

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, June 24, 2022

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Metro Vancouver Regional District**E1.1 Alternative Transportation Study Part II: Access to Regional Parks Report****RECEIVED**

This report presented updated research about how people travel to regional parks. The original 1966 regional park system plan, *A Regional Parks Plan for the Lower Mainland Region*, anticipated that most visitors would travel by private automobile. Today around 25 per cent of regional park visitors come via sustainable transportation options. In 2020, Metro Vancouver initiated an alternative transportation study to better understand how to promote the use of cycling and public transit.

Part I of the study, completed in 2020, rated the relative connectivity of regional parks by cycling and public transit infrastructure. Part II reviewed other jurisdictions' practices, compared the Part I ratings to regional park visitor reported travel modes, highlighted key insights, and identified 11 possible actions to promote more alternative transportation use by regional park visitors. The study will be of value to member jurisdictions and other regional partners. Implementation of 11 short- to medium-term actions will require partnerships with member jurisdictions and other agencies.

The Board received the report for information and directed staff to share the report with TransLink and member jurisdictions.

E2.1 Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application in the UEL (Burb Cannabis Corporation)**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver is the local government responsible for making recommendations to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (BCLCRB) on cannabis retail store licence applications in Electoral Area A, including in the University Endowment Lands (UEL). Burb Cannabis Corporation applied for a licence to the branch for a non-medical cannabis retail store to be located at 5784 University Boulevard in the UEL, and at the same time submitted a rezoning application for the same purpose to the UEL, which is responsible for local planning decisions. The UEL rezoning was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in April 2022, and Metro Vancouver's role as the local government means it must consider the views of residents, comment on the general impact the store would have on the community, and provide a recommendation with reasons as to whether or not the BCLCRB should issue the licence.

At its June 9, 2022 meeting, the Electoral Area Committee considered the application and heard from delegations both in support of and opposition to the proposal. The Committee subsequently recommended the application.

The Board recommended to the BCLCRB that the licence for a non-medical cannabis retail store submitted by Burb Cannabis Corporation and proposed to be located at 5784 University Boulevard in the University Endowment Lands be issued for the following reason: to align with the University Endowment Lands approved rezoning, and directed staff to forward the supporting documentation.

E2.2 UBCM Emergency Preparedness Grant Application for Electoral Area A (UBC)

APPROVED

The Union of BC Municipalities has grants available through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to support members in increasing emergency preparedness and emergency response capacity. Metro Vancouver has long planned that emergency response in the Point Grey portion of Electoral Area A would best be coordinated through an area emergency operations centre established at the University of British Columbia, due to the area being home to the majority of Electoral Area A residents and because of its proximity to local agency representatives.

Through partnership with UBC, increasing the pool of emergency support services volunteers available to take care of the needs of displaced people following an emergency in the Point Grey area is a key gap in emergency preparedness that training funding would address.

The Board endorsed the grant application totalling \$25,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities to enhance emergency preparedness capacity in Electoral Area A.

E2.3 Electoral Area A Community Works Fund – 2022 Projects (UNA/UBC)

APPROVED

The Community Works Fund is delivered to all local governments in BC through a direct annual allocation to support local eligible priorities, and is distributed within Electoral Area A based on community population, with University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) and University of British Columbia allotted approximately \$635,000 through 2023.

In June and September 2021, the Electoral Area A Director and staff met with community representatives to discuss potential projects to recommend for funding, and in May 2022, the UNA Board, with support from UBC, considered and endorsed three projects totaling \$435,101.

The Board approved funding from the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund as described for the following projects:

- Electric vehicle charging stations up to \$195,824
- Recycling receptacle replacement up to \$139,277
- Acadia neighbourhood active transportation improvements up to \$100,000

E3.1 BC Lung Foundation – Contribution Agreement 2023-2025

APPROVED

The BC Lung Foundation is a key partner in Metro Vancouver’s air quality and climate change programs, linking regional programs and policies to lung health, facilitating dialogue, and advancing outreach and awareness. Staff proposed entering into a formal funding relationship with BC Lung, through a three-year contribution agreement in the amount of \$35,000 per year.

