

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, May 2, 2014

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Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks

Colony Farm Regional Park – Sheep Paddocks Trail: Route Selection APPROVED

The Sheep Paddocks trail at Colony Farm is set to be replaced. Following community consultation, staff has presented several options for the design of the trail.

The Board directed staff to proceed with detailed design of a multi-use trail, comprised of a southern riverside route and a northern inland route, providing a connection from Colony Farm Regional Park to the Pitt River Bridge; and directed staff to further explore and report back to Committee with options for the route.

Matsqui Trail Regional Park - Riverfront Erosion Cost-sharing Request DEFERRED

The Board deferred a decision on whether to re-allocate \$175,000 for Matsqui Trail Regional Park from the 2014 capital works program and Parks Capital Replacement and Development Program Reserve, towards the protection and reclamation of regional parkland.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Letter of Request for Continuation of the Provincial Clean Energy Vehicle (CEV) Incentive Program APPROVED

Since 2011, the Clean Energy Vehicles (CEV) for British Columbia Program has encouraged the adoption of electric vehicles in BC.

Metro Vancouver and partner municipalities have been facilitating the uptake of electric vehicles through direct provision of public electric vehicle charging stations and efforts to increase the number of public stations hosted by private businesses. With provincial support, BC's charging network has grown to nearly 1,000 public charging stations and 12 fast chargers.

The Board will send a letter to the B.C. Minister of Energy, Mines and Responsible for Core Review requesting continuation of CEV and forward a copy of this report to the Mayor and Council of each member municipality, and Chief and Council of Tsawwassen First Nation, for their consideration in making a similar request.



Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008 – Officer Appointment **APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver’s Air Quality Regulatory Program empowers officers to investigate and enforce compliance with air quality management bylaws.

Officers enter lands, conduct inspections to assess compliance, and collect evidence on facilities to enforce Metro Vancouver’s air quality bylaws.

The Board appointed Karen Pyne as an Officer, pursuant to the Environmental Management Act and Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008.

2014 Caring for the Air Report **RECEIVED**

Caring for the Air is an annual, plain-language report which summarizes information each about the state of our air quality. The report also summarizes the activities carried out each year by Metro Vancouver and partners in the Lower Fraser Valley Airshed to continuously improve our air quality.

Key topics in the 2014 Caring for the Air report include:

- How air quality management programs can prevent health impacts;
- Emissions trends and projections for smog-forming pollutants and greenhouse gases;
- Air quality in near-roadway environments;
- Transportation alternatives, including electric vehicles, active transportation and options for school children;
- Next steps for addressing emissions from heavy-duty diesel vehicles;
- More improvements in sulphur dioxide levels by updating the ambient air quality objective;
- Improvements being made to the air quality monitoring network;
- Actions being taken by local governments to address climate change; and
- The role commercial refrigerants play in climate change.

Metro Vancouver Membership in Community Energy Association **APPROVED**

In 2007, the Province introduced Bill 27, which required local government to incorporate greenhouse gas reduction targets into regional growth strategies and official community plans. The Community Energy Association (CEA), a charitable non-profit organization, provided research and planning support to Metro Vancouver and a number of member municipalities during this process.

Several years later, as most local governments move from planning to implementation stages, there continue to be knowledge gaps on climate and energy, which the CEA is well-poised to fill. As a corporate member of CEA, Metro Vancouver can better ensure that CEA’s efforts are directed to where they are most needed in our region.

The Board authorized staff to apply for membership for Metro Vancouver in the Community Energy Association (CEA).



Metro Vancouver Participation in the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Review Process **APPROVED**

The proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is a new container shipping terminal in Delta, B.C.

Port Metro Vancouver has invited Metro Vancouver to designate a representative as part of an Elected Officials Roundtable. The Roundtable is intended to be used for information sharing rather than decision making during the Independent Review Panel process.

