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Board in Brief

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Actions taken by the
GVRD Board of Directors
at its meeting on January 25, 2008

MATERIAL RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Bill Morrell
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Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

DELEGATIONS

Suspension of the Rules

Approved

The GVRD Board suspended its rules of procedure regarding board delegations at its meeting scheduled for January 25, 2008.

John Ranta, Mayor, Village of Cache Creek, and Mike Retasket, Chief, Bonaparte Indian Band

Heard

John Ranta, Mayor, Village of Cache Creek, expressed concerns about Metro Vancouver plans to discontinue landfilling in the Interior of British Columbia. Abandonment of the Cache Creek landfill extension option will lead to significant job loss and will impact the economy of Cache Creek and the surrounding area. The Cache Creek Landfill Extension proposal was not considered as part of the Dillon Consulting report; the Board was requested to delay its decision until a public meeting on the Cache Creek Landfill Extension proposal is held in the Village of Cache Creek.

Mike Retasket, Chief, Bonaparte Indian Band, informed members about a communication protocol signed with the Village of Cache Creek and expressed a willingness to cooperate with Metro Vancouver and the Province on the Cache Creek Landfill extension.



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Chief Pasco, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council

Heard

Chief Pasco, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council, commended Metro Vancouver's proposal to abandon Ashcroft Ranch and Highland Valley as future landfills and requested that Metro Vancouver and the Province work together with First Nations on interim and long-term disposal solutions for the region. He spoke in support of the Cache Creek Landfill Extension, which provides job opportunities for First Nations in the area.

**David Walkem, Chief, Cook's Ferry Indian Band, and
Greg Blaine, Chief, Ashcroft Band**

Heard

David Walkem, Chief, Cook's Ferry Indian Band, expressed concerns that the community consultation program was directed to consult with Tribal Councils only and individual communities were not included in the process. Cook's Ferry Indian Band has a legal agreement specifying that Highland Valley Area will be reverted back to the Cooks' Ferry Indian Band once the mining operation ceases. Even though the band is a member of Nlaka'pamux Nation, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council does not speak for the band which is not opposed to the Highland Valley proposal in principle.

Greg Blaine, Chief, Ashcroft Band, requested that individual bands be part of the consultation process.

Joyce Thayer, Cornwall Watershed Coalition

Heard

Joyce Thayer, Cornwall Watershed Coalition, and environmental lawyer, representing residents adjacent to the proposed Ashcroft Landfill, commended the Board on its proposal to shift from waste disposal through landfilling in the Interior to more sustainable and progressive alternatives, such as composting and waste reduction.

Ella Brown, Mayor, Logan Lake

Heard

Ella Brown, Mayor, Logan Lake, spoke in support of the Highland Valley proposal. She requested that the Board decision be postponed until the consultation process carried out by Dillon Consulting be completed. She requested that First Nations bands and interior communities be included in the consultation process and suggested that a task force comprising BC Interior communities and First Nations, Metro Vancouver and UBCM be established to work on a waste disposal solution for Metro Vancouver.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

**Authorization for the Waste Management Committee Chair to
visit Waste to Energy facilities in Paris**

Approved

The Board authorized Director Hunt to visit waste to energy facilities in Paris and requested that he report back to the GVSDD Board on that visit. Staff are

authorized to reimburse Director Hunt for appropriate documented expenses up to a maximum of \$1,500 in connection with the Paris visit.

Cache Creek Landfill Replacement Process

Approved

The Board approved the following actions:

- a) Abandoning plans to replace the Cache Creek Landfill through continued landfilling in the interior of British Columbia, and instead focus its attention and efforts on the Zero Waste Challenge, the establishment of local composting and waste-to-energy processing capacity, and the use of the Vancouver Landfill and/or Washington State landfill(s) for the disposal of any residuals; and
- b) Establishing a task force with representation from Metro Vancouver, the City of Vancouver and the Corporation of Delta that will work towards a possible agreement to establish Vancouver Landfill as a possible immediate and long-term residual waste management facility for the region.

Strategy to Update the Solid Waste Management Plan

Received

The Board received for information a discussion document titled "Strategy for Updating the Solid Waste Management Plan".

Strategy to Update the Liquid Waste Management Plan

Received

The Board received for information a discussion document titled "Strategy for Updating the Liquid Waste Management Plan".