The funding will support key deliverables as specified in the agreement, such as an annual air quality and health workshop, an annual state of the air report, and the operation of an interagency committee comprised of representatives from environment and health departments from multiple orders of government as well as academia. The agreement also requires the submission of an annual report from BC Lung summarizing activities and deliverables.

The Board approved a three-year contribution agreement for Metro Vancouver to provide funding to the BC Lung Foundation in the amount of \$35,000 per year for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

E3.2 Best Management Practices for Invasive Species: Garlic Mustard, Poison Hemlock and Spurge Laurel **RECEIVED**

Adding to the existing library of technical guidance for priority invasive species, Metro Vancouver has been working with the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, the City of Surrey, other member jurisdictions and local experts to produce sets of best management practice guides; the latest set is for garlic mustard, poison hemlock, and spurge laurel. These documents provide information for practitioners about how to identify, track, report, dispose, prevent further spread, and effectively control these species, as well as regulatory requirements, monitoring and restoration tips, references and additional resources. Each guide also describes how these invasive species may adapt as our climate changes. An accompanying one-page fact sheet for each invasive species has been created to raise public awareness.

The Board received the report for information and directed staff to forward these best management practices and accompanying fact sheets to member jurisdictions for information.

E4.1 Appointment of Elected Officials for the 2022 General Local Election **APPROVED**

For the purposes of conducting the 2022 general local election for position of Electoral Area A Director on the MVRD Board, the Board appointed a Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer at its January 2022 meeting. A recent staff vacancy has resulted in the need to reconsider those appointments.

The Board rescinded the appointments of Katie Karn as Chief Election Officer and of Janis Knaupp as Deputy Chief Election Officer, and appointed Janis Knaupp as Chief Election Officer and Dorothy Shermer as Deputy Chief Election Officer.

E4.2 UBCM 2022 Community Excellence Awards Nominations **APPROVED**

The UBCM Community Excellence Awards recognize UBCM members that have implemented projects or programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government.

The Board supported submitting entries for the UBCM 2022 Community Excellence Awards, including:

- Excellence in Sustainability: Clean Air Plan
- Excellence in Service Delivery: Enhancement of the Regional Recycling Depot System in Metro Vancouver
- Excellence in Asset Management: Tracking 110,000+ Assets: Metro Vancouver’s State of the Assets Reports

G1.1 MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1349, 2022 APPROVED

Metro Vancouver undertakes an annual process to dedicate regional park land acquired in the previous year. Work is also underway to review regional park land that is not currently dedicated for inclusion in future bylaws. Included in the proposed bylaw, *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw, No. 1349, 2022*, is the regional park land acquired in 2021 and previously undedicated lands in Derby Reach Regional Park.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1349, 2022*, then passed and finally adopted it.

**G1.2 MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Amendment Bylaw No. 1345, 2022 – APPROVED
Amends Bylaw 1061, 2007**

During a detailed review of previously dedicated parkland, it was discovered that there are a number of administrative amendments required in the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1061, 2007*.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1061, 2007*, then passed and finally adopted it.

**G1.3 MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Amendment Bylaw No. 1346, 2022 – APPROVED
Amends Bylaw 1076, 2008**

During a detailed review of previously dedicated parkland, it was discovered that there are a number of administrative amendments required in the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1076, 2008*.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1076, 2008*, then passed and finally adopted said bylaw.

**G1.4 MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Amendment Bylaw No. 1347, 2022 – APPROVED
Amends Bylaw 1111, 2009**

During a detailed review of previously dedicated parkland, it was discovered that there are a number of administrative amendments required in the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1111, 2009*.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1111, 2009*, then passed and finally adopted said bylaw.

**G1.5 MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Amendment Bylaw No. 1348, 2022 – APPROVED
Amends Bylaw 1300, 2020**

During a detailed review of previously dedicated parkland, it was discovered that there are a number of administrative amendments required in the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020*.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020*, then passed and finally adopted the aforementioned bylaw.

