



**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, May 24, 2013**

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**Greater Vancouver Regional District  
(Parks)**

**Aldergrove Regional Park – Vancouver Aquarium Wetland  
Restoration Project**

**APPROVED**

The Vancouver Aquarium proposed to create shallow wetland habitat in the Gordon's Brook area of Aldergrove Regional Park. The project will provide habitat for amphibians and other wildlife, compliment the existing constructed wetlands off Pepin Brook and expand education, interpretation and research opportunities. Funding of \$75,000 is provided by VanAqua's funding partner, Earth Rangers, an organization which engages school-age kids to support species at risk.

The Board approved the Vancouver Aquarium Wetland Restoration Project and authorized staff to execute a project agreement with the Vancouver Aquarium for implementation.

**Colony Farm Regional Park – License Agreement with Kwantlen  
Polytechnic University for a teaching farm**

**APPROVED**

In 2012, Kwantlen Polytechnic University submitted a proposal to use approximately 14 acres of land at Colony Farm Regional Park to start a teaching and demonstration farm. This farm will support its new Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture program. Students will spend one full year learning applied sustainable farming practices at the farm, growing a variety of fruit and vegetable crops. The teaching farm will be located in the area of Colony Farm that is designated for agriculture and was most recently farmed in 2004.

The Board authorized staff to execute a license agreement with Kwantlen Polytechnic University for a teaching farm at Colony Farm Regional Park.

**Funding Request from Stanley Park Ecology Society for Expansion  
of Co-Existing with Coyotes Program**

**DECLINED**

At the April 11, 2013 meeting, the Committee received a delegation from the Stanley Park Ecology Society's Co-Existing with Coyotes program. The program aims to reduce conflict between people and coyotes. Responsibility for wildlife management generally falls to the

Province under the Wildlife Act.

The Board declined the request for funding from the Stanley Park Ecology Society.

**Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – May 2013**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a summary report of the following delegations:

- Jo Ledingham, Belcarra South Preservation Society
- Murray Jones, Langley Speedway Historical society
- Kathy Kolb, Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities (PRDA)
- Jude Grass, Campbell Valley Park Association
- - Christine Riek, Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities

## **Greater Vancouver Regional District (Board Meeting 2)**

**Metro Vancouver's 2012/13 and 2013/14 TAC Operational Funding Application to Secure Funding from UBCM for the Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh Treaty Tables**

**APPROVED**

The Board directed staff to apply for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' 2012/13 & 2013/2014 Treaty Advisory Committee operational funding to support Metro Vancouver's participation at the Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh treaty tables.

**New Agriculture Water Demand Model for Metro Vancouver**

**RECEIVED**

A staff report summarizes a new agriculture water demand model developed by the Province for the Metro Vancouver region. The model can be used to estimate the amount of irrigation water used by agriculture, today and in the future, under varying crop and climatic conditions.

**Managing Concurrent Regional Growth Strategy Amendment**

**APPROVED**

A staff report summarizes RGS Implementation Guideline #2, which outlines a clear timeline for processing concurrent Regional Growth Strategy amendment and Regional Contexts Statements in order to provide clarity to municipalities and this Committee in planning for the work ahead.

**City of Vancouver Draft Regional Context Statement – Request for Metro Vancouver Board Comment**

**APPROVED**

A draft Regional Context Statement has three locations where the RGS land use designations differ from those shown in the Regional Growth Strategy. The statement also indicates Vancouver's commitment to focusing growth in the Metro Core and the Oakridge Municipal

Town Centre. It also identifies areas along Cambie Street as Frequent Transit Development Areas and indicates the Broadway Corridor as a future FTDA location.

**Air Quality Impacts of New and Expanded Coal Shipment Activity in Metro Vancouver** **DEFERRED**

The Board deferred a staff report and the following draft resolution to the June 14 GVRD meeting:

That the Board approve a resolution to write to Port Metro Vancouver to:

- Request detailed information on their review processes for permit applications for expanded and new coal handling infrastructure at Neptune Terminals and Fraser Surrey Docks respectively, and request a formalized procedure in the referral of project review processes between Port Metro Vancouver and Metro Vancouver;
- Advise of their support for the inclusion of health impact assessment in the review of expanded and new coal handling infrastructure, as suggested by the Vancouver Coastal Health and Fraser Health authorities; and
- Express opposition to coal shipments from the Fraser River Estuary other than the existing Roberts Bank coal port.
- That the Board request Port Metro Vancouver, Transport Canada and Environment Canada require the necessary mitigation measures and monitoring to address emission sources that are not within the jurisdiction of Metro Vancouver.