Greater Vancouver Regional District

CONSENT AGENDA

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – December 2007 **Received**

The Board received for information the report dated January 17, 2008 titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – December 2007".

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Metro Vancouver Appointments to External Agencies – 2008 **Approved**

- a) **Agriculture Advisory Committee**
The Board appointed Kurt Alberts as representative to the Agriculture Advisory Committee for 2008.
- b) **Board of Trustees of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department**
The Board appointed Michael Wright as representative to the Board of Trustees of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department for 2008.
- c) **Delta Heritage Airpark Management Committee**
The Board appointed Moe Gill as representative to the Delta Heritage Airpark Management Committee for 2008.

d) **Flood Control and River Management Committee of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association**

The Board appointed Barbara Steele, Mel Kositsky, Krista Engelland, and Linda Barnes as representatives to the Flood Control and River Management Committee of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for 2008.

e) **Fraser Basin Council**

The Board appointed Richard Walton as Metro Vancouver representative to the Fraser Basin Council for 2008.

f) **Fraser Valley Library Board**

The Board appointed Gayle Martin as Metro Vancouver representative and Mel Kositsky as alternate representative to the Fraser Valley Library Board for 2008.

g) **Greater Vancouver Economic Council**

The Board appointed Peter Ladner as Metro Vancouver representative to the Greater Vancouver Economic Council for 2008.

h) **Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau**

The Board appointed Judith Higginbotham as Metro Vancouver representative and Kim Capri as alternate representative to the Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau for 2008.

i) **GVRD/UBC (University of British Columbia) Joint Committee**

The Board appointed Gary Gibson, Suzanne Anton, and Elizabeth Ball as Metro Vancouver representatives and Ralph Drew as Metro Vancouver alternate representative to the GVRD/UBC (University of British Columbia) Joint Committee for 2008.

j) **International Centre for Sustainable Cities**

The Board appointed Derek Corrigan as Metro Vancouver representative to the International Centre for Sustainable Cities Board of Directors for 2008.

k) **Lower Mainland Local Government Association**

The Board appointed Barbara Steele as Metro Vancouver representative to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for 2008.

l) **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee**

The Board appointed Ralph Drew as Metro Vancouver representative to the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee for 2008.

m) **Municipal Finance Authority**

The Board appointed the following as Metro Vancouver representatives to the Municipal Finance Authority for 2008:

<u>Representatives</u>	<u>Alternate Representatives</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Marvin Hunt	Linda Hepner	5
Derek Corrigan	Colleen Jordan	5
Wayne Wright	Michael Wright	5
Malcolm Brodie	Sam Sullivan	5
Richard Walton	Pamela Goldsmith- Jones	5
Darrell Mussatto	Mae Reid	5
Gayle Martin	Peter Ladner	5
Tim Stevenson	Kim Capri	4
Don MacLean	Dianne Watts	4

- n) **Pacific Parklands Foundation**
The Board appointed Mel Kositsky as Metro Vancouver representative to the Pacific Parklands Foundation for 2008.
- o) **Regional Parks Forum**
The Board appointed Bruce Drake as Metro Vancouver representative to the Regional Parks Forum for 2008.
- p) **Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC)**
The Board appointed Lois E. Jackson as Metro Vancouver representative and Derek Corrigan as alternate representative to the Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC) for 2008 and authorized the attendance of either Director at WESTAC's semi-annual meetings in the spring and fall at a time and place to be determined.

The Chair advised that a task force will be struck to conduct a corporate and organizational review and to assess corporate outcomes. Director Don MacLean, Chair, and Director Joe Trasolini, Vice Chair, were requested to draft the terms of reference of the task force and forward them to the Board for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

Report to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors on David Cadman's ICLEI Expenses for 2007 and Proposed Expenses for 2008

Approved

The Board will reimburse the \$3,708.87 overage of the 2007 budget set for Alternate Director David Cadman for remuneration and expenses for attendance at ICLEI related events. The Board approved a 2008 global budget in the amount of \$34,000 for remuneration and expenses for attendance by Alternate Director David Cadman at ICLEI related events in 2008.

Climate Protection Agreement

Approved

A notice of motion was provided requesting that the Board endorse the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference on December 12, 2007. This item will be considered at the next Board meeting.