**E1.6 MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Amendment Bylaw No. 1344, 2022 – APPROVED
Amends Bylaw 1319, 2021**

During a detailed review of previously dedicated parkland, it was discovered that there are a number of administrative amendments required in the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1319, 2021*. The amendments can be found in the attached bylaw.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1319, 2021*, then passed and finally adopted the aforementioned bylaw.

I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries RECEIVED

The Board received information items and delegation summaries from standing committees.

Regional Parks Committee – June 8, 2022

Information Items:

5.9 t̓əmt̓əx̓w̓t̓ən/Belcarra Regional Park – Joint City of Port Moody and MVRD Bedwell Bay Rd Traffic Study results

In 2021, Metro Vancouver partnered with the City of Port Moody to commission a traffic study for the section of Bedwell Bay Road adjacent and leading up to t̓əmt̓əx̓w̓t̓ən/Belcarra Regional Park.

Ongoing traffic congestion and safety concerns during peak park visitation days, and the desire for an active transportation connection to the park have established a need for safety improvements along this stretch of road.

The traffic study provides recommendations for development of a multi-use path, reconfiguration of the White Pine Beach Access Road and Tum-tumay Whueton Drive intersections, and establishment of dedicated parking at the float walk access area, to enhance existing roadside parking restrictions and digital traffic signboard and social media communication strategies. The traffic study findings have been endorsed by the City of Port Moody Transportation Committee, and will be presented to Port Moody Council for endorsement.

Electoral Area Committee – June 9, 2022

Delegations:

3.1 Steve Dowsley, Co-Founder and President, Burb Cannabis Corporation

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.2 Minister David Eby, MLA, Vancouver Point Grey

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.3 Guangrui (Maggie) Xia, Associate Professor, UBC

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.4 Ming Sally Geng

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.5 Randy Lines, RBL Innovations

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.6 Rishavraj Das, AMD Student Society of UBC

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.7 Connie Chen

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.8 Claire Huxtable

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

3.9 Bert Hicks

Subject: Burb Cannabis Corporation Store in UEL

Climate Action Committee – June 10, 2022

Delegations:

3.1 Tasha Murray, Executive Director, Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, and Kevin Li, Chair, Regional Invasive Species Working Group

Subject: Regional Invasive Species Management Support

Information Items:

5.1 2022 Update on Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund Projects

This report provides an update on 21 projects that were approved for funding in 2018 through to 2021 under the Sustainability Innovation Fund. The projects cover a wide variety of sustainability topics from climate action, air quality monitoring, buildings emissions reduction, to environmental protection and natural asset management. Of the 21 projects, four are now complete, one has been discontinued, and the rest are in progress.

Regional Culture Committee – June 15, 2022

Information Items:

5.1 MAXguide.org Update

Maxguide.org was introduced 11 years ago as a free online tool for the arts and culture community to promote events taking place across the region. The website has seen incremental increases in membership and use over the years however, during the COVID-19 pandemic there was a noticeable decline in website traffic and use. In the last year, as public gathering and events have resumed, website traffic has returned to pre-pandemic volume. An assessment of the continued value of MAXguide.org will be undertaken in the fall of 2022. A report on the assessment will be provided to Committee in 2023.

5.2 Metro Vancouver 2022 Regional Culture Grants: Adjudication Process

Metro Vancouver’s annual regional cultural project grants, funded from the Cultural Grants Reserve, support region-serving arts and culture projects. The allocation of the 2022 grants will continue to factor in considerations related to COVID-19 impacts and adapted project delivery resilient to evolving public health measures.

As was done with the 2021 grants, this year’s grants consider an increase of \$150,000, as part of Metro Vancouver’s restart and recovery support from the Province of BC’s “COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments.” This means the disbursement for 2022 Regional Culture Project Grants could total \$300,000.

