

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, October 27, 2017**

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**Metro Vancouver Regional District****Electric Mobility Canada's 8th Annual EV/VÉ Conference and Trade Show****RECEIVED**

Metro Vancouver received a report on Electric Mobility Canada's 8th Annual EV/VÉ Conference and Trade Show, which was attended by a Metro Vancouver Director and a staff member from the Parks, Planning and Environment Department. Electric Mobility Canada is a national membership-based not-for-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the promotion of electric mobility as an available and important solution to Canada's emerging energy and environmental issues.

**Strata Energy Advisor Program – Additional Information Regarding Air Quality Reserve Request****APPROVED**

The Board approved a request to contribute \$192,500 from the Air Quality Reserve to fund the delivery of a revised Strata Energy Advisor pilot program. The Program will pilot the effectiveness of an "energy coaching and training" approach to overcoming the behavioural and cultural barriers that have been identified to inhibit energy efficiency and GHG emissions reduction in stratas.

**Consultation on Potential Amendments to the Metro Vancouver Automotive Refinishing Emission Regulation Bylaw****APPROVED**

The MVRD Board agreed to begin consultations on potential amendments, including updates to regulatory scope, standards and requirements, to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Automotive Refinishing Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1086, 2008 (Bylaw 1086) to address concerns that vehicle/equipment refinishing facilities in Metro Vancouver release air contaminants associated with adverse health effects.

**Staff Appointments as Board-designated Officers****APPROVED**

The MVRD Board appointed Brendan Smith as an officer under the Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw and the Environmental Management Act, while rescinding the appointments of Jeffrey Gogol, Grace Cockle and Alexander Clifford and former Metro Vancouver employees Terry Sunar, Johanna Hercun and Francis Yuen.

**Air Quality Advisories During the Summer of 2017****RECEIVED**

The Board received a report on the number of air quality advisories issued by Metro Vancouver during the summer of 2017. The wildfire smoke episodes of 2017 were unprecedented in terms of their duration and geographic scope, leading to broad regional impacts.

Staff was also directed to report back to committee on the feasibility of installing additional air quality monitoring stations south of the Fraser River.

**Response to Delegations about Metro Vancouver's Air Quality Permitting Process****RECEIVED**

The Board received a report outlining the response to issues concerning two air quality permit applications raised by delegates at the July 5, 2017 Climate Action Committee Meeting. The concerns focused on air quality permit applications by Weir Canada Inc. (Weir) and Ebco Metal Finishing Limited Partnership (Ebco), both of which are located in Southeast Surrey.

**Consultation on a Residential Wood Smoke Regulation for Metro Vancouver****APPROVED**

The Board agreed to start consultations on proposals to regulate the emission of wood smoke from indoor residential wood burning activities. Restricting emissions of wood smoke from indoor residential wood burning is recognized as a polarizing issue and could potentially require the future adoption of a bylaw by Metro Vancouver that would apply to the general public in their homes.

**2017 Community to Community Forum****RECEIVED**

The Board received an information report on the 2017 Community to Community Forum with the Tsawwassen First Nation. The forum provides an opportunity to bring together First Nations and local governments to foster positive relationships between communities.

**Quarterly Report on Reconciliation Activities****RECEIVED**

The Board received a quarterly report on reconciliation activities, aimed discussed strengthening relationships with local First Nations.

**TransLink Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund for 2019 Fleet Expansion and Modernization** **APPROVED**

The Board approved \$121.150 million in federal gas tax funding from the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund for the several transit projects proposed by TransLink for 2019, including double-decker diesel buses, conventional 40' and 60' hybrid buses, more HandyDART shuttles and community shuttle gasoline vehicles. TransLink will be testing the viability of double decker buses beginning in October 2017 using two leased vehicles for a three-month trial period, but this will not be included in the funding.

**2016 Greater Vancouver Regional Fund Semi-Annual Report** **RECEIVED**

The Board MVRD Board received the first status report from TransLink on its active projects funded by federal gas tax funds through the Greater Vancouver Regional Fund (GVRF) as of December 31, 2016. The report also provides an overview of future funding requests in relationship to the current 10-year investment plan and the Mayors' Council vision.

**Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Entity Updates on the 2017 Homeless Count** **RECEIVED**

The Board received the final results from the 2017 Homeless Count in Metro Vancouver, which was held over a 24-hour period between March 7 and 8, 2017. The Aboriginal Homelessness 2017 Count in Metro Vancouver and the 2017 Homeless Count Final Report were published September 25 and 26, respectively, generating widespread media coverage on the issues of homelessness. The 2017 Report on Homelessness in the Lower Mainland, a joint effort of communities in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, was published October 4.

**Changes in Voting Strength and Director Representation on the Board** **RECEIVED**

The Board received a report on the changes to voting allocation and director representation as a result of population changes identified in the 2016 Federal Census. These changes affect the board's composition by increasing the number of directors to 40. holding among them 134 votes. This change takes effect November 1, 2017.