**GVRD Nominee to the 2013-2014 E-Comm Board of Directors** **APPROVED**

The Board designated Director Gayle Martin, of the City of Langley, as Metro Vancouver nominee to the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2013-2014 term

**Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – May 2013** **RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a summary of delegations from:

- Jeff Scott, CEO President, Fraser Surrey Docks
- Eoin Madden, Climate Campaigner, Wilderness Committee
- Kathryn Harrison, Voters Taking Action Against Climate Change
- Jack Hall, Kids for Climate Action
- Laura Benson, Coal Campaigner, Dogwood Initiative

**Metro Vancouver External Agency Activities – Status Report, May 2013** **RECEIVED**

The Board received for information the following reports from Metro Vancouver representatives to external organizations:

- a) Report on Fraser Basin Council from Director Barbara Steele;
- b) Report on Lower Mainland Local Government Association Flood Control and

- River Management Committee from Director Mae Reid;
- c) Report on the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia from Directors M. Brodie, D. Corrigan, R. Walton, G. Moore, M. Reid, D. Mussatto, M. Clay, R. Louie, M. Hunt, W. Wright;
- d) Report on the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department from Councillor Michael Wright;

## **Greater Vancouver Water District**

### **Water Supply and Consumption Update for Summer 2013**

**RECEIVED**

The existing snow pack and lake levels should be sufficient to ensure adequate water supply for the 2-13 summer season. In the event of an extreme drought or unusually high demand for water, Metro Vancouver has the ability to increase its use of the Coquitlam source or, if necessary, implement additional demand management measures.

### **Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status**

**RECEIVED**

All of the major construction contracts for the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project are complete except for the twin tunnels. As of the end of March 2013, twin tunnels completion is 89%. The balance of the project is at 98% overall completion. Filtration of the Seymour source commenced in late December 2009 and reached full flow in mid-January 2010.

### **Summary of GVWD Quality Control Annual Report 2012**

**RECEIVED**

The water quality monitoring program continues to fulfill its role of confirming that the water quality barriers the GVWD has in place, watershed protection, water treatment and ongoing operation of the water system to maintain water quality, are working effectively and that the water provided by the GVWD to its customers met water quality standards and guidelines in 2012.

## **Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District**

### **Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant – Proposed Study Tour**

**APPROVED**

A secondary wastewater treatment plant for the North Shore is being built approximately two kilometres east of the existing Lions Gate Waste Treatment Plant, which provides primary treatment. The new plant is required to be on-line by December 31, 2020.

A two-day study tour was proposed to visit four treatment plants in Washington State to gain a more in-depth understanding of the technologies available and the approaches used to build plants that are well integrated with the community. The expected cost would be in the order of \$25,000 to \$30,000, depending on the number of participants. The Board also invited a

representative of both the Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations to attend.

**Metro Vancouver Waste-to-Energy Facility Environmental Upgrade Projects****APPROVED**

The B.C. Environment Ministry has put a new guideline in place for waste-to-energy facility emissions.

A nitrogen oxides reduction project, already approved by the Board and under construction, has an overall budget of \$7.9 million and is expected to be operating in 2014.

The Board approved in principle additional environmental capital projects, totalling an estimated \$20,850,000, to meet new MOE guidelines, which are not regulatory requirements:

1. SO<sub>2</sub> & HCl Reduction Project (Scrubber Project) Preliminary completion date: 2019  
Preliminary project capital cost estimate: \$16,500,000
2. Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) Upgrade Project Preliminary completion date: 2015 Preliminary project capital cost estimate: \$2,000,000
3. Natural Gas Burner Replacement Project Preliminary completion date: 2015  
Preliminary project capital cost estimate: \$1,600,000
4. Standby Electrical Power Replacement Project Preliminary completion date: 2017  
Preliminary project capital cost estimate: \$750,000

**Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – May 2013****RECEIVED**

The Board received a summary of the following delegates who spoke to the Waste Flow Management item on the Zero Waste Committee agenda:

- Shawn Thomas, CST Consulting, on behalf of Northwest Organics
- Ralph McRae, Northwest Group Properties
- Grant Hankins, BFI Canada Inc./Progressive Waste Solutions
- Steve Bryan, WMABC
- Geoff Plant, Green Coast Rubbish Inc.
- Jamie Kaminski, General Manager, HSR Services
- Sue Maxwell, Principal, Ecoinspire
- Louise Schwarz, Recycling Alternative
- John van Dongen, Resident and Independent Candidate for Abbotsford South
- David Richardson, President, Octaform
- Leslie Maguire