

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

TransLink's Support of the Liveable Region Strategic Plan

Approved

The GVRD Board requested that the GVTA Board include information in future additions of the annual report on TransLink's Support of the Regional Growth Strategy on progress towards achieving the transportation funding objectives identified in the Strategic Transportation Plan and invite the GVTA Board to join the GVRD Board in meeting with the Minister of Transportation to discuss regional transportation development.

District of Maple Ridge Regional Context Statement

Approved

The GVRD Board accepted the Regional Context Statement for the District of Maple Ridge as contained in the District of Maple Ridge official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 6425-2006.

International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI) World Congress 2006 – Alternate Director David Cadman

Approved

The GVRD Board received Alternate Director Cadman's information report from his recent meetings as International President for ICLEI and authorized his attendance at the Annual ICLEI Board Meeting in Denmark, November 14 – 21, 2006. In addition the GVRD Board directed staff to prepare a draft policy to address reimbursement for Directors who have been nominated by the Board to positions in national and international organizations and to prepare a report addressing reimbursement for Alternate Director Cadman for future budget and travel expense for his role as the GVRD representative on ICLEI.

ENVIRONMENT REPORTS

Evergreen Public Forum Grant Request

Approved

The GVRD Board approved a grant of \$1,000 to Evergreen to support a public forum on the "Urban Development: A Green Space Opportunity" as part of the Nature Cities project.

Review of School-Based Demonstration Project: Our Future in the Balance

Received

The GVRD received for information the report dated August 17, 2006, titled "Review of School-Based Demonstration Project: Our Future in the Balance"; and in addition endorsed the program and requested the report be forwarded to the Minister of Education with the request that sustainability become part of the formal K-12 school curriculum.

REGIONAL CULTURAL REPORTS

Funding Request Regarding Sculpture of Hiroshima Survivor

Referred

The GVRD Board received for information the report dated September 26, 2006 from the Regional Cultural Task Force together with report dated September 18, 2006 from the Finance Committee requesting funding and site placement of a second casting of the Hiroshima survivor. The GVRD Board referred the request back to the Regional Cultural Planning Task Force for the development of a public art policy as part of the 2007 program.

2006 Cultural Grants Awards

Approved

The GVRD Board received the report dated October 4, 2006 from the Regional Cultural Task Force recommending regional funding for region-serving arts and culture organizations based on the available funding of \$117,000. The largest grants were \$36,000 to the Vancouver Symphony, \$18,500 to the Vancouver Opera Association, \$10,500 for Ballet British Columbia, \$9,000 to the Arts Club Theatre Company, and \$8,000 to the Playhouse Theatre Company. Smaller grants ranging from \$6,000 to \$2,000 will go to Coastal Jazz and Blues Society, Presentation House Gallery, Green Thumb Players Society, Vancouver East Cultural Centre, Pacific Cinematheque, Vancouver Theatre Sports League, Carousel Theatre and Richmond Gateway Theatre. In addition, staff was directed To provide a letter of support to the Royal City Musical theatre with respect to their application.

Finally the GVRD Board also requested that the Regional Cultural Task Force review the structure, focus and process of the GVRD Cultural Grants policy prior to the 2007 funding process.

OTHER BUSINESS

National Maritime Centre

Approved

The GVRD Board authorized Chair Jackson to write a letter of support in principle for the proposed National Maritime Centre of the Pacific and the Arctic to be located on the City of North Vancouver historic former shipyard.