

Board in Brief

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, October 24, 2008

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Greater Vancouver Regional District Regular Meeting

Regional Parks Bylaw Notice and Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System **Approved**

Regional parks staff now use warnings and \$50-\$100 fines for bylaw violations such as illegal camping or littering. A "bylaw notice" will allow Metro to issue tickets with reduced fines for early payment, increased fines for late payment or refer to a disputed ticket to a provincially-appointed adjudicator.

Development of a Regional Food System Strategy **Approved**

Metro staff will convene a symposium of key stakeholders to assist in developing a Regional Food System Strategy.

B.C. Agriculture Plan **Approved**

The board will advise the B.C. Minister of Agriculture and Lands of its support for the general direction of the B.C. Agriculture Plan and request that a monitoring report be prepared to chart progress.

Preliminary Draft Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy **Approved**

The board asked staff to further develop a final draft of Our Liveable Region 2040: Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy as a basis for municipal and public consultation for consideration by the 2009 board. The report will be referred to staff and municipal councils before going out to public consultation.



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Metro Vancouver's Role in Regional Transportation Planning

Approved

The board used to have more responsibility for regional transportation planning and development. But provincial legislation passed in January – the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act – shifted power to a B.C. government-appointed TransLink board, while a Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation was give authority to approve supplemental plans and financing. Because of that new law, the terms of reference for the regional transportation committee are being changed. The committee will now do "advocacy with the TransLink board, provincial government and mayors' council on regional transportation plans, finance and projects in support of regional objectives."

Progress Report on the 2005 Metro Vancouver Air Quality Management Plan

Approved

A Sept. 29, 2008 report on air quality in the region will be forwarded to air agency partners and other key stakeholders for information, indicating the Board's continuing interest in working with them on improving air quality in the Lower Fraser Valley airshed.

Fire Retardants in the Environment

Approved

The board urges the federal government to seek benign alternatives as flame retardants and establish a total ban on the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers.

2008 Cultural Grant Awards

Approved

The board awarded grants to these organizations:

- Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society - \$8,500
- Axis Theatre Society - \$5,000
- Carousel Theatre Society - \$5,000
- Chor Leoni Men's Choir Society - \$2,000
- Dream Rider Theatre Society - \$4,000
- The Green Thumb Players Society - \$8,500
- Pacific Ballet British Columbia Society - \$8,500
- Pacific Cinematheque Pacific Society - \$6,000
- The Playhouse Theatre Centre of British Columbia - \$6,000
- Presentation House Gallery - \$5,000
- Richmond Gateway Theatre Society - \$2,500
- Vancouver East Cultural Centre - \$5,000
- Vancouver Opera Association - \$12,500
- Vancouver Symphony Society - \$14,500
- Vancouver TheatreSports League - \$5,000
- The Western Front Society - \$2,000

TILMA Accord - results of negotiations between UBCM and the Province

Received

The Union of B.C. Municipalities had negotiations with the B.C. government about the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement. A Sept. 1, 2008 report sums up the results of those negotiations.

BC Municipal Occupational Health and Safety Conference Grant Application **Approved**

The board endorsed a grant of \$2,500 for the 2009 conference.

Role of Regional Administrative Advisory Committee (RAAC) **Approved**

That the Board agreed:

1. As a general practice, to seek the input of RAAC early in the process on strategic issues of pan-municipal significance for technical municipal advice;
2. Invite RAAC to participate in the annual Board strategic planning process;
3. In an effort to better align the strategic working relationship of the Board and RAAC, it is recommended that the Chair of RAAC, or their designate, attend Board meetings in an advisory capacity where matters of pan-municipal importance are under consultation;
4. As a general practice, consult and engage the standing committees of RAAC, where appropriate, in the development of strategic regional policies and programs; and
5. Request that RAAC continue to monitor all issues of regional/municipal interest and be encouraged to contribute, where appropriate, to the development of regional strategies.

Communication Protocol and Remuneration of Appointees to External Organizations **Approved**

That the Board approve a communication protocol of appointees to external organizations to provide the board, each May and October, with written summaries of key current and planned activities of the external organization to which they have been appointed.

Amendment to Committee Terms of Reference **Approved**

Under the Local Government Act, the board chair can establish standing committees. The board requested the chair consider amending the Corporate Administration Committee terms of reference to include the development of a collaborative governance framework.

