

## For Metro Vancouver meetings on November 16, 2012

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## Greater Vancouver Regional District

### **Experience the Fraser: Final Concept and Implementation Plans** **Approved**

The Board endorsed a concept and implementation plan to connect communities, parks, natural features, historic sites and cultural sites along the Fraser River, from Hope to the Salish Sea. The Canyon to Coast Trail – a trail on both sides of the river – will create a 550 kilometre recreational network.

### **Matsqui Trail Regional Park Management Plan** **Deferred**

The Board referred the draft management plan back to the Environment and Parks Committee, for further review. The draft management plan outlines a linear park with river connection points, new trails, park nodes and strategic landscape interventions designed to preserve parkland, create and enhance habitat and support agriculture. The concept provides a 20 plus-year vision for the park, at an order-of-magnitude cost estimate of \$8.5 million.

### **Review of the Parks Function** **Approved**

The Board directed staff to examine the long-term regional parks function, the relevance of the regional parks function in the future, and how the growth of this function will be managed.

### **Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012** **Approved**

A re-written Parks Regulation Bylaw provides information to the public on acceptable conduct within regional parks and enhances general enforcement powers for bylaw enforcement officers to provide for safe public use of regional parks and the protection of park resources. The bylaw also includes permit fees and charges.

The animals part was re-written to strengthen the ability to deal with disruptive, aggressive or dangerous dogs more effectively. Park Officers can now clearly require an owner to muzzle, leash, remove their animal or prohibit the animal altogether.

The bylaw also allows staff to effectively manage long boards, kite boards, electric bicycles and motorized wheelchairs. It also incorporates recent policy changes, such as the smoking prohibition implemented this January.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization  
Amending Bylaw No. 1169, 2012**

**Approved**

The Board approved a bylaw that enables Metro Vancouver to enforce compliance with its regulatory bylaws through the use of MTIs or Municipal Ticket Informations. Although compliance with Metro Vancouver's regulatory bylaws is primarily promoted through non-punitive means such as education, advisories and warnings, in some cases and for some offences, punitive measures are warranted, and the use of MTIs is an effective alternative to other ticketing and legal options. Tickets can be used to enforce a number of bylaws, including parks and air quality bylaws.

**Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication  
Amending Bylaw No. 1159, 2012**

**Approved**

A Notice of Bylaw Violation provides an administrative ticketing option alternative where disputes can be heard and resolved in-house through the adjudication process instead of Provincial Court. The amending bylaw provides a current offence and fine schedule for the Regulation Bylaw and the Electoral Area A Zoning, Building Administration and Unightly Premises Bylaws.

**Amendments to Boilers and Process Heaters Emission Regulation Bylaw**

**Approved**

The Board authorized staff to consult with stakeholders and the public about proposed amendments to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Boilers and Process Heaters Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1087, 2008. The proposed amendments are to clarify modeling and emission monitoring requirements for biomass projects authorized by the Bylaw.

**Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory Update**

**Approved**

The Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory was developed over the past three years to meet the growing data needs of Metro Vancouver, member municipalities, and other regional agencies. SEI mapping is a Geographic Information System (GIS) based method that identifies rare and fragile ecosystems in a given area.

The Board endorsed a Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory Communications and Outreach Program.

**Terms of Reference for a New Transportation Committee**

**Approved**

The Board approve the terms of reference for a new Transportation Committee. The mandate of the new committee is to expand the scope of the existing Port Cities Committee to include important elements of regional transportation systems, including TransLink, the Province, Port Metro Vancouver, airports and rail within the region, and the Gateway Council. The creation of the new committee was driven by the lack of an appropriate forum to discuss the challenges arising from accommodating population growth, the expansion of the southern component of the Asian Pacific Gateway, the expansion of transit, and the related transportation funding formula within Metro Vancouver.

**Kinder Morgan's Proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion**

**Approved**

At its Oct. 25 meeting, the Port Cities Committee discussed the National Energy Board application by Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC/Kinder Morgan Energy Partners L.P. (collectively "Kinder Morgan"), June 29, 2012, seeking approval of contract terms and toll structure for proposed expansion of Trans Mountain Pipeline Systems. Concerns were raised regarding proposed plans to transport refined oil from British Columbia to China and the United States,

the lack of national policy protecting domestic oil supplies and the economic impacts for British Columbia if the Burnaby Chevron refinery were to close.

The Board approved a resolution to: a) Write a letter to the National Energy Board supporting priority destination status for the Burnaby Chevron Refinery; and b) Invite the Federal Minister of Energy to meet with the Port Cities Committee to discuss potential implications to British Columbia's oil supply and concerns regarding a lack of national policy protecting domestic oil supplies.

**Convening a Multi-sectoral Joint Policy Panel on Infrastructure and Transportation** **Referred**

The Board referred the following draft resolution to the new Transportation Committee:

That a multi-sectoral "Joint Policy Panel" be convened comprising representatives from key transportation stakeholders including the federal and provincial governments, airport authorities, Port Metro Vancouver, TransLink, Gateway Council, the two health authorities and the two rail authorities.

**Barnston Island Agricultural Land Use Inventory** **Approved**

The Board requested that staff work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural Land Commission on policies and actions to increase the amount of actively farmed land and prevent future non-farm use on Agriculture Land Reserve parcels in accordance with the findings of the report titled "Barnston Island Agricultural Land Use Inventory".

**A Metro Vancouver Position Paper on *Bill S-8: The Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act*** **Approved**

The Board approved a resolution to:

a) Endorse the report, dated October 26, 2012, titled "A Metro Vancouver Position Paper on Bill S-8: The Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act", for submission to the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development;

b) Direct staff to arrange for a Metro Vancouver Board delegation to present to the Standing Committee on concerns identified with respect to Bill S-8; and c) Direct staff to forward this report, along with a covering letter, to Member Municipalities for submission to their respective Members of Parliament.

c) That the funding capacity for expansion of infrastructure funding on reserves, or to service reserves, be addressed by the federal government.

**Consideration of City of Richmond's Regional Context Statement** **Approved**

The Board accepted the City of Richmond's Regional Context Statement, as submitted to Metro Vancouver, on September 26, 2012.

**Corporation of Delta Request to Extend Regional Sewer Service Outside of the Regional Growth Strategy Urban Containment Boundary** **Approved**

The Board resolved that a proposed extension of regional sewerage services for Millennium Pacific Greenhouses, at 3760 Arthur Drive in Delta, is consistent with Regional Growth Strategy provisions. The Board approved an amendment to the Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary.

**Best Practices for the Intensive Use of Industrial Land Discussion Paper**      **Approved**

In 2011, the Metro Vancouver Board and all local authorities in the regional district approved a Regional Growth Strategy that contains urban development, protects agricultural land for food production, and protects the supply of industrial lands.

At current industrial land demand rates, Metro Vancouver expects the supply of industrial lands in the region will be depleted in the 2020s. Because the industrial land base is so limited, Metro Vancouver wants to encourage higher-density forms of industrial development and facilitate new growth through the re-development and intensification of under-utilized industrial lands.

The Board authorized staff to release the discussion paper titled "Best Practices for the Intensive Use of Industrial Land Discussion Paper" as basis for further consultation with a broad range of public and private partners and report back with a final report in 2013.