

# Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, April 23, 2010

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## Greater Vancouver Water District

### Draft Audited 2009 Financial Statements

Approved

The GVWD Board approved the Audited 2009 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Water District.

### Status of Reserves

Approved

The GVWD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated March 29, 2010. The water district applied \$5,609,959 from operating reserves to reduce debt or pay down existing debt.

### Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2009

Received

The Board received the report titled *Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2009*, dated March 29, 2010 for information. The water district is projecting a favourable variance of \$14,790,000 (4.9 per cent) upon completion of ongoing projects.

## Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

### BC Ferries' Request to Pump Ship Wastewater to the GVS&DD Sewerage System

Approved

The Board approved BC Ferries' request to pump ship wastewater ashore at Tsawwassen from four BC Ferries' vessels to the GVS&DD system via the Corporation of Delta's municipal collection system. Average daily flow from BC Ferries was estimated at about one-tenth of one per cent of the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant's capacity.



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**Second Regional Organics Processing Facility****Approved**

Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge includes a goal of diverting an additional 280,000 tonnes per year of organic wastes away from disposal by 2015. Surrey is considering partnering with Metro Vancouver to build a facility that could accept food and yard waste from residential and commercial sources and produce a vehicle-grade biofuel. The Board authorized staff to establish a second regional organics processing facility in the City of Surrey.

**Draft Audited 2009 Financial Statements****Approved**

The Board approved the Audited 2009 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District.

**Status of Reserves****Approved**

The GVS&DD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the report titled "*Status of Reserves*" dated March 29, 2010. The solid waste function incurred a 2009 operating deficit due primarily to lower than anticipated waste flows during the year. Operating reserves of more than \$11 million were applied to fund the deficit.

**Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2009****Approved**

That the Board receive the report titled *Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2009*, dated March 29, 2010 for information. The sewerage and drainage district projected a favourable variance of \$14,790,000 (4.9 per cent) upon completion of ongoing projects.

**Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 254, 2010****Approved**

A new bylaw was required to allow regional development cost charges to be waived for affordable housing developments. The Board adopted the bylaw.

**Website for the Draft Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Public Consultation (Presentation)****Received**

David Hocking, Corporate Communications Division Manager, made an oral presentation about additional information added to metrovancover.org – including a question and answer section about the draft plan – to support the public consultation process.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District****Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership****Referred**

The Intergovernmental Committee recommended that the Board support sending a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Executive and members of the FCM Board, requesting that Metro Vancouver be invited and allowed to become a full fledged member of FCM without the requirement and duplication of payment of the per capita member fees. The Board referred the matter back to the Intergovernmental Committee for further consideration.

**Approved**

**Draft Audited 2009 Financial Statements**

The GVRD Board approve the Audited 2009 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and received for information the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation Audited 2009 Financial Statements.

**2009 Financial Results Year-End**

**Approved**

The Board received the report titled "2009 Financial Results Year-End" dated March 30, 2010 for information.

**Status of Reserves**

**Approved**

The GVRD Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the report titled "Status of Reserves" dated March 29, 2010.

**Remuneration of Electoral Area Director Position**

**Approved**

The Board directed staff to conduct a review of compensation, duties and responsibilities of the electoral area director position, taking into consideration meeting payments and the geographic size of the electoral area, and bring back a recommendation to the Finance Committee.

**Metro Vancouver Attendance at Canada Housing and Renewal Association Annual Congress**

**Approved**

That the Board authorize the attendance of Director Goldsmith-Jones at the Canada Housing and Renewal Association Annual Congress being held in Quebec City from June 2 to 5, 2010 at an estimated cost of \$5,340, and direct that a Metro Vancouver senior staff member accompany the Director.

**Metro Vancouver 2010 Action Plan**

**Approved**

The Board endorsed the Metro Vancouver 2010 Action Plan, as recommended by the Standing Committees.

Key highlights include:

- Complete the solid waste management plan approval process and establish the first of a system of Eco-Centres that provide easy public access to waste reduction, reuse and recycling opportunities, and begin construction of a biofuel plant for the beneficial use of food and other organic materials.
- Adopt a new regional growth strategy, Metro Vancouver 2040, to help achieve the fundamental liveability and sustainability goals of the region.
- Reduce diesel particulate emissions from non-road engines and equipment, increase air quality monitoring stations in the Fraser Valley and implement a wood smoke reduction program.
- Open the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Plant, providing filtered drinking water to over one million residents in the region.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Road Dedication of Part of Tynehead Regional Park for the Port Mann/Highway 1 Project Bylaw No. 1123, 2010**

**Approved**

The Board approved a resolution to:

- a) Give leave to introduce "Greater Vancouver Regional District Road Dedication of Part of Tynehead Regional Park for the Port Mann/Highway 1 Project Bylaw No. 1123, 2010 (the "Bylaw") and that it be read a first, second and third time;
- b) Direct staff to implement an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant section 797.5 of the Local Government Act;
- c) Establish the deadline for receiving elector responses as June 11, 2010;
- d) Establish elector response forms in the form attached;
- e) Determine that the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 1,552,655; and
- f) Direct staff to report the results of the alternative elector approval process to the Board and if approval has been obtained, bring the Bylaw forward for final reading and adoption by the Board.

**2010 Special Park Districts Forum June 27-30, 2010, Charleston, South Carolina** **Approved**

That the Board approve the attendance and payment of expenses (about \$10,000 in total) for two Parks Committee members at the 2010 Special Park Districts Forum, June 27-30, 2010 at Charleston County in Charleston, South Carolina as stated in the report "2010 Special Park Districts Forum" dated March 10, 2010.

**International Regions Benchmarking Consortium – Conference and Membership** **Referred**

The Intergovernmental Committee recommended the Board:

- a) Appoint or authorize the Chair to appoint a Metro Vancouver Director to participate in the Third Annual International Regions Benchmarking Consortium conference in Fukuoka, Japan, July 7-9, 2010, at an estimated cost of \$12,539;
- b) Direct a staff person to be part of the delegation accompanying the Director; and
- c) Refer to staff the matter of financial remuneration related to travel and bring forward a report to the Finance Committee.

The Board referred the recommendation back to the Intergovernmental Committee for further consideration.

**Web-based Arts and Culture Regional Calendar – Part I: Feasibility Study and Part II: Business Plan** **Referred**

The Regional Culture Committee recommended that the GVRD Board endorse Option 3 as outlined in Attachment 2 of the report dated March 12, 2010 titled – "*Web-based Arts and Culture Regional Calendar – Part I: Feasibility Study and Part II: Business Plan*".

Metro Vancouver initially sets up the website in close co-operation with all local authorities, and with outside organization(s), then manages the content in a collaborative mode with an outside organization (the Alliance for Arts and Culture), while continuing to support the technical maintenance.

After hearing oral submissions from Metro Vancouver consultant Lidia Varbanova and Georgia Straight Editor Charlie Smith, the Board referred the proposal back to the Regional Culture Committee for further consideration.