Response to Questions Raised at the September 17, 2008 Public Hearing on Bylaws to Amend the Green Zone of the Livable Region Strategic Plan in Maple Ridge **Received**

The report received a October 6, 2008 staff report.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – October 2008 **Received**

The board received summaries of submissions made by the Artist Response Team Inc., the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee chair Ralph Drew, Edna Thomson (re Crippen regional park), the BC Biodiesel Association, the Vancouver Humane Society and the BC Greenhouse Growers Association.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw Number 1073, 2008 Regarding Greater Vancouver Water District Loan Authorization Bylaw Number 242, 2008 **Approved**

The Board gave third reading and approved a \$700 million borrowing bylaw. The bylaw will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for a Certificate of Approval.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw Number 1074,
2008 Regarding Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Loan
Authorization Bylaw Number 242, 2008**

Approved

The board authorized a financing agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority, in the amount of \$700 million.

**Bylaws to Amend the Green Zone Boundary of the Livable Region Strategic
Plan in Maple Ridge**

Approved

The board approved bylaws that change Green Zone boundaries and exclude properties at the following addresses:

- 23213 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge,
- 20199 McIvor Avenue (Lot 102 P50054), Maple Ridge
- 12161, 12102 and 12146 - 237th Street, Maple Ridge.
- Corner of Slatford Place and 104th Avenue, (Lot 6 NWP60014), Maple Ridge
- 10175, 10141 and 10121 - 240th Street, Maple Ridge

(The board rejected a proposed Green Zone boundary change and exclusion for the Jackson Farm, at 24554 – 102nd Avenue, 24426 – 102nd Avenue and RP 6579F, in Maple Ridge)

**Request from the City of Pitt Meadows to Amend the Green Zone Boundary
of the Livable Region Strategic Plan**

Approved

The board gave first and second reading to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Livable Region Strategic Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1096, 2008 to remove Lot 3, District Lot 282, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan 8763 from the Green Zone; and Directed staff to receive confirmation that conditions of exclusion from the Agriculture Land Reserve have been fulfilled for Lot 3, District Lot 282, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan 8763 prior to the Board's consideration of final bylaw adoption.

**Proposed Amendments to Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission
Establishment Bylaw**

Approved

The board adopted a bylaw that appointed two persons as members of the Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission for the 2008 – 2010 term:

- Bruce Bingham representing Bowyer Island
- Roger Gale representing Passage Island

Air Quality Management Bylaws for Boiler and Process Heater Emissions

Approved

The board adopted a bylaw to regulate district boilers and process heater emissions or air pollutants.

It also adopted a bylaw that regulates emissions from agricultural boilers (used in greenhouses).

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For Metro Vancouver meeting on Friday, October 31, 2008.

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Greater Vancouver Water District Regular Meeting, October 31, 2008

GVWD Temporary Borrowing Authority**Approved**

The resolution authorized the administration board of the Greater Vancouver Water District to borrow a maximum of \$10 million, if needed, during 2009.

Draft Metro Vancouver Districts' 2009 Budget**Approved**

The board approved a 2009 budget with total expenditures of about \$532 million, which is an increase of about three per cent from last year's budget.

The board also set a new water rate for 2009 at: \$0.5032 per cubic metre for June through September; and \$0.4026 per cubic metre for January through May and October through December.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee**Received**

Will Koop, of the B.C. Tap Water Alliance, requests to speak at the next water committee meeting.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Regular Meeting, October 31, 2008

Draft Liquid Waste Management Plan, September 2008**Approved**

The board directed staff to three timeline options included in the draft Liquid Waste Management Plan for the Lions Gate and Iona waste water treatment plant upgrades (as outlined in a September 2008 report). The three timelines include the cost implications and the requisite need for provincial and federal contributions in order to achieve these timelines.

The board endorsed the draft report for consultation and directed staff to proceed with formal consultation, in accordance with the requirements of the B.C. Ministry of Environment.

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Liquid Waste Management Plan – Biennial Report

Approved

The board directed staff to submit *Liquid Waste Management Plan – Biennial Report, October 2008* to the B.C. Ministry of Environment. A special meeting of the Waste Management Committee will be held, as required, to receive comments and submissions.

Zero Waste Challenge Implementation – Achieving the 70% Target

Approved

The board endorsed, as a basis for further development with member municipalities, the key initiatives underway from Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge as set out in the report, to achieve a 70% target of solid waste diversion from disposal by 2015.

GVS & DD / Cowichan Valley Regional District Agreement for Disposal of Solid Waste

Approved

The board authorized the Commissioner to conclude a contingency agreement with the Cowichan Valley Regional District for waste disposal at the Cache Creek Landfill or alternate disposal facility, under terms agreeable to the Commissioner.