Staff will undertake an initial review of all received applications and present shortlisted applications for adjudication by the Committee at its July 21, 2022 meeting. Adjudication will include a recommendation on the grant award for each successful proponent to a cap of \$10,000 per project. The Committee's recommended allocations will be presented to the July 29, 2022 MVRD Board meeting for final approval.

I2 Flood Update

RECIEVED

The Commissioner provided an on-table verbal update about potential flooding resulting from the spring freshet, with potential impacts on Barnston Island in Electoral Area A.

Greater Vancouver Water District

No open agenda items.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

E1.1 Out-of-Region Trucked Liquid Waste Discharge Request (Super Save) APPROVED

Within GVS&DD Trucked Liquid Waste Bylaw No. 345, 2021, effective June 1, 2022 GVS&DD wastewater treatment plants will no longer accept trucked liquid waste generated outside the Metro Vancouver region, unless an out-of-region discharge number is authorized by the Board to assist neighbouring jurisdictions in exceptional circumstances. These discharges would still be subject to all *Trucked Liquid Waste Bylaw* provisions. In May 16, 2022, Super Save Toilet Rentals Inc. applied for discharge of out-of-region waste from Trans Mountain Pipeline construction portable toilets. Staff recommend the Board authorize the issuance of an out-of-region discharge number to Super Save Toilet Rentals Inc. for a four-month duration, to allow Super Save time to secure alternate disposal means. Acceptance for the full requested duration is not recommended because this waste is normally readily accepted at other facilities. This application is due to temporary operational challenges at the District of Hope’s wastewater treatment plant, the past receiver of this waste.

The Board authorized staff to issue an out-of-region discharge number based on the application from Super Save Toilet Rentals Inc. to discharge out-of-region trucked liquid waste from June 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 pursuant to the relevant bylaw as presented.

E1.1 Appointment of Deputy Sewage Control Manager and Enforcement Officer APPROVED

Recent changes in staff have resulted in a need to update staff appointments as Board-designated sewage control managers and officers under the GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw, the Environmental Management Act and the Offence Act.

The Board, pursuant to the GVS&DD Sewer Use Bylaw and the Environmental Management Act:

- rescinded the appointment of former Metro Vancouver employee Grant McGillivray as a deputy sewage control manager and as an officer
- appointed Metro Vancouver employee Maari Hirvi Mayne as a deputy sewage control manager
- appointed City of Vancouver employee Charla Brake as an officer

Additionally, pursuant to Section 28 of the Offence Act for the purpose of serving summons for alleged violations under the Sewer Use Bylaw, the Board rescinded the appointment of former Metro Vancouver employee Grant McGillivray and appointed City of Vancouver employee Charla Brake.

G1.1 Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amending Bylaw No. 356, 2022 – Fraser Sewerage Area – City of Maple Ridge **APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver provides sewerage services to its member jurisdictions and properties requesting regional sewerage services must be located in one of the GVS&DD’s designated sewerage areas. Metro Vancouver received a council resolution from the City of Maple Ridge requesting the Fraser Sewerage Area be amended to include the property located at 13179 224 Street to facilitate a new sewer connection to the property. The property is currently serviced by an on-site treatment system which the City of Maple Ridge indicates cannot be upgraded due to space limitations.

At its May 27, 2022 meeting, the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board resolved that the extension of GVS&DD sewerage services to an existing restaurant and three additional existing businesses at 13179 224 Street in Maple Ridge is consistent with the provisions of *Metro 2040*. A Liquid Waste Services technical review indicated no material financial impact on the Fraser Sewerage Area and negligible additional impact to the regional sewerage system.

The Board gave first, second and third readings to the *GVS&DD Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amending Bylaw No. 356, 2022*, then passed and finally adopted the aforementioned bylaw.

G2.1 GVS&DD Development Cost Charge Rate Amending Bylaw No. 353, 2022 **APPROVED**

As part of a plan to update the liquid waste development cost charge (DCC) program more frequently, a program review was initiated in 2020, with approval from the GVS&DD Board in July 2021 to proceed with engagement on the proposed update to the liquid waste development cost charge program.

