

# Board in Brief

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, May 29, 2009**

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## Greater Vancouver Water District

### Water Supply and Water Conservation Update for Summer 2009

**Received**

Snowpack measurements taken May 1 in the three watersheds indicate the water equivalent of the current snowpack is approximately 90 per cent of average for that time of year. It is expected the spring runoff will bring Capilano and Seymour to 100 per cent full by the end of June. Coquitlam Lake's level is control by BC Hydro and it is anticipated that spring runoff will bring the lake to 100 per cent full by the end of June.

### Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status

**Received**

Construction of the filtration plant is 94 per cent complete. Full plant operation is expected for fall, 2009. The twin tunnels are 48 per cent complete. Projected completion is late 2012 or early 2013.

### Summary of GVWD Quality Control Annual Report for 2008

**Received**

The effect of a significant turbidity event in December, 2007 continued into January and February, 2008. All three sources, while in service, rarely exceeded 1 NTU after January.

## Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

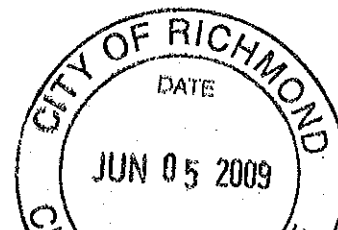
### Crescent Beach Force Main and Serpentine Trunk Sewer – Serpentine River Crossings Scour Protection

**Approved**

The board approved a change to the 2009 Sewerage and Drainage Capital Program in order to accommodate the construction of scour protection for two sewer pipelines crossing the Serpentine River in south Surrey.



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**2009 British Columbia Pharmacy Association 'Award of Excellence'****Approved**

The board approved the attendance of Marvin Hunt, Waste Management Committee Chair, at an awards dinner in Victoria. The BC Pharmacy Association gave the Board an award for its contribution to a medications return program for environmentally responsible destruction of consumer medication waste.

**Zero Waste Challenge – Goals, Strategies and Actions: Consultation Program Results****Received**

A report summarizes the consultation and the input received between March 13 and May 15, 2009: Six public meetings, two focus groups and one business workshop. Overall feedback received indicated that 70 per cent diversion is an appropriate target for Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Zero Waste Challenge****Approved**

The board directed staff to prepare a draft Solid Waste Management Plan that considers the feedback received during the consultation process on the Zero Waste Challenge and incorporates a waste diversion target of 70 per cent by the year 2015

**Greater Vancouver Regional District****Proposed Merger of the International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC) with the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI)****Approved**

The board supported the merger between the International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC) and the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) and will continue Metro Vancouver's membership and engagement in the Sustainable Cities PLUS Network.

**Electronic Meetings: Greater Vancouver Regional District Procedure Amending Bylaw Number 1106, 2009****Approved**

An amending bylaw will allow special board meetings to be held by teleconferencing and other electronic means for an urgent matter such as an emergency.

**International Regions Benchmarking Consortium****Approved**

The board authorized the attendance of two Board members at the International Regions Benchmarking Consortium annual meeting to be held November 11-13, 2009 in Barcelona, Spain; and b) invite representatives of organizations with an interest in innovation to attend, at their own expense, as part of the Metro Vancouver delegation.

**Metro Vancouver International Engagement Activities – 2009 –  
Anticipated costs per participant**

**Approved**

The Board approved travel budgets and participation of Metro Vancouver Directors in the following international events:

- a) United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Council Guangzhou (China), November 12-14, 2009. Estimated Travel Costs: \$13,676 per participant; Number of Participants: 2
- b) International Regions Benchmarking Consortium Creativity and Talent in an Urban Environment; Barcelona, Spain, November 11-13, 2009; Estimated Travel Costs: \$10,726 per participant; Number of Participants: 2
- c) Affordable Housing Sites Tour in England; Fall 2009 - Dates to be confirmed; Estimated Travel Costs: \$13,600 per participant; Number of Participants: 2

**Emergency Resolution on Criminal Code Reform**

**Approved**

The Board endorsed and forward the following Emergency Resolution on Criminal Code Reform to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration at its 2009 Convention:

WHEREAS An increasing amount of crime is global in origin, but its cost and affects are borne locally;

WHEREAS Law enforcement efforts in Canada are being hampered by an increasingly sophisticated organized crime element;

WHEREAS The recent and dramatic increase in gang violence has highlighted the need for municipal police forces to receive additional support from federal and provincial governments to counter threats that fall at least partially within provincial or federal policing duties ;

AND WHEREAS Law enforcement agencies rely on effective legislation to deal with serious crime and make our streets safer;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT FCM call upon the Government of Canada to increase its support for front line policing, which will allow communities to more effectively combat gang violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FCM support Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (organized crime and protection of justice system participants), and Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts, which will facilitate the battle against organized crime.