Renewal of GVS & DD / Abbotsford Agreement for Disposal of Solid Waste

Approved

The Board authorized the Commissioner to renew the existing agreement for waste disposal at the Cache Creek Landfill under the existing terms and conditions for a term extending to the closure of the existing Cache Creek Landfill, currently anticipated to be in 2010.

GVS & DD Temporary Borrowing Authority

Approved

The administration board of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District can borrow a maximum of \$12 million during 2009.

Draft Metro Vancouver Districts' 2009 Budget

Approved

The board approved the 2009 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, use of Reserves, and Capital Expenditures. The board approved a 2009 budget with total expenditures of about \$532 million, which is an increase of about three per cent from last year's budget.

The board also set a new regional solid waste tipping fee: \$71 per tonne.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – October 2008

Received

The board received for information written submissions by: Cowichan Valley Regional District; Elaine Golds, Burke Mountain Naturalists; Jo-Anne Parneta; the City of Abbotsford.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Bylaw No. 245, 2008 to authorize the amendment of Plan F – Fraser Sewerage Area to modify the Langley Servicing Plan

Approved

The board adopted a bylaw to authorize the amendment of Plan F – Fraser Sewerage Area to modify the Langley Servicing Plan.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Regular Meeting, October 31, 2008

2009 Funding to External Organizations

Approved

The board approved:

- Cultural organizations – a total of \$100,000
- Fraser Basin Council - \$310,000
- The Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program and Fraser River Estuary Management Program - \$23,000 each.
- Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee - \$300,120
- 30+ Plus Network - \$4,500
- Seymour Salmonid Society - \$100,000
- SmartGrowth Conference Annual Contribution \$5,000 (2008 - \$5,000)
- SmartGrowth BC annual conference - \$5,000
- Agricultural Agencies, such as BC Agriculture in the Classroom - \$25,000
- BC Search and Rescue Association Annual Contribution - \$5,000 (2008 - \$5,000)
- Parks Partnerships - \$38,500
- Pacific Parklands Foundation - \$175,000
- UBC – Climate Change Visualization - \$25,000
- Catching the Spirit Youth Program - \$70,000

Draft Metro Vancouver Districts' 2009 Budget

Approved

The board approved the 2009 Revenue and Expenditure Budget, use of Reserves and Capital Expenditures, as presented for Regional Parks.

It also approved the 2009 budget presented for 911 Emergency Telephone Service, Air Quality, General Government, and Strategic Planning, West Nile Virus and Regional Global Positioning System and Labour Relations, and Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Emergency Planning
Service Establishment Bylaw Nov. 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.

Support for the UBC Farm

Approved

The board approved a resolution to send a letter in support of a long term role for the existing Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the UBC Farm, at its current location, and that in the review of the Official Community Plan for Part of Electoral Area A the land dedicated to the farm (24 hectares) be designated for agricultural uses.

**Recycling Council of British Columbia: Request to Increase Metro
Vancouver Funding of the RCBC Recycling Hotline**

Approved

The board awarded a grant of \$60,000 to the Recycling Council of British Columbia.

**Public Information Meetings - Boundary Bay Regional Park and Burns Bog
Ecological Conservation Area**

Received

The Burns Bog Management Plan received final approval by all four purchasing partners in Spring, 2008. A public information meeting about the plan will take place the first week of December, 2008.

A public meeting about the redevelopment of the Centennial Beach day use area at Boundary Bay Regional Park is planned for November 27, 2008.

GVRD Temporary Borrowing Authority – Bylaw No. 1097, 2008

Approved

The board authorized the borrowing from the district's banker or others in the course of the calendar year 2009 of a maximum of \$12 million at any one time.

Metro Vancouver Sustainability Academy – Update

Received

The report provided an update or progress report about five proposed sustainability academies:
The Annacis Academy (Advanced Wastewater Treatment)
Seymour Academy (Watershed Management and Advanced Water Treatment)
Colony Farm Academy (Sustainable Food Production)
Pacific Spirit Academy (Cultural Response to Nature)
Kanaka Creek (Fish and Community Stewardship)

GVRD Geospatial Reference System Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1100, 2008

Approved

The bylaw allows Metro to charge fees to pay for a geo-reference system that provides three-dimensional information about infrastructure in the region. Net costs are allocated on a per capita basis at a set rate of \$0.244 (down \$.004 over 2008). Private sector users of the service will be charged \$2,400 for an annual subscription or \$250 on a per month basis.

Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1101, 2008

Approved

The Local Government Act requires the board to adopt a five-year financial plan and have a public consultation process before a bylaw for its plan is adopted. This year, in addition to committee meetings, the board Budget Workshop and municipal consultation, Metro Vancouver staff held a series of three public budget presentations throughout the region.