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## **Board in Brief**

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**Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District** 

Actions taken by the **GVRD Board of Directors** at its meeting on February 29, 2008

MATERIAL RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST Bill Morrell 604-451-6107

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

## Funding for Microsludge Project at Lulu Wastewater Treatment Plant

Approved

The Board directed staff to include funding for the biogas-to-energy project proposing the use of the MicroSludge technology at the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, up to a maximum of \$3 million, in the capital budget for 2008 as the GVS&DD project contribution - subject to the project receiving senior government funding.

## Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Timberline Ranch - District of Maple Ridge

Approved

The Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the footprint of the developed portion of Timberline Ranch at 22351 – 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Maple Ridge as shown on Plan SA-2376, Sheet 38.

## Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 200th Street between 4th and 16th Avenue, Township of Langley

Approved

The Board approved the expansion of the Fraser Sewerage Area to include the properties located at 551, 607, 885, 999, 1053, 1117, 1210, 1361, and 1403 200th Street in the Township of Langley as shown on plan SA-2376, Sheet 32 and described in the report titled "Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 200<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Township of Langley" subject to the following conditions:

> The sewerage area expansion will include only the area defined a) by the footprint of the buildings to be connected on each of the

subject properties.

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b) Prior to the Township of Langley approving a sanitary sewer connection for the subject properties a covenant under Section 219 of the Land Titles Act be registered on title for each of the applicable properties limiting use and development on the subject properties to the land use and lot size policies as specified for the Small Farm/Country Estate designation within the Township of Langley's current Rural Plan.

## Completion of Cloverdale Sanitary Sewer Overflow Storage Facility

Received

The Board received for information the report dated January 31, 2008, titled "Completion of Cloverdale Sanitary Sewer Overflow Storage Facility".

## Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – January 2008

Received

The Board received for information the report dated February 19, 2008, titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – January 2008".

#### ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

# Updating the Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plans: Proposed Consultation Program

**Approved** 

The Board approved the proposed consultation program for updating the Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plans with the additional requirement that a representative from each Reference Panel report directly to the Waste Management Committee.

### **Extension of Sewer Servicing to East Langley**

Approved

- The Board approved the addition of \$1 million for the South Surrey Interceptor – North Nicomekl Trunk Sewer design to the capital budget for 2008; and
- b) The approval is conditional upon the Township of Langley developing an engineering and financial plan to address the current and future wet weather flows in the Township of Langley.

## Anmore's Request to Connect to the Regional Sewer System

Approved

The Board supported the Village of Anmore's request to become a member of the GVS&DD and expand the Fraser Sewage Area to accept sewage from the Anmore Green Estates development subject to:

- The Village of Anmore entering into an agreement with the City of Port Moody, satisfactory to the GVS&DD, to accept sewage flows;
- ii. The Village of Anmore entering into an entry agreement with the GVS&DD.

## Marketing Behaviour Change for Zero Waste

**Approved** 

The Board approved:

a) Adopting the proposed six-step social marketing program as the key element in Zero Waste Challenge behaviour change activities;

- b) Appointing a committee comprising community advocates, social marketers, stakeholders, elected officials, and regional and municipal staff to guide program development; and
- c) Inviting Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr to deliver a workshop on community-based social marketing for elected officials, staff, and representatives of stakeholder groups in Metro Vancouver.

#### MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

#### **Regional Waste Options**

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has elected not to participate in the task force meetings with Delta and Metro Vancouver to work towards a possible agreement to establish the Vancouver Landfill as a possible interim and long-term residual waste management facility for the entire region as recommended by the Metro Vancouver Board until such time as a consultant can be retained and the implications for the City of Vancouver can be assessed;

AND WHEREAS the participation of the City of Vancouver at these meetings is necessary for any changes to the Operating Certificate of the Vancouver Landfill;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver was not one of the submissions under the Expression of Interest for the replacement of the Cache Creek Landfill;

AND WHEREAS the Vancouver Landfill is already operating at full capacity of its 750,000 tonne Operating Certificate;

AND WHEREAS a major amendment to the Vancouver Landfill's Operating Certificate is required to accept the waste currently being delivered to the Cache Creek Landfill will require an Environmental Assessment and will likely result in concerns and issues being raised by First Nation's and other interested parties;

AND WHEREAS there is already the need for additional capacity with respect to the disposal of Regional waste;

AND WHEREAS it is advantageous to build redundancy into the Region's waste disposal capacity;

