

The Board in Brief...

Actions taken by
the GVRD Board of
Directors at its meeting on
November 3, 2000

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

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Delegations

- **Climate Protection Program**

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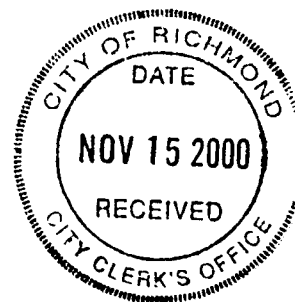
Beth Johnson (former GVRD Vice-Chair) and Russ Haycock provided information on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection Program.

Administration and Intergovernment

- **Comments on provincial sustainable communities paper**

ENDORSED

The board endorsed a report by CAO Johnny Carline that provided, at provincial request, comments on a discussion paper titled Toward Revitalized, Resilient and Sustainable Communities Across BC. While acknowledging positive aspects of proposed provincial government involvement in community development for resource dependent municipalities, the report questioned its application in the GVRD. The report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers.



Parks

• **Blaney Bog – Transfer of title and park plan**

APPROVED

The board approved transfer of the title to the Blaney Bog lands from the District of Maple Ridge to the GVRD, and gave three readings to a bylaw enabling adoption of a park plan and working boundary for Blaney Bog Regional Park. The bylaw requires approval from the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks before adoption. Also approved was a change in name for the park from Blaney Creek to Blaney Bog Regional Park.

• **Kanaka Creek – BCIT woodlot licence**

APPROVED

The BCIT woodlot adjacent to Kanaka Creek park can complement regional parks programs, and the board conveyed its acceptance of the woodlot program to the provincial government. Addition to the existing park of Crown lands immediately to the north of the woodlot and park is proposed, subject to evaluation.

• **Proposed Amednments to Fees and Charges**

APPROVED

Board approval was given Bylaw 942-2000 that authorizes adjustment of fees and charges for services and facilities. Fee changes were proposed based on a review of current market conditions and rates at comparable facilities.

• **Tynehead East call for proposals**

APPROVED

The board considered budget, schedule, work programs and evaluation process for a formal “Call for Proposals” for recreational and educational facilities by the private sector for the easterly 300 acres of Tynehead Regional Park.

Following discussion, the board decided to revert to the approach and work program recommended by the Regional Park Committee in June, 2000.

This approach examines the range of proposals possible for Tynehead, first through in-depth discussions with the public, then, if warranted, a formal “Call for Proposals”. The work program includes development of a number of alternatives for Tynehead East.

Preparatory work may proceed in the Spring and Summer next year with public workshops and discussions likely to commence in the Fall.

Planning and Environment

- **Climate Change Resolution**

RESOLVED

An FCM sponsored Municipal Leaders' Statement on Climate Change was endorsed. The board adopted a resolution noting, among others, that 1990 to 1999 was the warmest decade of the millennium, that a global reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases is necessary to slow climate change, and that reduced municipal operating costs provide economic efficiencies as well as environmental benefits.

- **Greater Vancouver Economic Partnership**

APPROVED

A budgeted contribution of \$30,000 towards Year Two programs of the Greater Vancouver Economic Partnership was approved. The partnership is a non-profit organization arising from discussions with CEO's about a collaborative approach to regional economic development. Funding comes from both the public and private sectors.

- **Trans Mountain pipeline agreement**

APPROVED

Updating an agreement that governs air quality emissions and a monitoring program at Trans Mountain pipeline facilities in Greater Vancouver was approved.

- **Regional and Municipal Agricultural Advisory Committee**

RECEIVED

This report provided information on the role of AAC's and the complementary activities of regional and municipal committees. It acknowledges the success of the GVRD Agriculture Advisory Committee and its municipal counterparts, and encourages establishment of additional municipal committees throughout the GVRD.

- **TransLink funding consultation**

FORWARDED

A recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee that vehicles with special agricultural license plates be exempt from any new transportation levy was forwarded to the TransLink Board.

Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Areas

- **Review of Vancouver City boundary extension to include Pacific Spirit Regional Park**

APPROVED

Following a review of potential boundary changes, it was determined that no further action be pursued.

Information Reports

- **Reports received for Information**

RECIEVED

The following reports were received: Status of Capital Expenditures as at August 31, 2000, which provides an overall view of projects completed and in progress during the reporting period, and a report on the FCM's Partners for Climate Protection program.

Other Business

- **Update on CRTC legal Defense Costs**

APPROVED

FCM cost sharing is sought for legal costs being borne by GVRD municipalities in opposing a CRTC application by Ledcor for unfettered use of municipal rights of way for telecommunications uses.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

- **Baynes Road forcemain replacement**

APPROVED

The board approved an expenditure of \$750,000 (\$500,000 from the Baynes Road Pump Station upgrade project and \$250,000 as budgeted for 2000) to replace the 1.2 kilometre forcemain serving Pitt Meadows.

- **Iona Jetty Outfall**

APPROVED

Partial structural repairs to the conduits that convey primary treated sewage from the Iona Plant along the Iona Jetty were approved, at a cost of \$425,000

- **International waste disposal – policy review**

AFFIRMED

Following review of existing policy, the board affirmed the current disposal rates of \$200 per tonne for international and \$65 per tonne for US cruise ship waste

- **Response to Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Committee Report**

APPROVED

Responses to this annual critique of the region's solid waste management program were approved. The monitoring committee is a volunteer group that provides independent comment on implementation of the plan.

- **Information reports**

RECEIVED

A report was received on status of the Secondary Treatment Program (virtually complete), and on release of the 10th Source Control Non-Compliance List.

Greater Vancouver Water District

- **Seymour Filtration Plant DBO**

APPROVED

The board approved an expenditure of up to \$160,000 from capital funds for site investigation work in support of a Request for Proposals for the Seymour Filtration Plant Design, Build, Operate project. The expenditure now will reduce risk exposure for all involved and result in the most competitive bids, and reduced overall cost, possible.

- **LSCR Management Plan – draft vision and principles**

APPROVED

A draft vision and series of principles related to development of a management plan for the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve were reviewed and approved. Development of the vision and principles was informed by extensive public input arising from consultations to date, and will be considered at an Options and Directions Forum on November 18.