.

- **Extending local calling areas to the Sunshine Coast**

ENDORSED

Following on from a request by the Sunshine Coast Regional District, the board agreed to ask Telus to conduct an economic study that would determine if it is feasible to expand the GVRD Local Calling Areas to include the SCRD. A similar request from the District of Mission and the City of Abbotsford was endorsed earlier this year.

- **National Roundtable Report on federal role in environmental quality in Canadian cities**

ENDORSED

Support for recommendations of the National Roundtable Report on 'Environmental Quality in Canadian Cities: The Federal Role' was expressed by the board, and a resolution approved for submission to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Local government action to support the recommendations is to be sought. The board noted interest in the FCM pre-budget submission to the federal government especially in respect of its proposals for urban transportation.

- **Overview of the Tsawwassen Agreement-in-Principle and potential implications for the GVRD**

TABLED

Consideration of this report, which provides information on the key areas of GVRD concern in regards to the Tsawwassen AIP was tabled awaiting comment from Delta.

Regional Parks

- **Tynehead Regional Park – surplus lands sale** APPROVED

A bylaw approving the sale of two surplus parcels of land totaling 3.03 hectares in Tynehead Regional Park was given three readings and forwarded to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection for approval.

- **Campbell Valley Environmental Learning Centre partnership** APPROVED

This report outlines an interim partnership agreement between the GVRD and the Campbell Valley Environmental Learning Centre. The CVELC is a proposed public school that utilizes an elementary school adjacent to Campbell Valley that is due to close, and would incorporate environmental education in into its core curriculum.

- **Crippen Regional Park – surplus land sale** APPROVED

The sale of 1.19 acres in Crippen Regional Park on Bowen Island deemed surplus to park needs was approved. A bylaw authorizing the sale was read three time and forwarded to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection for approval.

Planning and Environment

- **Economic Strategy for Agriculture in the Lower Mainland – review of advisory committee proposals** APPROVED

The board endorsed a report from the Agriculture Advisory Committee that outlined three main priorities and work proposals in regards to an economic strategy for agriculture in the GVRD. Committee proposals are based on outcomes of a workshop held in March and are structured around goals that support the viability of agriculture.

- **Marine emissions in Greater Vancouver area waterways** APPROVED

Federal adoption of the International Marine Organization discharge standards for commercial passenger vessels under the Canada Shipping Act was supported by the board, and an update requested in regards to the designation of Indian Arm and English Bay/False Creek as no discharge zones under the federal Pleasure Craft Sewage Pollution Prevention Regulation.

- **ICLEI Biennial Congress**

APPROVED

An expression of GVRD interest in acting, along with other International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives' members in Greater Vancouver, as host for the ICLEI 2006 Congress in conjunction with the UN Habitat +30 World Urban Forum was supported by the board.

- **City of Richmond Regional Context Statement**

APPROVED

The GVRD Board received and discussed a letter from the City of Richmond relating to the proposed Riverport development and the city's Regional Context Statement, and requested that the provincial government discharge its responsibilities under the Local Government Act in respect to this matter.

Information Reports

- **Information reports received**

RECEIVED

A report providing clarification of data in the GVRD Publication *A Profile of Aboriginal People, First Nations and Indian Reserves in Greater Vancouver*, was received. Also received was a report entitled *GVRD Jurisdiction with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*.

Other Business

- **LMMA Flood Control Management Committee**

RECEIVED

Director Kositsky provided an update on activities of the Flood Management Committee and identified potential GVRD impacts such as liability issues associated with new provincial legislation.

- **Executive Committee attendance at ICLEI Biennial Congress**

APPROVED

Director David Cadman's attendance at the Executive Committee meeting and ICLEI Congress in Athens, Greece this November was approved.

- **BC Hydro and GVRD residential outreach partnership**

RECEIVED

A sustainability driven residential outreach program promoting energy and water conservation as well as air quality protection and jointly provided by BC Hydro and the GVRD is the subject of this information report.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Delegation – Mr. T. Crowe – City of Richmond**

HEARD

Richmond's Manager, Policy Planning Mr. Terry Crowe presented information to the board in regards to an application for amendment of the sewerage and drainage area boundary on Westminster Highway.

- **Upgrade to Waste-to-Energy Facility**

APPROVED

Approval was granted to an expenditure of up to \$50,000 for detailed design of the Carbon Injection System Upgrade at the GVRD Waste-to-Energy Facility in Burnaby. The upgrade is required to ensure compliance with more stringent mercury emission limits that become effective in 2006.

- **Solid Waste Plan Monitoring Committee Annual Summary**

RECEIVED

This report documents the annual independent assessment of the region's progress on implementation of its 1995 Solid Waste Management Plan by the Plan Monitoring Committee. The report and staff comments will be forwarded to the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Seymour Capilano Filtration Project – Pre-purchase of equipment and partial construction of the Filtration Plant**

APPROVED

Board authorization was granted to the expenditure of up to \$59 million for the pre-purchase of equipment and construction work on the filtration plant portion of the project. Construction work funded includes the BC Hydro power supply to the plant and an excavation contract for the plant structures storm water/sediment ponds and related underground piping.

- **Adding Stage 5 to the Water Shortage Response Plan**

REFERRED

A proposal to amend the Water Shortage Response Plan to include a Stage 5 and request subsequent amendment of municipal bylaws to enable enforcement of regulations was referred back to the committee for further discussion.

- **Draft Drinking Water Management Plan**

APPROVED

Approval was given to an executive summary that forms the basis for a new regional Drinking Water Management Plan. The plan addresses water quality, water supply and demand management and sets out specific goals within each of these areas.

- **Information Report**

RECEIVED

Fire fighting activities by GVRD Watershed Management Staff in support of provincial agencies, including provision of the initial attack response to several fires in Manning Park, and in Maple Ridge this summer, is summarized in this report.