Significant engagement with industry, member jurisdictions, First Nations, and the public was undertaken in the fall of 2021 during which feedback and comments were received and addressed. Of note is the inclusion of interest associated with financing growth capital in the calculation of DCC rates based on specific feedback from member jurisdictions. In May 2022, Metro Vancouver received approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for the proposed DCC rates.

The Board passed and finally adopted the DCC amending bylaw.

I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries **RECEIVED**

The Board received information items and delegation summaries from standing committees.

Liquid Waste Committee – June 8, 2022

Information Items:

5.2 2021 GVS&DD Environmental Management and Quality Control Annual Report

Annual reporting of GVS&DD Environmental Management & Quality Control is a regulatory requirement under the *Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan*. This report summarizes the performance, process control, and regional environmental quality information gathered through various monitoring programs and other environmental management initiatives. In 2021, Metro Vancouver wastewater treatment plants met performance expectations with respect to reduction of contaminant loadings to the receiving environment. Regional liquid waste discharges were effectively managed in a manner that is protective of human health and aquatic life.

Zero Waste Committee – June 16, 2022

Information Items:

5.1 Waste-to-Energy Facility 2021 Financial Update

This report provides the annual financial update for the Metro Vancouver Waste-to-Energy Facility. The facility continues to be an environmentally sound, low-cost regional disposal option. In 2021, the Waste-to-Energy Facility processed 241,531 tonnes of municipal solid waste, at a net unit cost of \$66.60 per tonne for operation and maintenance. The Waste-to-Energy Facility net unit cost decreased as compared to 2020, primarily due to increased electrical and metals revenues, and reduced bottom ash disposal costs.

5.2 Summer 2022 Zero Waste Programs and Events

Metro Vancouver continues working towards its zero waste and circular economy goals and is committed to increasing waste diversion. As part of its efforts to encourage and promote reuse, recycling, and responsible disposal of materials, Metro Vancouver is supporting and hosting a variety of zero waste programs and events throughout the summer of 2022. Programs that will be implemented over the summer of 2022 include reuse days at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres, community repair events in collaboration with member jurisdictions, food recovery network online events, and the Electoral Area A barge cleanup event. These new and evolving programs focus on moving up the waste hierarchy towards a local circular, low-carbon economy through collaboration and strategic partnerships.

5.3 2022 Regional Clothing Waste Reduction Campaign Results

Now in its fourth year, Metro Vancouver’s Think Thrice About Your Clothes behaviour change campaign performed strongly in terms of engagement and the number of Metro Vancouver residents reached. The campaign’s goal is to increase diversion of textiles from the waste stream by raising awareness of the textile waste problem and empowering residents to take action. While clothing donation and recycling options were encouraged, the campaign has put additional emphasis on reduction and reuse options. The campaign creative received significant updates for 2022, introducing a new platform that celebrates the lives of “caring owners,” focusing on clothing items clothing and the stories they collect. The promotional strategy included broad reach and targeted digital tactics and delivered over 33 million impressions.

Post campaign research indicates that 55 per cent of residents who saw or heard Metro Vancouver advertising say they are more likely to donate their unwanted clothing, 48 per cent are more likely to buy clothing that lasts longer, 38 per cent are more likely to repair clothing, and 35 per cent are more likely to buy less clothing.

5.4 Update on Metro Vancouver's Participation in the Love Food Hate Waste Canada Campaign

As part of its commitment to waste prevention, Metro Vancouver successfully launched a regional Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW) campaign in 2015. LFHW inspires and empowers people to prevent household food waste. Building on the success of the regional campaign, the National Zero Waste Council, an initiative of Metro Vancouver, launched a national campaign engaging audiences across Canada through a partnership arrangement. Metro Vancouver is one of eight partners in this cross-Canada, bilingual campaign to prevent food waste. As a partner, Metro Vancouver receives creative for regional activations and benefits from national media buys, access to influencers, and press outreach. The campaign performed strongly regionally with close to four million total impressions, a reach of close to three million people, and close to 30,000 social media engagements. The national campaign delivered over 29.8 million impressions.