



BOARD in BRIEF

Greater Vancouver Regional District

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Actions taken by the
GVRD Board of Directors
at its meeting on September 29, 2006

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

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Greater Vancouver Water District Board

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

Whalley Reservoir – Seismic and Operational Upgrade – Construction **Approved**

The GVWD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$3.5 million of capital funds for the construction of the seismic and operational upgrade of the Whalley Reservoir.

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

The GVWD Board received for information the report titled "Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status" dated August 23, 2006 for information.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

Zero Waste Challenge – Work Plan **Approved**

The GVS&DD Board endorsed the proposed work steps outlined in the report titled *Zero Waste Challenge – Work Plan*, dated August 9, 2006 and directed staff to proceed with a series of workshops to complete the first two steps of the work program, with the objective of identifying the Zero Waste Challenge goals, strategies and proposed actions.

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 14215 and 14241 Crescent Road and 3651 Elgin Road, City of Surrey

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the land located at 14215 and 14241 Crescent Road and 3651 Elgin Road, City of Surrey as shown on plan SA-2376, Sheet 28 and described in the report titled "Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary -14215 and 14241 Crescent Road and 3651 Elgin Road, City of Surrey" dated August 11, 2006.

Implementation of an Electronics Waste Management Strategy

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the proposed implementation strategy leading to a ban at GVRD regional transfer and disposal facilities on the disposal of electronics designated under the Recycling Regulation, in coordination with the electronics stewardship program coming into effect in August 2007, and requested a letter of acknowledgment and appreciation be sent to the province for initiating the process and for the work undertaken in that matter.

2006 Electrical Asset Replacement – Iona Island and Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plants

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the expenditure of budgeted capital funds for Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant - 2006 Motor Control Centre Replacement (\$700,000); and Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant - 2006 Motor Control Centre Replacement (\$550,000). In addition staff was requested to review/streamline the process through which the expenditures of budgeted capital funds are approved and review the guidelines for forwarding budgeted capital funds to Board for approval.

Powell River Regional District (PRRD) -Waste Disposal Agreement Renewal

Approved

The GVS&DD Board authorized the Commissioner to exercise the Option to extend the term of the existing GVS&DD/Powell River Regional District Agreement for Waste Disposal at Cache Creek to December 31, 2008, amend the load weight credits in the existing Agreement to reflect current freight costs as requested by the Powell River Regional District; and notify its regional partners that the GVRD is embarking on a Zero Waste Challenge and encourage them to follow and develop their own.

Cache Creek Landfill Replacement Process

Approved

The GVS&DD Board directed that submissions to GVRD's Request for Expressions of Interest, issued on July 4, 2006, be formally closed and that the Independent Evaluator be advised that the Board is prepared to consider combinations of the proposals received. In addition the GVS&DD Board postponed indefinitely requests for delegations to the Waste

Management Committee or GVS&DD Board on matters relating to the Cache Creek Landfill Replacement until the Commissioner has reported to the Board.”

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FINANCE REPORTS

Contingent Funding for the Fraser River Debris Trap

Referred

The GVRD Board referred the Fraser Basin Council’s funding request in the amount of \$205,000 to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Policy Alternatives for Board and Committee Remuneration

Received

The GVRD Board received for information the report dated September 15, 2006, titled “Policy Alternatives for Board and Committee Remuneration.”

Payment for Events Associated with External Agencies

Referred

The GVRD Board referred consideration of the payment for events associated with external agencies to staff for further consideration.

Committee Members Other than Elected Officials

Approved

The GVRD Board directed staff to amend the Remuneration Bylaw to authorize payments to standing and select committee members who are not elected officials, and where no other payment is received for their participation.

Taxable Benefits

Referred

The GVRD Board directed staff to further investigate the alternatives of parking reimbursement.

Clarification of Committee

Approved

The GVRD Board directed staff to amend the Remuneration Bylaw to clarify “standing committee” and “select committee”.

Travel Insurance

Approved

The GVRD Board directed staff to retain the status quo of the Remuneration Bylaw relative to travel insurance coverage.

Per Diem Allowance

Approved

The GVRD Board directed staff to retain the status quo of the Remuneration Bylaw relative to per diem allowance.

Board and Committee Remuneration

Approved

The GVRD Board directed staff to amend the Remuneration Bylaw to increase remuneration of board chair to \$47,600, board vice chair to \$23,800, and the per meeting attendance fee to \$245, effective October 1, 2006. In addition the GVRD Board directed staff to develop a formula for remuneration of board and committee members that would adjust the stipends on an on-going basis.

Exemption from PST

Approved

The GVRD Board will contact the Minister of Finance and request the Province of BC to amend the Social Services Tax Legislation to provide the GVRD and its related functions with a full PST exemption and that any amendment be in addition to maintaining existing grants/funding levels currently provided by the Province of BC. The Board also requested that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) seek similar legislative amendments for all local government in BC.

Correspondence on Compensation from BC Hydro on Transmission Lines

Approved

The GVRD Board requested the Regional District of Central Kootenay to meet to discuss the issue of compensation for BC Hydro Transmission Lines at the UBCM in October 2006.

UBCM Resolution on Competition Council Report

Approved

The GVRD Board will advise the Minister of Community Services that it supports the UBCM request that no changes are made to municipal taxation powers related to industrial or business tax rates without full consultation and support from local government.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations

Received

The GVRD Board received for information the report, dated August 16, 2006, titled "Progress Report on Treaty Negotiations and Aboriginal Relations."

OTHER BUSINESS

GVRD Representative on the 2006 2007 UBCM Executive

Approved

Director Don MacLean was acclaimed the GVRD representative on the 2006/07 UBCM Executive.

Surrey Board of Trade International Symposium on Urban Governance and Regionalization

Declined

The GVRD Board declined to sponsor the Symposium on Urban Governance and Regionalization due to the late notification of the request to the Board and asked that staff send a letter to the Surrey Board of Trade.

Report to the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District

Received

The GVRD Board received for information the report dated August 2006, titled "Report to the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District," from Beth Johnson, GVRD representative on the Board of the Vancouver Airport Authority, providing an update on matters as related to GVRD.