

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, October 16, 2009

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

2009 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grant Awards

Approved

The Board designated the following organizations as being eligible for a total of \$100,000 in regional funding assistance:

Arts Club Theatre Company: \$8,500
Axis Theatre Society: \$5,000
Carousel Theatre: \$6,000
Chor Leoni: \$3,000
Dream Rider: \$5,000
Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance: \$3,000
Green Thumb Players Society: \$8,500
Pacific Cinematheque: \$6,000
Pacific Theatre: \$2,000
Playhouse Theatre: \$6,000
Presentation House: \$5,000
Richmond Gateway Theatre: \$3,000
Vancouver East Cultural Centre: \$6,000
Vancouver Opera Association: \$12,500
Vancouver Symphony Society: \$14,500
Vancouver Theatre Sports: \$6,000

Additional Retailers' Participation in Metro Vancouver's Wood Stove Exchange Program

Approved

A new wood stove exchange program offers a \$250 rebate to owners of older wood stoves who turn in their old stoves and buy a new low-emission wood stove.

The Board authorized the participation of additional wood burning appliance retailers in Metro Vancouver's wood stove exchange program by:

- a) Directing staff to publish Metro Vancouver's intention to work with additional wood burning appliance retailers listed in (b) below to carry out the program, and



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- b) Authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a partnering agreement with each of the following retailers to establish the terms and conditions of the services they would provide to Metro Vancouver as part of the program:

Big Valley Heating & Sheet Metal, Maple Ridge, BC
Bridge Fireplace Group, Port Coquitlam, BC
Fireplaces To Go, Coquitlam, BC
Fireplaces Unlimited, A Division of Fastgo System Inc., Burnaby, BC
Gasland Equipment & Fireplaces Inc., Surrey, BC
Vancouver Gas Fireplaces Ltd., Vancouver, BC
The SHP Fireplace Warehouse, Richmond, BC
Western Fireplace and Energy Services Inc., Abbotsford, BC.

Joint Metro Vancouver Environment and Energy Committee and Fraser Valley Regional District Environment Committee Meetings **Approved**

At an earlier Environment and Energy Committee meeting, the committee emphasized the importance of proactive dialogue with the Fraser Valley Regional District on air quality and other issues of mutual concern.

The Board directed staff to contact the Fraser Valley Regional District Environment Committee to discuss quarterly joint meetings with the Metro Vancouver Environment and Energy Committee focused on airshed and other jointly relevant issues, and also invite a member of the Sea-to-Sky Air Quality Coordinating Committee to attend the meetings.

Climate Change Adaptation Risk Management Guide for Municipalities Workshop **Approved**

Natural Resources Canada is working on a guide and a common process that can be used by municipalities to identify and analyse risks that will be caused or increased due to climate change or global warming, so adaptation measures can be identified.

The Board:

- a) authorized Metro Vancouver to host a workshop on the Climate Change Adaptation Risk Management Guide for Municipalities as described in the attachment to the report dated October 6, 2009, titled "Climate Change Adaptation Risk Management Workshop";
b) and b) authorize the expenditure of funding associated with hosting the workshop.

GVRD Representative on the 2009-2010 UBCM Executive **Approved**

The Board called for nominations from among its members for the election of a GVRD representative to serve on the 2009-2010 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive.