Board in Brief

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Actions taken by the GVRD Board of Directors at its meeting on October 26, 2007

MATERIAL RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST Bill Morrell 604-451-6107

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

CONSENT AGENDA

Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues: Industry – The end of Industry?

Approved

The Board approved forwarding the report dated October 1, 2007, titled "Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues: Industry – The end of Industry?" to member municipalities, and other related agencies for their information and comment. Staff were directed to consider the output of the Industry Dialogues in the development of an industrial strategy as a component of the upcoming new regional growth strategy.

Urban Development Institute's 2007 Awards: Metro Vancouver's Innovations in Creating a More Livable and Sustainable Region Award

Approved

The Board Chair will write to Simon Fraser University Community Trust congratulating them on winning the Urban Development Institute Award for "Innovation in Creating a More Livable and Sustainable Region", sponsored by Metro Vancouver, for the UniverCity Project, and also write to each of the finalists congratulating them on their entries.

Environmental Policies and Innovative Practices

Approved

The Board approved inviting member municipalities to forward descriptions of up to four recent achievements demonstrating environmental excellence, with the intent of sharing information about innovative environmental policies and practices across Metro Vancouver.





Final Report of the Regional Cultural Task Force

Approved

The Board requested that the Chair establish a Standing Committee on Regional Culture with a mandate to develop and implement a Regional Cultural Strategy.

2007 Cultural Grants Awards

Approved

The Board designated the following organizations as being eligible for regional funding assistance and awarded the 2007 cultural grants for Region-Serving Arts and Culture Organizations, based on the available funds of \$100,000 as follows:

Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	\$ 9,000
Axis Theatre Society	\$ 2,000
Carousel Theatre Society	\$ 3,000
Green Thumb Players Society	
Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique Society	
Playhouse Theatre Company	
Port Moody Arts Centre Society	
Richmond Gateway Theatre Society	
Vancouver Art Gallery	
Vancouver East Cultural Centre	\$ 5,000
Vancouver Opera Association	\$ 18,500
Vancouver Symphony Society	

Review of GVRD Cultural Grants Program

Approved

The Board directed the Regional Cultural Task Force to investigate the appointment of an outside organization to manage the adjudication and award of the Cultural Grant program including disbursement options based on approved Board policy and criteria.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Streamlining the Amendment Process for Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy

Approved

The Board voted to support an interim provincial Order in Council that would exempt amendments to Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy from the ratification requirements of Part 25 of the *Local Government Act*, where such amendments:

- i) involve changes to regional land use designations within a specific municipality;
- ii) are supported by the affected municipality;
- iii) are supported by at least two-thirds of weighted Board votes in favour.

The Board will also request that the Ministry of Community Services continue the dialogue with Metro Vancouver on a comprehensive review of the regional growth strategy amendment process described in the *Local Government Act*, with the intent that the proposed interim Order in Council be rescinded upon enactment of new legislation.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – October

Received

The Board received for information the report dated October 16, 2007, titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – October".