Port Metro Vancouver has established a number of mechanisms for consultation for the review, to facilitate input into their preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement which will be considered by the review panel. As part of the consultation process, Metro Vancouver staff are participating in a Technical Working Group.

The Board designated Director Darrell Mussatto as a representative to participate in the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Elected Officials Roundtable.

Revised (2013) Howe Sound Community Forum Principles for Cooperation **APPROVED**

The Howe Sound Community Forum was created in 2000 to provide a forum for local governments, regional districts, and First Nations to discuss the well-being of Howe Sound.

Metro Vancouver has received a request from the Mayor of the Village of Lions Bay for the GVRD Board to be a signatory to the revised (2013) Howe Sound Community Forum Principles for Cooperation.

The Board will be a signatory to the Revised (2013) Howe Sound Community Forum Principles for Cooperation.

Metro Vancouver Comments on Port Metro Vancouver's Draft Land Use Plan **APPROVED**

The Port Metro Vancouver Land Use Plan is an important policy document that will have significant implications for the successful implementation of the Metro Vancouver 2040, the Integrated Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, and other established policies of the Metro Vancouver Board.

Port Metro Vancouver is currently consulting with stakeholders as part of Phase 4 (the final phase) of the Port Land Use Plan development.

There are elements of the draft Port Land Use Plan that are consistent with Metro 2040 and other areas where some work needs to be done to ensure closer alignment.

Metro Vancouver staff recommend improvements in a range of areas to achieve better



alignment between the Port Land Use Plan and both Metro Vancouver 2040 and TransLink's Regional Transportation Strategy. As well, it appears that many of the 2013 comments previously provided by Metro Vancouver to Port Metro Vancouver were not incorporated into the draft Port Land Use Plan. As a result, a number of the current Metro Vancouver comments reiterate previous comments, along with requests that these be considered for incorporation into the final Port Land Use Plan.

The Board:

- a) Endorsed the comments on Port Metro Vancouver's Draft Land Use Plan as contained in the report titled, "Metro Vancouver Comments (2014) on Port Metro Vancouver's Draft Land Use Plan", dated February 24, 2014; and
- b) Reiterated the Board's objection to the use of agricultural land for port purposes; and c) request that Port Metro Vancouver respond to the issues identified in the report prior to finalizing the Draft Land Use Plan.
- c) Directed staff to compile comments on the Port Metro Vancouver land use plan that had been submitted by all affected local governments directly to Port Metro Vancouver, and to re-submit them to Port Metro Vancouver as a separate package.

2012/13 (Year 8) TransLink Federal Gas Tax Application

RECEIVED

Negotiations are now underway with the provincial and federal governments to renew the Federal Gas Tax Agreement. It is anticipated that, under the new funding agreement, the Metro Vancouver Board will be formally be recognized as the local government authority with responsibility for dispersing funds for TransLink Gas Tax projects.

The Board received a report on why TransLink's application for funding under the Federal Gas Tax Program for 2012/13 included a project list that varied from the list approved by the Board in October, 2012.

The Board also requested that the Province and Union of British Columbia Municipalities replace the Gas Tax Management Committee with the Metro Vancouver Board for the approval and distribution of future Gas Tax Program funds under the new Federal Building Canada Program.

Regional Affordable Housing Strategy Update - Discussion Paper

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver is working on updating its Regional Affordable Housing Strategy

A discussion paper conveys the background research, analysis and technical input of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee, Housing Subcommittee to frame the goals and strategies for consideration by the Board and external stakeholders.

The Board endorsed the discussion paper and directed staff to initiate stakeholder consultation and forward the report to member municipalities and other interested agencies for their information and comment.



Draft Audited 2013 Financial Statements

APPROVED

The Board approved the Audited 2013 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and received for information the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation Audited 2013 Financial Statements.

