

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, April 12, 2013

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Greater Vancouver Regional District**New Federal Gas Tax Agreement – Metro Vancouver Position Approved**

Unlike all other BC local governments, significant municipal and regional infrastructure projects within Metro Vancouver have been ineligible for gas tax funding. Furthermore, since the change to the TransLink governance structure, local government within Metro Vancouver has lost control over decisions with respect to the application of gas tax funds. Over the last ten years Metro Vancouver's \$799 Million has been entirely dedicated towards TransLink projects.

The Board approved a resolution to send a letter to the B.C. Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development conveying its expectation that, in accordance with the principles of the Federal Gas Tax Fund, that the authority for expenditures under the Greater Vancouver Strategic Priorities Fund be returned to Metro Vancouver and its member municipalities under the new Gas Tax Funding Agreement.

Coastal Community Network Received

The Coastal Community Network is an association of leaders from local government and aboriginal communities from over 150 communities along BC's Coast. The non-profit society requested that Metro Vancouver join the CCN. The Board received a staff report for information and encouraged the CCN to pursue opportunities for dialogue and information sharing at the UBCM annual conferences.

**Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues and Post-Dialogue Approved
Forum: Shaping Regional Prosperity and Competitiveness**

According to a staff report, the October series on "Shaping Regional Prosperity and Competitiveness" identified areas for regional collaboration such as the need to re-align workforce and skills development, strengthen regional collaboration and brand development, invest in economic infrastructure and business development and invest in social infrastructure. It also identified obstacles to achieving regional prosperity including a lack of understanding and awareness of regional strengths and weaknesses, including sub-regional attributes and assets (better generally characterized as lack of knowledge), the high cost of living and lack of affordability; and the lack of coordination/communication/collaboration at the regional level.



The Board voted to forward the March 1, 2013 report to member municipalities and other related agencies for their information and comment. It also directed staff to investigate a regional economic development "clearing house."

BURNCO Aggregate Mine proposal near McNab Creek

Received/Referred

The BURNCO Mine proposal is for a large open pit sand and gravel mine located at McNab Creek in Electoral Area F of the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The Board received a staff report for information and directed staff to make a formal request to be consulted during the environmental assessment process and provide further comments at that time.

The Board also referred the following motion to the Regional Planning and Agriculture Committee for consideration: "That the Board support in principle land use planning for Howe Sound."

2013 Pre-election Advocacy Strategy – "Local Government Matters" Update

Approved

After a staff report was approved by the Board, Metro Vancouver made public the questions it asked British Columbia's four largest political parties about issues such as affordable housing, transportation, environmental protection and provincial government funding for municipalities. The Board's 23 written questions, and the questions received to date, are posted on a new website, [*Local Government Matters*](#). The Board also directed staff to re-visit extending the website past the May 2013 provincial election.

Islands Trust Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program

Approved

The Islands Trust Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program helps protect ecologically significant lands, which is one of the goals of the Regional Growth Strategy. Three islands – Bowen, Passage and Bowyer - are within both Metro Vancouver and the Islands Trust.

The Board consented to the Tax Exemption Program on Bowyer Island, Passage Island and Bowen Island. It also enabled the Council of Bowen Island Municipality to implement, at its discretion, the program on Bowen Island.

UBC Chan Centre Liquor Licence Application Change – Add Existing Backstage Space to Current Liquor Licence

Deferred

Since 2010, Metro Vancouver no longer does land use planning at UBC. The regional district does not provide police or fire services at UBC.

The Board decided not to provide comments or recommendations with regards to the Feb. 1, 2013 application by the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts to change the liquor primary licence to add existing backstage space to the current liquor licence.

On-Table: 1. Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Service Bylaw No. 1182, 2012 **Approved**

The Board approved a number of changes to the bylaw to allow the Village of Anmore to be a participant in labour relations services provided by the regional district.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District**Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant – Project Update** **Received**

In accordance with the Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan approved by the BC Minister of Environment in 2011, the Lions Gate plant requires upgrading to secondary treatment by 2020.

The technical work for the Lions Gate Secondary Treatment Plant project has now progressed to the preparation of three build scenarios for the project. A workshop has been set for April 10, 2013 (with the Utilities Committee invitation extended to the members of the Intergovernmental and Administration Committee) to begin to review these build scenarios and their associated business cases.

The projected cost of the new secondary treatment plant is \$400 million. Metro Vancouver has proposed that the regional, provincial and federal governments each pay one-third of the total cost. Work on the engagement strategy for funding continues with the federal and provincial governments, including upcoming meetings with MPs and the Chair of the Conservative BC-Yukon Caucus.

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 24426 102 Avenue, Maple Ridge **Approved**

A resolution was passed by Maple Ridge Council requested an expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the property on 102 Avenue. The property is located within the Regional Growth Strategy's Urban Containment Boundary.

Stewardship Plan for Packaging and Printed Paper **Approved**

On February 25, 2013, Multi-Material British Columbia (MMBC) submitted its updated Stewardship Plan for Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) to the Ministry of Environment. MMBC proposed to exclude non-deposit container glass from curbside programs, and redirect the containers to either municipal or private depots.

The Regional Engineers Advisory Solid Waste Subcommittee has communicated a number of concerns regarding the proposed redirection of glass containers, including reduced convenience to residents will decrease the amount of glass recycled and financial penalties that might be imposed on municipalities that continue to collect non-deposit container glass.



The Board directed staff to continue to work with MMBC, and member municipalities to finalize the development and implementation of the stewardship plan for packaging and printed paper. The Board will write to MMBC and the Minister of Environment, advising that Metro Vancouver does not support the removal of glass from curbside programs at this time.

Zero Waste Challenge: Organics & Christmas 2012 Waste Reduction Campaigns **Received**

This is the fifth year that Metro Vancouver has carried out waste reduction campaigns over the Christmas season. According to a staff report, the message of these campaigns has always had a focus on the memories that can be created by spending time with family and friends, and by purchasing quality gifts that will last. During ads and interviews, residents are urged to: "Create memories, not garbage."

Post-campaign survey results show that half (50%) of respondents recalled seeing ads about reducing the amount of garbage we make at Christmas, similar to the level recorded a year ago (47%). Twenty four per cent say the ads had an impact on the type of gift they bought.

New Waste-to-Energy Capacity Development – Stage 2 – Potential Site Identification Process **Approved**

The Board directed staff to consult with stakeholders on the initial high level evaluation criteria and report back with final criteria in advance of initiating the process to identify potential sites for new waste-to-energy capacity.

New Waste-to-Energy Capacity Procurement – Ownership Model **Approved**

A staff report provides an update on Phase 2 of the development of new WTE capacity – the Potential Site Identification or PSI process. Initial high level screening criteria has been identified and final screening criteria will be recommended, considering input received via proposed engagement and consultation activities with all stakeholders. After potential sites have been identified, additional consultation will take place regarding the shortlisted sites and the shortlisted technologies from RFQ1, the Phase 1 or Request For Qualifications process.

The Board approved a resolution to require, for the purposes of the current procurement process for new waste-to-energy capacity, Metro Vancouver ownership in full or in partnership with another local government, of new waste-to-energy capital assets, excluding land. The Board will consider proposals either from proponents or land owners for long term land leases, in full or in partnership with another local government, for new waste-to-energy capacity.

DCC Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 278, 2013 **Approved**

The regional sewer development cost charge is governed under the S&DD Act. It was introduced in 1997, pursuant to the philosophy that "growth should pay for growth". DCC revenues fund growth related capital projects only. The Board approved a bylaw that allows for a required transfer to support the 2012 financial plan.