**Delegations Received at Committee October 2017** **RECEIVED**

The Board received a report containing submissions received from the following delegates, Dale Littlejohn, Executive Director, Community Energy Association (CEA), in October. Littlejohn spoke to the Climate Action Committee about local government collaborations, Federal funding for climate change projects and energy actions, and CEA activities. No further action was taken.

**Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements** **APPROVED**

The Board adopted an amendment to Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040) to reflect accepted Regional Context Statements from the Township of Langley, City of Surrey and City of North Vancouver.

**Greater Vancouver Water District****Summer 2017 Water Supply Performance** **RECEIVED**

The GVWD Board received a preliminary review of water use and water supply system performance during summer 2017. Peak water use Greater Vancouver Water District was above the levels seen in 2016, but below the levels seen in the 2015 drought year and other recent years, likely benefiting from water conservation campaigns by Metro Vancouver and member local governments.

**Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District****Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Projects – Project Definition Phase Update** **RECEIVED**

The GVS&DD Board received an update on the work completed to date for the Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Projects. The project includes upgrading the service capacity of the treatment plant; a new pump station and sanitary sewer overflow storage tank sited next to the existing Katzie Pump Station; a drilled river crossing under the Fraser River; and investigating several options for placement of the new larger outfall.

**2017 Regional Grease Campaign – Wipe It, Green Bin It** **RECEIVED**

The GVS&DD Board received a report on the 2017 regional campaign (Wipe it, Green Bin), which aims to reduce the disposal of grease into the regional sewer system. Metro Vancouver will be launching a regional campaign in 2017 to target residential sources of grease, which can cause clogs and sewer overflows into homes, businesses and the environment.

**Expanded Polystyrene Disposal Ban Consultation Summary and Proposed Implementation Approach** **APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board received a report on the consultation activities and feedback on a potential Expanded Polystyrene Disposal Ban. Metro Vancouver is proposing an Expanded Polystyrene Disposal Ban at Regional Facilities, with an initial threshold of 20% and a surcharge of 100% of the Tipping Fee.

As with other disposal bans, the ban would begin with an educational period where no surcharges are issued to allow customers, businesses and recycling facilities to adjust to the new requirement.

### **Generator Levy and Commercial Hauler Licensing Update**

**APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board agreed to move ahead with plans prepare bylaws on the Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generator Levy and Commercial Hauler Licensing. Under the proposed Generator Levy, all residential, commercial and institutional generators of solid waste would be required to contribute to the fixed costs of transfer stations and solid waste planning. Haulers would be required to collect and remit the Generator Levy to Metro Vancouver.

### **Bylaw 181 Review Update**

**APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board directed staff to prepare a bylaw to replace Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw No. 181, 1996.

### **Composting Best Practices Study**

**APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board directed staff to work with local member jurisdictions and other stakeholders to review solid waste regulatory requirements for organics facilities as part of the 2018 work plan and incorporate the key findings of the 2017 Composting Best Practices study into future regulatory and procurement processes.

### **Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy Update**

**APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board directed staff to determine how to reduce waste from Single-Use Items such as disposable cups, take-out containers and shopping bags on a regional level, based on the City of Vancouver's Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy.

### **Staff Appointments as a Board-designated Officers pursuant to Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw**

**APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board, pursuant to Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw, appointed the following officers: Permitting and Enforcement Officers Craig Shishido, Kristen Beattie, Donna Hargreaves and Brendon Smith and Senior

Project Engineers Maari Hirvi Mayne, and Rob Kemp. The appointments of Don Miller, Francis Yuen, and Terry Sunar were rescinded.

**Delegations Received at Committee October 2017****RECEIVED**

The GVS&DD Board received a report on the delegations to the Zero Waste Committee in October, which included Josh JansenVandoorn, Super Save Group; Angus Gardner, Belkorp; and Steve Bryan, WMABC. The delegations related Generator Levy and Commercial Hauler Licensing Update and Bylaw 181 Review Update.

**Development Cost Charge Review Process and Rate Amending Bylaw****APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board approved the implementation of new Development Cost Charge rates, effective date of May 1st, 2018. It also adopted the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Amending Bylaw No. 305, 2017 and directed staff to forward the bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

**GVS&DD Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Bylaw No. 306, 2017****APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board adopted several changes to its tipping fee bylaw for 2018, including a three per cent increase in garbage tipping fees, a new Surcharge for Expanded Polystyrene Packaging and a new \$50 deposit for customers with a rental vehicle, out-of-province or dealer licence plate, or who previously left without payment, among others.

**Metro Vancouver Regional District Parks****2017 Annual Visitor Use and Program Statistics Preview****RECEIVED**

The Board received a preview of 2017 Regional Parks annual visitor use and program statistics as of August 31, 2017. For the first eight months of 2017, nearly 8.2 million visits were recorded (a decrease of 0.5% from 2016). As visitation is strongly correlated to weather conditions, 2017's extended winter and wet spring contributed to a decline in visitors over the first four months compared to last year. Conversely, the warm and dry summer and the addition of Grouse Mountain Regional Park contributed to a visitation increase of 9.9% from May to August over 2016.