

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, July 15, 2011

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Comments on TransLink's Draft 2012 Base Plan and Outlook

Approved as amended

TransLink is required by legislation to consult with Metro Vancouver in the preparation of its base plan and outlook no later than August 1st of each year. A base plan reaffirms investments under established revenue sources, including borrowing limits and accumulated surpluses, as set out in the most recently approved strategic plan.

The Board approved an amended motion:

- a) That the Board advise the TransLink Board and Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation that adequate time must be provided for consultation with Metro Vancouver on a 2012 Base Plan, Supplemental Plan and Outlook prior to actions being taken by the TransLink Board and Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation; and
- b) Direct staff to report back on TransLink's 2012 Base Plan and Outlook at the July 29, 2011 Board meeting.

Resolution of Regional Growth Strategy Dispute with the City of Coquitlam

Approved

The Regional Growth Strategy dispute resolution sessions they have resulted in an agreement-in-principle between Metro Vancouver and the City of Coquitlam. A third and final reading of the Metro Vancouver 2040 Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1136 will occur at the Metro Vancouver Board meeting on July 29, 2011 once both parties agree to the Implementation Agreement.

The Board approved a staff recommendation to authorize the Chair, on behalf of the GVRD Board, to sign the "Implementation Agreement between the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the City of Coquitlam."

It also directed the Technical Advisory Committee (Planning Directors) to establish a working group, with any third party assistance they deem necessary, in order to report back on the feasibility of developing consistency and clarity around the application of the concept of regional significance within one year of commencing the analysis.

Development of Translink's 2012 Base Plan and Outlook – Federal Gas Tax Fund

Approved

In 2005, TransLink entered into an agreement with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Metro Vancouver to receive a flow through of the Federal Gas Tax Fund for transit capital expenditures. In June 2010, the Board endorsed the continuation of the 2005 agreement for 2010 with the understanding that the Board would reaffirm its position every year thereafter.

On June 6, 2011, the Federal government tabled a budget that included legislating a permanent annual investment of \$2 billion in municipal infrastructure through the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

The Board approved a Regional Planning Committee recommendation to reaffirm that 100 percent of the Federal Gas Tax Fund allocated to the region be directed to TransLink for eligible transportation expenditures that are supportive of regional goals for 2011.

Provision of Independent Transportation Planning Advice to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Approved

This report responds to the Metro Vancouver Board resolution on April 8, 2011 for staff to present information to the Regional Planning Committee on the feasibility, advisability, and cost of Metro Vancouver retaining a full-time permanent transportation planning analyst who would provide independent advice to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation.

The Board approved a Regional Planning Committee recommendation to advise the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to:

- a) Investigate the use of financial resources provided through the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act to retain an independent consultant on an as-needed basis to obtain independent and technical advice on regional transportation matters; and,
- b) Request Metro Vancouver staff to continue to provide technical support on regional transportation planning issues under the mandates of the Metro Vancouver Board and the Regional Planning and Finance committees.

Regional Parks Tobacco Smoking Policy Designation Criteria

Deferred to staff

At the June 1, 2011 meeting, the Parks Committee directed staff to develop a Tobacco Smoking Policy for Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, incorporating the concepts of defining and establishing smoking areas as well as defining and implementing no smoking zones around high activity areas.

The Board deferred a recommendation to prohibit smoking in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks except for those areas designated as smoking areas back to staff, for further information.

Metro Vancouver's 2011 Sustainability Congress

Approved

On Saturday, June 25, Metro Vancouver hosted its 2011 Sustainability Congress at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. The Congress hosted over 350 participants and built on the commitment to collaborative governance that Metro Vancouver has made in recent years as part of its Sustainable Region Initiative and Sustainability Framework, and evolved from previous

public engagement activities such as Metro Vancouver's Community Breakfasts and Sustainability Dialogues, the 2006 World Urban Forum, and the 2008 Sustainability Summit.

The 2011 Sustainability Congress confirmed that the five identified issues – food, climate change, energy, dematerialization and security – are important to the people of the region. It identified a role for Metro Vancouver as a convener of key regional contributors, and a catalyst for the development of collaborative strategies that will ultimately help secure a more sustainable future for the region.

The Board approved a recommendation to:

- a) Forward the report dated June 29, 2011 and titled "Metro Vancouver's 2011 Sustainability Congress" to Premier Clark and Metro Vancouver area MLAs and MPs, Metro Vancouver-area business associations and NGOs, and Congress participants; and
- b) Direct staff to consider the implications of Congress outcomes in 2012 program planning and budgeting.

Metro Vancouver Sponsorship - 2011 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference **Approved**

Staff Recommendation:

The Board approved a \$6,000 Metro Vancouver sponsorship of the 2011 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference to be held in Vancouver, October 25-27, 2011.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Sale of Property Within Kanaka Creek Regional Park Bylaw No. 1147, 2011 **Approved**

The Board approved a Parks Committee Recommendation to:

- a) Give leave to introduce "Greater Vancouver Regional District Sale of Property Within Kanaka Creek Regional Park Bylaw No. 1147, 2011" (the "Bylaw") and that it be read a first, second and third time;
- b) Direct staff to implement an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant section 797.5 of the Local Government Act;
- c) Establish the deadline for receiving elector responses as September 2, 2011;
- d) Establish elector response forms in the form attached;
- e) Determine that the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 1,702,117 and
- f) Direct staff to report the results of the alternative elector approval process to the Board and if approval has been obtained, bring the Bylaw forward for final reading and adoption by the Board.