AND WHEREAS Rabanco is currently in the position to accept the Regions Waste, wants to do so, is only operating at about half of its annual capacity and requires no guarantees on waste volumes, therefore, supporting the Regions pursuit of the Zero Waste Challenge without penalty;

AND WHEREAS the host community of Roosevelt invited the Landfill into the region and supports the operation of the Landfill;

AND WHEREAS the geographical location, the hydrogeology and the topography of the Roosevelt Landfill make it compatible with a landfill operation;

AND WHEREAS the use of rail as transport system is significantly more environmentally friendly than long haul trucking and will reduce the Region's carbon foot print;

AND WHEREAS the transportation infrastructure to move waste to Rabanco is already in place;

AND WHEREAS the cost of using Rabanco as a waste disposal alternative is in line with current disposal costs and requires no significant capital investment;

AND WHEREAS no current laws exist to limit the export of waste to Rabanco and BC garbage has been and continues to be shipped to Rabanco for the last ten years;

AND WHEREAS Rabanco is the only remaining alternative from Metro Vancouver's Expressions of Interest for replacement of the Cache Creek Landfill as identified by an independent evaluator and the Metro Vancouver Board;

AND WHEREAS the Roosevelt Landfill recaptures gas that is utilized by a Public Utility to provide power to homes in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Roosevelt Landfill meets or exceeds all operational requirements necessary for the operation of a BC landfill;

AND WHEREAS the use of Waste to Energy Facilities in the Region require further review and the use of theses facilities as a viable long-term solution is still years away;

AND WHEREAS the update of the Region's Solid Waste Management Plan needs more time and consultation than the current closure time of the Cache Creek Landfill will allow;

AND WHEREAS it may be possible to introduce the use of Rabanco into the Solid Waste Management Plan as a minor amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that approval from the Minister be sought to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to allow Regional waste to be delivered to Rabanco;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Metro Vancouver staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with Rabanco to accept Regional waste until such time as the use of Waste to Energy Facilities can be implemented in the Region.

Verbal update from the GVRD Task Force on Role of Vancouver Landfill in Future Solid Waste Management Plan

Received

Director Wright, Chair, GVRD Task Force on Role of Vancouver Landfill in Future Solid Waste Management Plan, informed the Board that the Task Force was struck to explore the potential and implications of using Vancouver Landfill as an interim solution for waste disposal for the region. The Task Force will report its findings to the Board through the Waste Management Committee.

The Board received for information the verbal update of February 29, 2008 regarding the GVRD Task Force on Role of Vancouver Landfill in future Solid Waste Management Plan.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

## Correspondence from the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment

#### **Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to provide an update on the status of the Board's request to ban the sale of 15-litre non-refillable polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers.

# On-table Correspondence from Roderick M. Bryden, President and CEO, PlascoEnergy Group

The Board directed staff and the Waste Management Committee to arrange a workshop on alternative waste disposal technologies.

### **Greater Vancouver Water District**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

# Public Comment on the Progress Report for the Drinking Water Management Plan

The Board received for information the report dated February 1, 2008, titled "Public Comment on the Progress Report for the Drinking Water Management Plan".

## Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status

The Board received the report titled "Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status", dated January 28, 2008 for information.

## **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

#### **DELEGATIONS**

## **BC Greenhouse Growers' Association**

Markus Janzen spoke on behalf of BC Agricultural Council, BC Greenhouse Growers' Association, and United Flower Growers' Cooperative Association. The Board was requested to suspend public consultation on the proposed Amendment to the Air Quality Management Bylaw until the Province has completed its regulatory amendments concerning agricultural air emissions or to revise the proposed amendments to exempt agricultural operations prior to further consultation. Setting emission levels at 15 mg/m3 may not be guaranteed by most wood boiler manufacturers. This would prohibit the use of biomass fuel for greenhouse food production, which is in direct contradiction to initiatives of provincial and federal governments encouraging the use of biomass as a fossil fuels substitute. It would also reduce on-farm energy options leading to restriction of local food production in favor of increased food dependency on food import.

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The Board received for information the delegation of February 29, 2008 from Marcus Janzen, BC Greenhouse Growers' Association, BC Agricultural Council, and United Flower Growers' Cooperative Association.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Climate Change Received

Rick Searle, EKOS Communications, was present to introduce a project concerning climate change adaptation. The purpose of the project is to facilitate knowledge transfer among Fraser Basin Council municipalities on how to adapt municipal infrastructure to rising sea levels. The Board viewed a documentary elaborating on the impact of rising sea levels on Greater Vancouver and on the necessity to commence work on climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Staff was requested to distribute a copy of the presentation to Metro Vancouver Board directors and the Fraser Valley Regional District.