2013 Financial Results Year-End

RECEIVED

The Board received a report containing an update on financial performance year ending December 31, 2013 as compared to the 2013 annual budget. Overall, the Districts and Housing Corporation are in a surplus position of approximately \$31.1 million for the 2013 fiscal year. The overall surplus is mainly due to the deferral of some operating projects, savings from staff vacancies as needs were assessed as part of the corporate reorganization, lower than budgeted debt service costs in the utilities as well as higher than anticipated water sales.

Status of Reserves

APPROVED

A report presented for approval additional reserve applications to those previously approved by the Board in November 2013 and to project the reserve status of operating and designated reserves for 2014.

Elevator Replacement at MP111 – 5945 Kathleen Avenue

APPROVED

The elevators at Kathleen building, of Metro Vancouver's head office have been repeatedly breaking down and require upgrading.

The Board approved the use of up to \$600,000 (exclusive of GST) from corporate reserves to implement and fund the upgrade of both main elevators at 5945 Kathleen Avenue.

City of Burnaby Hotel Room Tax Renewal

APPROVED

The Hotel Room Tax Act enables collection of an additional tax of up to two per cent on sales of accommodation in designated areas of the province. These funds are generally used for local tourism marketing, programs and projects.

The Board consented to the City of Burnaby renewing the Hotel Room Tax for an additional 5 year period at the existing rate of 2%.

Change in Directorship of the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation – 2014

APPROVED

The Greater Vancouver Regional District as sole shareholder of the Metro Vancouver Housing

Corporation, needed to change the directorship of the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation to reflect the members appointed to the Housing Committee in 2014.

The Board removed Bob Long as Director of the Company and appointed Stephen Ferguson, effective May 2, 2014.

GVRD Nominee to the 2014-2015 E-Comm Board of Directors**APPROVED**

E-Comm is a non-profit agency whose main responsibilities are to maintain the wide-area radio system for police, fire and ambulance services, operate the regional 9-1-1 call centre, and provide dispatch services for various police and fire departments.

A 19 member Board of Directors, elected annually by the E-Comm shareholders, provides governance to E-Comm and is responsible for overseeing the Corporation's strategic direction, finances and operating results.

The Board designated Gayle Martin as Metro Vancouver nominee to the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 term.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Procedure Bylaw Number 1205, 2014**ADOPTED**

The Board adopted a bylaw that changes the general proceedings followed by the Board and committees in conducting their business at meetings.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District**Metro Vancouver Feedback on the FVRD Solid Waste Management Plan****RECEIVED**

This report provides feedback from Metro Vancouver on the content of the FVRD's Solid Waste Management Plan that was approved by the FVRD Board in November 2013.

Key feedback related to the FVRD plan is provided below:

- More meaningful consultation with neighboring regional districts should have been conducted in developing the FVRD plan.
- The FVRD plan is generally consistent with the ISWRMP seeking to increase waste diversion
- The FVRD plan makes claims regarding Mixed Waste Material Recovery (MWMR) facilities and waste - to - energy without providing information related to the technical analysis conducted by the FVRD to reach its conclusions.
- Although the FVRD intends to put in place a waste flow management regulatory framework, the FVRD has been critical of Metro Vancouver's Bylaw 280. The FVRD plan contemplates the delivery of residential and commercial/institutional waste from Metro Vancouver into the FVRD. Migration of residential and



commercial/institutional waste from Metro Vancouver into the FVRD may undermine Metro Vancouver's ability to enforce Bylaw 280.

- The FVRD plan includes the continued operation of landfills for up to 100 years into the future, provides limited information on the environmental performance for any of the landfills, and no apparent mechanism for communicating the environmental performance of those facilities to the public or surrounding regional districts.

The Board received the report containing feedback on the FVRD Solid Waste Management Plan. The Board Chair will forward this report to the FVRD and to the Minister of Environment.

2013 Disposal Ban Inspection Program Update

RECEIVED

The material disposal bans inspection program is one of the waste reduction strategies identified in Metro Vancouver's solid waste plan. In 2015, bans for clean wood and organics are important tools in achieving diversion targets. Staff and the material disposal ban inspectors continue to work closely with facility users and other stakeholders to further improve the success of the current program.

