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The Board in Brief.

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Actions taken by the GVRD Board of Directors at its meeting on November 1, 2002

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Acknowledgments

- Retirement, awards**

NOTED

Annacis Wastewater Treatment Plant employee Val East was recognized by the board on her retirement.

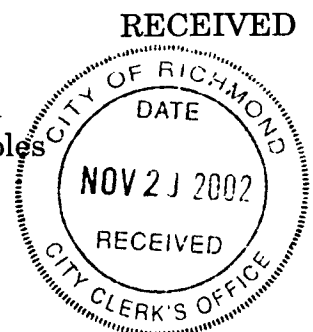
GVRD Chair George Puil was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal by Senator Ed Lawson in recognition of Mr. Puil's public service.

Director Dr. Hal Weinberg was acknowledged for his award from the Science Council of BC related to Brain Behaviour Research.

Finance

- Sustainability Initiatives Fund**

The board received a report and approved Terms of Reference for a fund that would provide support to Municipal projects that reflect the principles of the Sustainable Region Initiative.



- **GVRD Budget for 2003**

APPROVED

Driven by increasing costs for the provision of drinking water and sewage treatment services, budgeted expenditures by the Greater Vancouver Regional District, including the Greater Vancouver Water District and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District, are expected to total \$385 million in 2003. This represents an increase overall of 3.8 percent, or \$7.00 per year for the average household. The portion of the GVRD budget derived from the property tax – which funds Regional Parks, Air Quality regulation and Strategic Planning, for example – does not increase for 2003 and remains at approximately \$27 per household.

- **Property Taxation – Bill 54**

REFERRED

This legislation would have the effect of exempting GVRD properties from property taxation. The board noted the impact this would have on some member municipalities, and referred the issue back to committee for further discussion.

- **GVRD Board and Committee Remuneration**

APPROVED

A Finance Committee recommendation not to proceed with an amendment to the existing remuneration by-law at this time was approved by the board. The matter is referred back to the Finance and Administration and Intergovernment Committees for further consideration.

Administration and Intergovernment

- **Community Charter**

APPROVED

The board received a report regarding the current review by the Province of the draft Community Charter and the proposed legislation governing regional district. Staff is instructed to continue to pursue discussion with provincial officials that aim to clarify elements of the legislation as well as investigate regional district legislation that would be tailored to the unique circumstances of Greater Vancouver.

- **GVRD Indemnification bylaw**

APPROVED

Bylaw 983, 2002 replaces the region's existing indemnification bylaw and takes into account recent amendments to the Local Government Act. It includes indemnity for directors on the GVWD and GVS&DD boards and also provides protection to persons providing certain services in Electoral Area A.

Regional Parks

- **Boundary Bay – Capital Improvements Program Reallocation**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted to the reallocation of \$158,250 from the Basic Capital Improvements Program for construction of a Caretaker Residence Maintenance Building and Service Yard facility at Boundary Bay Park.

Planning and Environment

- **Board workshop on implications of energy restructuring**

APPROVED

A report on the potential implication of energy restructuring in BC that arose from a board workshop on the issue was received. The board directed staff to compile comments on the implications of restructuring, and to prepare a regional energy strategy within the context of the Sustainable Region Initiative.

- **Economic Strategy for Agriculture**

APPROVED

The board approved a recommendation that supports hosting of a workshop to review a proposed Economic Strategy for Agriculture in the Lower Mainland. The strategy examines trends and emerging issues, proposes an economic action plan, and looks to build new and strengthen existing partnerships related to agriculture in the region. The workshop is scheduled for January 23, 2003.

- **Marine Vessel Emissions**

APPROVED

Marine Vessel Emissions have been identified as a source of air contamination, and with changes to regulations related to emissions from other sources, it is anticipated that in relative terms, marine traffic will become a more significant contributor to air pollution. The board urges the federal Minister of the Environment to take early action on the issue, supports multi-agency work already underway, and seeks assistance from port authorities in the region in identifying actions to reduce emissions from marine vessels in their jurisdictions.

- **Publication of Green Space: A Guide to Sustainable Construction Practices in BC**

ENDORSED

Board endorsement was given to the distribution of Green Space: A Guide to Sustainable Construction Practices in BC. The publication was produced in conjunction with Business in Vancouver.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Area

- **Notice of Building Bylaw contravention**

APPROVED

Approval to file a notice of building bylaw contravention on two properties within Electoral Area A was given.

- **Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission**

APPOINTED

The following have been appointed as members of the Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission for 2003-2004: Ralph Gilmour (representing Barnston Island) John Lee (Montizambert Wynd), Detlef Schmidt (Upper Indian Arm), Derek Sutton (Strachan Point), Victor Dyck (Pitt Lake), and Ted Ong (Ocean Point).