The Board was informed that an on-line dialogue tool for Fraser Basin communities concerning adaptation to climate change will be launched on March 5, 2008. The Board members were invited to participate in the discussion and encouraged to disseminate the presentation and information about the project to all interested parties.

The Board received for information the presentation of February 29, 2008 from Rick Searle, EKOS Communications.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

## Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Pacific Spirit Sustainability Public Academy

Approved

The Board approved the following:

- a) Endorsing the Pacific Spirit Sustainability Public Academy project as a key component of the Metro Vancouver Sustainability Framework:
- b) Approving the establishment of a Working Group to develop a comprehensive proposal to guide the development of this Public Academy, including facility programming, planning process, project funding and management strategy;
- c) Approving a Terms of Reference to guide the Working Group;
- d) Endorsing the proposed approach to Working Group membership, to include elected representatives, Musqueam First Nation, agencies, citizens, youth, park partners and staff; and
- e) Directing the Working Group to report back with their recommendations no later than May, 2008.

# Disposition of Part of Tynehead Regional Park – GVRD Bylaw No. 1075, 2008

Deferred

The Board deferred consideration of staff recommendations in the report "Disposition of Part of Tynehead Regional Park – GVRD Bylaw No. 1075, 2008" until complete information is received from the Ministry of Transportation and City of Surrey on all proposed land requirements in Tynehead Regional Park for road work.

## Charles Creek Flood Management, Electoral Area 'A'

**Approved** 

The Board voted to thank the Ministry of Transportation for works on Charles Creek undertaken to date and encourage the Ministry to continue with a full scope of remedial works on Charles Creek in order to ensure the long term safety of Strachan Point residents.

# Results of the Preliminary Public Consultation on the Proposed Issues, Goals and Strategies for Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy

Received

The Board received the report dated January 24, 2008, titled "Results of the Preliminary Public Consultation on the Proposed Issues, Goals and Strategies for Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy".

## Renewal of mortgages held by GVRD from GVHC

**Approved** 

The Board authorized the renewal of mortgage financing for a one year term at a rate of 4.5% on the three GVHC properties as detailed in the report titled "Renewal of mortgages held by GVRD from GVHC" dated February 1, 2008.

## **Investment Policy Changes**

**Approved** 

The Board approved the revised Investment Policy as contained in the report titled "Investment Policy Changes" dated February 1, 2008.

# Endorsement of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities "National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness"

**Approved** 

The Board approved the following:

- (a) Endorsing the recommendations set out in the report dated titled "Sustaining the Momentum: Recommendations for a National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness" attached to the report dated February 15, 2008 titled "Endorsement of the Federation of canadianl Municipalities "National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness" and forward a letter of support to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and a copy of the letter to Rich Coleman, Provincial Minister Responsible for Housing;
- (b) Circulating a copy of the FCM report to all member municipalities requesting their consideration and endorsement; and
- (c) Conveying to FCM that the proposed targets for the number of affordable housing units and transitional and supportive housing units be considered minimum targets and request that FCM

review and update the targets annually or as new information becomes available.

## Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues: Regional Economy – The world is watching

**Approved** 

The Board approved forwarding the report dated January 30, 2008, titled "Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues: Regional Economy – *The world is watching*" to member municipalities, and other related agencies for their information and comment

#### **Urban Issues Board Discussion**

**Approved** 

#### The Board:

- a) Directed staff to develop a Metro Vancouver position on urban issues in collaboration with the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee (RAAC) as a basis for Metro Vancouver and Federal discussions.
- b) Authorized the Board Chair to send an invitation to the Chair of the BC (Conservative Party) Caucus and the NDP Caucus Chair to discuss Metro Vancouver urban priorities as part of the formulation of a Metro Vancouver position.

## The Board further approved:

- a) Authorizing the Chair to draft a letter on behalf of the Board thanking the Governor General Michaëlle Jean for her visit, for hosting the Housing Committee, and for listening to Metro Vancouver social and housing issues and extend an invitation to the Governor General to meet with the Board.
- b) Communicating to the Province that Metro Vancouver and all mayors of Metro Vancouver need to be informed when significant issues are being discussed and when major announcements are released by the Premier and/or a minister.
- c) Inviting the Chair of the TransLink Board and the Minister of Transportation and/or senior staff to engage them in discussion about the Regional Growth Management Strategy.
- d) Inviting the Premier to meet with the Intergovernmental Committee to discuss transportation issues.

