

Eric Hall, Don Mavinic, UBC

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Dr. Eric Hall, and Dr. Don Mavinic, UBC, presented a proposal for a GVRD-UBC partnership to build a Wastewater Research Centre.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

Draft Greater Vancouver Districts' 2007 Budget

Approved

The GVS&DD Board approved the 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, use of Reserves, and Capital Expenditures as well as set the regional Solid Waste Tipping Fee at \$65 per tonne.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District 2007 Cost Apportionment Bylaw 239, 2006

Approved

The GVS&DD Board adopted the "Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District 2007 Cost Apportionment Bylaw No. 239, 2006".

Biosolids Management Plan Framework

Approved

The GVS&DD Board adopted the "Biosolids Management Plan Framework for the Greater Vancouver Regional District" and implementation schedule dated September 18, 2006.

New Westminster Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Storage Project -- Construction

Approved

The GVS&DD Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1.0 million of additional capital funds for completion of the New Westminster Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) storage project.

Proposed Wastewater Research Centre at one of the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants

Referred

The GVS&DD Board directed staff to work with the staff of the Faculty of Applied Science of the University of British Columbia to develop a proposal satisfactory to both parties for the UBC-GVRD Wastewater Research Centre, as outlined in the report dated September 28, 2006, titled "Proposed Wastewater Research Centre at one of the District's Wastewater Treatment Plants", and then bring the matter back to the Board for its consideration.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

DELEGATIONS

Bob Purdy and Pat Cruickshank

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Bob Purdy, Director of Corporate Development, Fraser Basin Council, and Pat Cruickshank, Chair, Fraser River Debris Trap Operating Committee, requested that the GVRD Board release the one-time contingency funding for the Fraser River Debris Trap, approved in 2005, in the amount of \$205,000.

FINANCE REPORTS

Draft Greater Vancouver Districts' 2007 Budget

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Budget, use of Reserves, changes to staffing levels, and Capital Expenditures, as presented for Regional Parks, 911 Emergency Telephone Services, Air Quality, General Government, and Strategic Planning. The Board increased the Regional Cultural Strategy Program budget from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The Board approved the 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Budget and use of Reserves as presented by Labour Relations and finally, approved 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Budget as presented for Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department and Electoral Area A. A community grant for the City of Surrey for Barnston Island fire fighting services was referred to the Finance, Land Use and transportation and Agriculture committees for consideration.

GVRD Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1054, 2006

Approved

The GVRD Board of Directors adopted the "Greater Vancouver Regional District Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1054, 2006".

Contingent Funding for the Fraser River Debris Trap

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the payment of \$205,000 to the Fraser Basin Council, but will write a letter to the Provincial and Federal governments advising that the GVRD is currently the biggest single funding contributor to the Fraser River Debris Trap program it is no longer going to fund a program that should be funded by the Provincial and Federal governments. A request will be sent to the Fraser Valley Regional District to also send a letter to the Federal and Provincial government's in support of the GVRD's position.

GVRD Geospatial Reference System Fees and Charges Bylaw

Approved

The GVRD Board adopted "Greater Vancouver Regional District Geospatial Reference System Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1055, 2006".

GVRD Officers and Delegation Amending Bylaw No. 1052, 2006

Approved

The GVRD Board adopted "Greater Vancouver Regional District Officers and Delegation Amending Bylaw 1052, 2006"

HOUSING REPORTS

Building Partnerships for Affordable Housing" Forum

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the expenditure of \$3,000 to provide partnership funding for "Building Partnerships for Affordable Housing" forum on November 29, 2006.

WORLD URBAN FORUM TASK FORCE REPORTS

World Urban Forum 3 (WUF3) – June 19-23, 2006, Vancouver

Approved

In response to the final report on the CVRD's participation in the World Urban Forum 3 the resulting ideas and actions were recommended for follow-up. For "International Engagement" staff was directed to bring forward a proposal for partnerships between the GVRD, developed and developing cities, with the dual purpose of facilitating the GVRD's participation in advancing urban sustainability at the international level and guide GVRD's possible participation at World Urban Forum 4 in Nanjing, identify resource requirements, and to investigate formal adoption of the UN Millennium Development Goals. Regarding "Sharing of Best Practices" staff will investigate the opportunity to design and develop, in partnership with WUF Canada, a legacy website to share information from WUF3 with the local and global communities, including a forum for sharing best practices and mechanisms for building awareness and understanding of urban sustainability, including the SRI, and report back. For "Communications/Outreach" staff was directed to explore creation of a local version of the UN-Habitat Village as an educational tool to build awareness of the impacts of drugs, crime and poverty; report on a strategy for 2007 that will enhance and improve media coverage with respect to sustainability; bring forward a plan to continue the successful 2006 program of Sustainability Community Breakfasts and Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues; and explore potential relations with VANOC to use the 2010 Winter Games as an opportunity to advance the urban sustainability agenda in Greater Vancouver.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Procedure Bylaw

Approved

The GVRD Board at the next review of the Procedure Bylaw will consider a provision to suspend a particular provision of the Procedure Bylaw when, in the rare occasion, a particular provision is an impediment to the good order of the business of the Board.

Deinstitutionalization of People with Mental Illnesses

Given

The GVRD Board will send a letter congratulating Premier Campbell and Minister Taylor for recognizing that the de-institutionalization of mentally ill was not Successful and offering to help find solutions on how to provide more support and accommodation for mentally ill. In addition the GVRD Board requested the Housing Committee consider whether the Italian model for treating mentally ill could be applied to the Cache Creek location.

OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence: Jef Keighley, Executive Director, World Peace Forum 2006

Received

The GVRD received for information the letter dated July 12, 2006 from Jef Keighley, World Peace Forum, expressing appreciation for support of the World Peace Forum 2006.

Mission to Nanjing, China: Fourth World Urban Forum

Approved

The GVRD Board approved the attendance of one senior staff member and two Board members, appointed by the GVRD Board Chair, to participate in a mission to provide advice to the organizers of the fourth World Urban Forum taking place in Nanjing, China in 2008.