- **Barnston Island Dyking District – Funding request**

DECLINED

While recognizing the importance of dykes to Barnston Island, the board declined a request from the Barnston Island Dyking District for funding assistance. The board instructed that the request be forwarded to TransLink for comment.

Information Reports

- **Information reports received**

RECEIVED

Reports on the Status of Capital Expenditures to July 31, 2002, Accomplishments and Highlights of the Administration and Intergovernment Committee work, Park Revenue Project Status and Implementation Strategy, and Progress on the Activities of LMTAC were received.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Draft 2003 Budget, property taxation, indemnification**

HEARD

Resolutions mirroring those passed by the Greater Vancouver Regional District related to the budget, exemption from property taxation, and indemnification of directors were also endorsed by the GVS&DD Board.

- **Ashcroft Ranch Impact Assessment**

APPROVED

The board endorsed an expenditure of up to \$1.755 million (subject to overall budget approval) to undertake required social, economic and environmental impact studies for the Ashcroft Ranch Landfill project.

- **New Westminster CSO storage project - MOU**

APPROVED

Execution of a memorandum of understanding between the GVS&DD and the City of New Westminister to facilitate construction of the Combined Sewer Overflow Storage project was approved.

- **Sewerage and Drainage Area Boundary**

APPROVED

A request to include an area within the Township of Langley in the Fraser Sewerage Area was approved. The area comprises approximately 23.1 ha of property in Fort Langley.

- **Flood Management Strategy for Still Creek/Brunette River**

APPROVED

Board approval was granted for the development of a flood management strategy for the Still Creek/Brunette River drainage area in cooperation with member municipalities. The strategy is intended to complement the Still Creek Watershed Integrated Stormwater Management Plan currently being prepared.

- **Sewerage and Drainage Capital Projects**

APPROVED

Board approval was given to budgeted expenditure for six capital projects. Those projects are: Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plan – Digester No. 3 Roof and Piping Replacement (\$3 million); Burnaby South Slope Interceptor – West Branch Twinning (\$1.5 million); Sapperton Pump Station Upgrade – Preliminary Design (\$200,000); Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – Stage 4 – Construction (\$4.9 million); Columbia Pump Station Upgrade – Construction (\$4.0 million); Trout Lake Sanitary Trunk Sewer – Phase 2 Detailed Design (\$550,000).

- **Information Reports**

RECEIVED

Reports were received on the 2001 Financial Results of the GVS&DD/Wastetech Comprehensive Agreement, and the Liquid Waste Non-Compliance List for the first half of 2002.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Delegations – Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve Management Plan**

HEARD

The board heard delegations from Ralph Kellman and Paul Hundal in regards to the LSCR Management Plan. Mr. Kellman expressed support for the plan while Mr. Hundal expressed opposition.

- **Budgets 2003, property taxation, indemnification**

APPROVED

Resolutions mirroring those passed by the Greater Vancouver Regional District related to the budget, exemption from property taxation, and indemnification of directors were also endorsed by the GVWD Board.

- **Seymour-Capilano Filtration – primary disinfection alternatives and funding request for design**

APPROVED

Consideration of UltraViolet (UV) primary disinfection at the Seymour-Capilano drinking water filtration facility was reviewed by the board and approval granted to an expenditure of up to \$29.5 million of budgeted funds for detailed design and related services for three main components of the project. While more expensive than chlorine as a primary disinfectant, UV offers a range of water quality and environmental benefits.

- **Seymour River Hatchery – funding request**

APPROVED

Funding for the hatchery at \$100,000 per year for a further three-year term was approved, contingent on funding in the same amount being provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. GVRD funding for the project has been in place since 1996.

- **LSCR Management Plan, consultation report**

APPROVED

The GVWD Board adopted the LSCR Management Plan, and directed staff to implement the strategies it contains, including potential scope and funding for a visitor interpretive centre, the implications of future water supply options as they relate to the LSCR, and to communicate decisions to those who participated in the public consultation process. The board also resolved that, in implementation of the plan, staff take as a priority consideration of trail management (including use by mountain bikers, dog walkers, etc.). Also received for information by the board was the final public consultation report related to the LSCR Management Plan.

- **District of N. Vancouver issues regarding Seymour Water Utility Projects and access to the LSCR**

APPROVED

Issues surrounding access to the LSCR are identified and a report will be forwarded to the District of North Vancouver Council. GVRD staff is instructed to discuss the issue with their counterparts in the District of North Vancouver.

- **Seymour Water Utilities Projects – site preparation in LSCR**

APPROVED

Construction site preparation at three locations within the LSCR related to work on the Seymour Falls Dam and Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project was authorized.

- **Information Reports**

RECEIVED

The board received a report that provided an update on public involvement activities associated with Seymour-Capilano Water Utility Projects.