

# Board in Brief

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, March 18, 2011**

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## Greater Vancouver Water District

### **Proposed Updating of Watershed Access Request and Approval Procedures**

**Approved**

The principle of protecting watersheds by restricting access has always been a fundamental component of ensuring high quality drinking water supplies. Almost 15 years have passed since a review of watershed access procedures. The board authorized staff to review procedures for approval of various routine watershed access requests.

### **Proposed Revisions to the Water Shortage Response Plan**

**Approved**

The Board approved changes to water sprinkling regulations that staff recommended to reduce per-capita peak demands and allow Metro Vancouver and municipalities over time to defer costly new supply infrastructure.

Lawn sprinkling will be permitted at:

- Even numbered addresses: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings (4 – 9 am);
- Odd numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings (4 – 9 am);

Some other reasons for the new regulations:

- Lawn sprinkling demands are spread more evenly over 7 days of the week and the proposed regulation is relatively simple and easy to enforce;
- Sprinkling lawns in the morning is more efficient as air temperatures and winds are generally lower and it is better for the health of the lawn;
- People are given a third morning to sprinkle in lieu of current evening lawn sprinkling;
- Residents keep the same sprinkling days as with the existing regulation and get an additional day;
- Most non-residential addresses that water their lawns have automated in-ground sprinkling systems that can easily be re-programmed for the appropriate sprinkling periods.



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The stage 1 regulations come into effect on June 1, 2011. Enforcement will begin one year later, on June 1, 2012.

### **Tap Water Campaign – Survey Results**

**Received**

A massive 85 per cent majority of residents polled in this region say they primarily drink Metro Vancouver tap water instead of buying bottled water.

The percentage of people who made tap water their first choice went up during the past two years, while the percentage of people who prefer to buy bottled water went down.

Some key findings from public opinion surveys in 2008 and 2011:

- In 2008, a total of 74 per cent of those polled said they consumed tap water as their main source of drinking water. Now, 85 per cent primarily drink tap water.
- Cost, convenience and taste remain the most common reasons for choosing tap water, but an increased number of people also cite environmental reasons.
- In 2008, 21 per cent of those polled said they primarily consumed bottled water. Now, just 11 per cent primarily drink bottled water.
- The overall quality of Metro Vancouver's tap water is considered good or very good by 90 per cent of respondents, up from 82 per cent in 2008.

## **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District**

### **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw – Staff Appointments**

**Approved**

Metro Vancouver bylaws regulate solid waste and recyclable materials at private facilities. Designated officers may enter property, inspect works, obtain records and other information to promote compliance. The Board appointed Marlene Fuhrmann, Larry Avanthay, Michelle Jones and Percy Leung as officers and rescinded the appointment of Tanya Tulk and Karen Pyne as officers.

### **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007 – Staff Appointments**

**Approved**

A Metro Vancouver bylaw regulates the discharge of non-domestic liquid waste to the region's sanitary sewer system. Designated officers may enter property, inspect works, obtain records and other information to promote compliance.

The Board approved the appointments of Marlene Fuhrmann, Larry Avanthay, Michelle Jones and Percy Leung as Municipal Sewage Control Officers and rescinded the appointments of Tanya Tulk and Karen Pyne. The Board also appointed Rosalie Budau, of the City of Vancouver, as a Municipal Sewage Control Officer.

## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### **Boundary Bay Regional Park and Delta South Surrey Greenway – National Hiking Trail Designation**

**Approved**

The Board approved the designation of trails in Metro Vancouver's Boundary Bay Regional Park (Boundary Bay Dyke Trail) and Delta-South Surrey Greenway as part of the National Hiking Trail, as requested by Hike BC.

### **United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) 3rd World Congress, Mexico City, November 16-20, 2010**

**Received**

United Cities and Local Governments represents and defends the interests of local governments on the world stage. Through its affiliation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Metro Vancouver has two seats on the UCLG's World Council, which comprises 341 local government representatives.

A report by Board Chair Lois E. Jackson, Director Derek Corrigan and Director Marvin Hunt summarizes the regional district's participation at the UCLG meeting in Mexico and discusses its continued engagement with UCLG.

### **2.2 Global Cities Covenant on Climate – “Mexico City Pact”**

**Approved**

The Mexico City Pact encourages cities and local governments to sign on to a set of voluntary commitments to promote strategies and actions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt cities to the impacts of climate change.

The Board authorized Chair Lois E. Jackson to sign the Mexico City Pact on behalf of Metro Vancouver.

### **Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008 - Staff Appointments**

**Approved**

Metro Vancouver air quality management bylaws regulate the discharge of air contaminants. Designated officers may enter property, inspect works, obtain records and other information to promote compliance. The Board approved the appointments of Marlene Fuhrmann, Larry Avanthay, Michelle Jones and Percy Leung as Officers. It rescinded the appointments of Tanya Tulk and Karen Pyne.

### **Metro Vancouver Attendance at Canada Housing and Renewal Association Annual Congress**

**Approved**

The Board approved a Housing Committee recommendation to send the Chair or a designate from the Housing Committee to the Canada Housing and Renewal Association Annual Congress in Regina June 21- 23, 2011, at an estimated cost of about \$4,000.

### **Metro Vancouver Delegation to Ottawa – May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**Approved**

The Board approved the Chair's recommendation that it approve the attendance of up to four Metro Vancouver Directors, to be appointed by the Chair, at meetings in Ottawa with federal

ministers, political staff and senior public servants May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, for an approximate cost of \$17,268.

**Appointment of Alternate to the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA)**

**Approved**

The Board approved the Chair's recommendation that it appoint Director Rick Green as alternate representative to Joe Trasolini on the Municipal Finance Authority to attend the Annual General Meeting being held March 24, 2011, in order to ensure GVRD representation due to the absence of Municipal Finance Authority GVRD representative Joe Trasolini and alternate representative Richard Stewart.