### Name Change to Metro Vancouver

**Approved** 

The Board approved deferring further action with respect to its request to the Minister of Community Services to formally change the name of the Greater Vancouver Regional District to Metro Vancouver under its letters patent.

## **Appointment of Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation Board Directors**

Approved

The Board, representing the GVRD as sole shareholder of the GVHC, approved:

1. Establishing the number of directors of the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation (the Company) as being fixed at 10;

2. Appointing the following persons, each of whom has consented in writing to act as a director, as directors of the Company, to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company or unanimous resolutions consented to in lieu of holding an annual general meeting, or until their successors are appointed:

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Kurt Alberts
Linda King
Judy Forster
Colleen Jordan
William B. McNulty

Darrell Mussatto Mae Reid Tim Stevenson Judy Villeneuve Wayne Wright

3. Authorizing the Metro Vancouver Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to sign, on behalf of the sole shareholder of the Company being the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the Unanimous Consent Resolution of the Shareholder of Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation establishing the number of directors and the directors of the Company.

## 2008 Board Meeting Dates

**Approved** 

The Board approved establishing the day, hour and place for its 2008 regular meetings outlined in the report dated February 5, 2008, titled "2008 Board Regular Meeting Dates".

## Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee - February

Received

The Board received for information the report dated February 19, 2008, titled "Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – February".

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

# Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Metro Vancouver Air Quality Management Bylaw

**Approved** 

The Board authorized staff to proceed to consultation based upon the report dated January 2008, titled "Proposed Amendments to the Air Quality Management Bylaw".

The Board referred the following recommendation to the Environment Committee for consideration:

"That the Board direct staff to report back on consultation regarding the proposed amendments to the Air Quality Management Bylaw including:

- Assessment of the compatibility of the proposed amendments with the proposed Metro Greenhouse Gas strategy objectives and Sustainable Region Initiative principles;
- The outcome of the provincial regulatory amendments concerning the agricultural air emissions (if available) or update on the status of the provincial review; and

 The ability of currently-available emission controls to remain in compliance with the proposed standards."

### Regional Greenhouse Gas Strategy Objectives

Approved

The Board approved the following:

- (a) Endorsing, in support of provincial objectives and as a basis for development of regional and corporate plans, regional greenhouse gas reduction targets of 33% below 2007 levels by the year 2020 and 80% below 2007 levels by 2050.
- (b) Directing staff to develop a rigorous regional greenhouse gas reduction and adaptation strategy and implementation timeline as a basis for consultation which will achieve the targets and addresses both regional sources of greenhouse gas emissions and Metro Vancouver's corporate emissions.
- (c) Directing staff to support the strategy by economic analysis.
- (d) Directing staff, as a priority, to report in May 2008 on a strategy to reduce Metro Vancouver Corporate GHG emissions.

## International Regions Benchmarking Consortium

Approved

The Board approved the following:

- (a) Advising the International Regions Benchmarking Consortium that Metro Vancouver is interested in being an observer of the project;
- (b) Authorizing the attendance of a Board member at "The Innovative Region" conference sponsored by the International Regions Benchmarking Consortium to be held in Seattle, Washington, June 1-4, 2008.

### Vancouver Airport Authority Board of Directors Appointment

**Approved** 

The Board approved the following:

- a) Receiving the YVR update report dated February 7, 2008 from Ms. Beth Johnson.
- b) The process for recruiting a new Metro Vancouver nominee that is set out in this report titled "Vancouver Airport Authority Board of Directors Appointment"; and
- c) Delegating a task force composed of Directors Brodie, Corrigan, Martin, and Stevenson to recommend a Metro Vancouver nominee to the Board at its March 28, 2008 meeting and forward this nomination to the Vancouver Airport Authority.

## MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement

Deferred

The Board deferred the following motion to the March 28, 2008 Board meeting:

"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."

## Support for the Rapid Transit Link from Lougheed Mall to Coquitlam Centre

No Vote

That the Board confirms support for the rapid transit link from Lougheed Mall to Coquitlam Centre via Port Moody as part of the transportation corridor outlined in the growth strategy of the Liveable Region Strategic Plan.

Due to a loss of quorum, the motion was not voted on, and the meeting was concluded.