The Board received a report that provides an update on the Metro Vancouver disposal ban inspection program.

Zero Waste Challenge: Create memories, not garbage 2013 Christmas Campaign and 2013 Organics Campaign

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report that summarizes two advertising and social media campaigns were held in the fourth quarter of 2013 to support regional efforts to reduce, re-use and recycle solid waste and dispose less garbage.

Status of Solid Waste Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2013

RECEIVED

The Board received a report on the status of utilities capital expenditures for Solid Waste. Utility Capital projects are typically multi-year in nature; therefore this report provides a comparison between the total project budgets and total projected expenditures to project completion.

New Waste - to - Energy Project - Updated Business Case

RECEIVED

The Board received a report that provides an updated business case for new waste-to-energy (WTE) capacity, in the Metro Vancouver region or another region of B.C.

The business case for new WTE was prepared by CDM Smith, on behalf of Metro Vancouver

Results of the business case demonstrate that new WTE capacity is cost effective in comparison to landfill disposal, subject to securing an appropriate price from B.C. Hydro for

electricity generated by the project.

Metro Vancouver will work with B.C. Hydro and the Ministry of Mines and Energy to establish an appropriate price for electricity, and a value for money analysis will be presented to the Board specifying potential procurement options for new WTE capacity.

The GVS&DD Board received the report, dated April 23, 2014 and titled “New Waste-to-Energy Project – Updated Business Case” for information.

The Board directed staff to update the business case prior to the final RFP being issued with the following information:

1. A sensitivity analysis on landfill and the three short-listed technologies (mass burn incineration, gasification and refuse derived fuel) that considers a range of hydro purchase prices and other potential generated energy products, the impact of additional sites, the impact of transportation in and out of region.
2. An analysis of the impact of landfill and the three short-listed technologies (mass burn incineration, gasification and refuse derived fuel) on meeting goals 1 and 2 in the ISWRMP.
3. The greenhouse gas emission profile of landfill and the three short-listed technologies (mass burn incineration, gasification and refuse derived fuel) including the energy recapture method anticipated to be used by the technology.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007 – Officer Appointment **APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver’s Liquid Waste Regulatory Program empowers officers to investigate and enforce compliance with liquid waste management bylaws.

Officers enter lands, conduct inspections to assess compliance, and collect evidence on facilities to enforce Metro Vancouver’s liquid waste management bylaws.

The Board appointed Karen Pyne as a Municipal Sewage Control Officer pursuant to the Environmental Management Act and Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007.

Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2013 **RECEIVED**

The Board received a report on the status of utilities capital expenditures for Water and Liquid Waste. Utilities capital projects are typically multi - year in nature; therefore, this report provides a comparison between the total project budgets and total projected expenditures to project completion.

Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant – Quarterly Report **RECEIVED**

The Board received a report that contains updates about the work underway for the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant (LGSWWTP) upgrade, including consultation activities,



updates on the Indicative Design and the funding application for the project under the new Building Canada Plan.

Draft Audited 2013 Financial Statements

APPROVED

The Board approved the Audited 2013 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District Sewer Use Amending Bylaw No. 277, 2014

ADOPTED

The Board approved a correction to a bylaw for sewer use.

Greater Vancouver Water Regional District

Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2013

RECEIVED

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Coquitlam UV Disinfection Facility – Project Status

RECEIVED

Water treatment at the Coquitlam source is being upgraded to include Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection in order to meet Health Canada's Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality for treatment of microorganisms such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. An official opening of the new \$110 million facility is scheduled for May 21, 2014.

The Board received a report with updates on the Coquitlam UV Disinfection Facility project.

Draft Audited 2013 Financial Statements

ADOPTED

The Board adopted the Audited 2013 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Water District.