

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meeting on Friday, November 28, 2008

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Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Regular Meeting, November 28, 2008

Recycling Markets

Received

Recyclable materials collected in North America are normally sold to China and India for processing and recycling, but the current global economic downturn has resulted in significantly lower prices for recyclables. In some cases, processors are refusing to accept recyclables. Recyclers in Metro Vancouver indicate there is still a demand for newsprint, cardboard and mixed paper, as well as #1 and #2 plastics, but the demand for other plastic types, glass and most metals has disappeared.

Metro Vancouver is currently looking at potential courses of action: allow the disposal of unmarketable materials; stockpile material until markets recover; look for alternative uses, such as burning combustible materials in cement plants the use of crushed glass for construction uses; renew efforts to promote waste reduction and reuse; continue to work with municipalities, the recycling industry, the Recycling Council of B.C. and the provincial government to manage the effects of the downturn in recyclable markets.

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Application for UBCM Community Tourism Grant (Phase 2)

Approved

The Board endorsed an application for a \$37,387 Union of B.C. Municipalities Community Tourism Grant

Electoral Area A Director Election Results

Received

The Chief Election Officer reported the results of the Nov. 15 election: Maria Harris, with 219 valid votes counted, is the new director for Electoral Area A.



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**Greater Vancouver Regional District Parks Fees and Charges
Amending Bylaw Number 1103, 2008**

Approved

A day-use fee for picnicking at Muskrat Meadows group camp in Deas Island Regional Park was approved. The fee is consistent with the fee charged for other similar group picnic areas in Metro Vancouver regional parks.

The bylaw also increased fees for overnight camping at Derby Reach Regional Park and Matsqui Trail Regional Park, to \$18 from \$16 per night for each camping party.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Board of Variance
Bylaw Number 1102, 2008**

Approved

The board approved a new bylaw for unpaid decision-making body that responds to appeals on the interpretation and application of zoning bylaws. Three new members of the variance board have been approved: Brian Collins of Hampton Place, at the University of B.C.; John Russell from Barnston Island; Jennifer Sandy from Passage Island.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Emergency Planning
Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1079, 2008**

Approved

The board approved a bylaw that authorizes a \$150,000 levy on the property tax base in the region, to replace an existing \$150,000 used to fund the development of plans and programs to prevent, prepare, respond to and recover from regional emergencies.