

# Board in Brief

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, April 8, 2011**

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## **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

### **Pre Budget Presentation**

**Received**

Jim Rusnak, Manager, Finance and Administration Department, made a presentation about Metro Vancouver's 2012 programs, priorities and budgets. Each July, five-year budget projections are reviewed by the Finance Committee and submitted to the Board for approval.

A PowerPoint presentation is posted at:

[http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/GVRD%20Board/GVRD\\_Board\\_Special-April\\_8\\_2011-Presentation.pdf](http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/GVRD%20Board/GVRD_Board_Special-April_8_2011-Presentation.pdf)

Staff will bring more information forward for discussion at a pre-budget workshop in July 2011, before the 2012 budget is presented to the Board in the fall. The Board approved the 2011 budget in October, 2010.

### **Results of the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Acceptance Process**

**Received**

On January 14, 2011, the Metro Vancouver Board gave first and second reading to bylaw for a new Regional Growth Strategy and submitted the bylaw to affected local governments for approval.

Acceptances were received from 22 affected local governments: Anmore, Belcarra, Burnaby, Delta, City of Langley, Township of Langley, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Richmond, Surrey, Tsawwassen First Nation, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock, Fraser Valley Regional District, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority, also known as TransLink.

The two affected local governments which did not accept the Regional Growth Strategy are the City of Port Moody and the City of Coquitlam.



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### **City of Port Moody Response to the Regional Growth Strategy**

**Approved**

The City of Port Moody refused to accept the Regional Growth Strategy but indicated a willingness to accept it if the provisions to which is objected do not apply to Port Moody.

The city's objections stem from two issues: the disconnect between population growth and transportation supply; the request for a special study area designation overlaying the Petro Canada refinery lands, Mill and Timber site and Imperial Oil land sites, which the proposed RGS designates as industrial.

The Board approved a staff recommendation to:

- a) Resolve that *Map B.2 "Major Road Network, Highways and Gateways", Map 12 "Special Study Areas and Sewerage Extension Areas" and Table A.1 (Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections)* will be included in the Regional Growth Strategy on the basis that: i) Map B.2, Map 12 and Table A.1 do not apply to Port Moody; and ii) the Board considers that it is not essential to the Regional Growth Strategy that Map B.2, Map 12 and Table A.1 apply to the City of Port Moody;
- b) Notify the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and the City of Port Moody of the Board's decision regarding the requests from the City of Port Moody; and
- c) Request the City of Port Moody to indicate to the Board once the Evergreen rapid transit line commitment is confirmed and the Murray/Clarke connector issue is resolved, that in accordance with section 853(3) of the *Local Government Act*, Port Moody accepts *Table A.1 (Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections)*.

### **City of Coquitlam's Non-Acceptance of the Regional Growth Strategy**

**Approved**

The Board approved a staff recommendation that it:

- a) Notify the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development that the City of Coquitlam did not accept the Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1136, 2010;
- b) Advise the Minister that, given the thorough and lengthy consultation between Metro Vancouver and affected local governments and in particular the extensive efforts made to accommodate Coquitlam, it is the Board's opinion that Coquitlam's objections to the Regional Growth Strategy are unlikely to be resolved using a non-binding dispute resolution process;
- c) Request the Minister, in accordance with section 859(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, to direct that the Regional Growth Strategy is to be settled by a binding resolution process; and
- d) Delegate to the Chief Administrative Officer authority to represent Metro Vancouver in discussions with Coquitlam and the Province on the form of binding settlement process that is most appropriate.

**Comments on the "LMTAC Discussion Paper: Local Government Issues and Interests on the Federal Additions-to-Reserve Process"**

**Approved**

The federal government has the authority to add land to existing Indian reserves or create new ones. The Additions-to-Reserves process developed by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada sets out the criteria and issues that must be addressed before land can be set apart as an Indian reserve.

The Board approved a staff recommendation to:

Endorse the LMTAC Discussion Paper, convey its comments to LMTAC, noting the additional considerations identified in this report; and convey its comments to the Federal Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Provincial Minister, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and to the Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of the Legislative Assembly within Metro Vancouver in order to advance the discussion on the Additions-to-Reserve process.

**Comments on the LMTAC Discussion Paper: Local Government Issues and Interests on the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act and the First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act**

**Approved**

In summer 2010, two federal laws came into force: The First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act and the First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act.

The Board approved a staff recommendation to:

1. endorse the report, dated February 18, 2011, titled "Comments on the LMTAC Discussion Paper: Local Government Issues and Interests on the *First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act* and the *First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act*", and attached LMTAC Discussion Paper;

2. convey its comments to LMTAC, noting the additional issues and considerations identified in this report; and

3. convey its comments to the Federal Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Provincial Minister, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, the Members of Parliament, and Members of the Legislative Assembly within Metro Vancouver in order to advance the discussion with the federal and provincial governments on the *First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act* and the *First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act*.

**Preparation of a Metro Vancouver Position Paper on the Federal Additions-to-Reserve (ATR) Process and the *First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act* (FNCIDA)**

**Approved**

The Board directed staff to prepare a brief position paper as proposed in this report, dated March 29, 2011, titled "Preparation of a Metro Vancouver Position Paper on the Federal Additions-to-Reserve (ATR) Process and First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act.