

## **For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, January 27, 2017**

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### **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

#### **Development of a Residential Wood Smoke Regulation for Metro Vancouver APPROVED**

The Board authorized staff to start preliminary discussions on potential policies to control wood smoke emissions from indoor residential wood-burning stoves and fireplaces.

Wood smoke from residential wood-burning appliances contributes about 27 per cent of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions throughout the region on an annual basis. Metro Vancouver has had voluntary wood smoke reduction measures since 2009, but more measures are needed to reduce emissions from existing wood-burning appliances.

#### **Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw – Staff Appointments APPROVED**

The Board appointed Metro Vancouver employees Kristen Beattie, Robert Kemp, Donna Hargreaves and Maari Hirvi Mayne as air quality officers, pursuant to the Environmental Management Act and Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008.

#### **2017 Emotive Event Schedule APPROVED**

The Board approved the 2017 Emotive Event schedule, which tentatively includes 45 event days this year.

The Metro Vancouver Emotive Outreach Team attends public events across the region, such as Burnaby's Hats Off Day and Surrey's Party for the Planet, to provide opportunities for outreach and resident engagement on electric vehicles. The 2017 budget is \$25,000, plus staff time for two auxiliary staff. The costs have been approved in the 2017 operating budget, including Air Quality and Climate Change, and outreach and communications.

**Proposed Amendment to the 2017 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings**

**APPROVED**

The Board agreed to amend two 2017 meeting dates in response to a request and a scheduling conflict. The June 30 Board meeting will be changed to June 23, 2017, while the October Board Budget Workshop will be held on October 20, 2017 rather than October 18 to ensure a quorum.

**Proposed Amendments to the Non-member Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings Policy**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved a revised policy for non-member attendance at board and committee meetings, as presented in a December 8, 2016 report. The proposed provision authorizes “a non-member director” to attend a closed meeting, unless they are specifically asked by the Board chair to leave. A non-member director is a director who is not a member of the Greater Vancouver Water or Sewage and Drainage districts.

**GVRD Internal Financing for MVHC Prepayment of CMHC Section 27 Debentures**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved a financing request by MVHC to prepay the existing Section 27 portfolio debentures for Semlin Terrace, Grandview Gardens, Kelly Court, Earl Adams and Euclid Square. The move will allow MVHC to realize maximum potential savings and to set up loan arrangements with flexible terms.

**Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Investments: Update on 2015/16 and 2016-19 Projects**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received an update on funding investments in homelessness initiatives made through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, including the final report on 2015-2016 projects, which included funding for 40 projects totalling \$12,699,642, and projects currently awarded funding through the 2016-2019.

The Housing First approach receives a minimum of 65% of the funding and over the 18-month period more than 300 ‘hardest to house’ clients were placed in housing. As of January 13th, 42 projects have been awarded \$22,285,434 in 2016-2019 funding. A final announcement of awarded projects will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

## **2017 Regional Homeless Count**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received a description of the process and timeline for undertaking the 2017 Regional Homeless Count, which is slated for March 8, 2017, with preliminary results to be released on or near March 31, and a comprehensive report delivered in September. The 2017 Regional Homeless Count is introducing new methodologies, new partnerships and a waterways count – all of which require outreach and community development – to flesh out the data.

## **Metro Vancouver 2017 Appointments to External Agencies**

**APPROVED**

The Board appointed 15 representatives to various external agencies to comply with requirements of those agencies, and to establish and sustain interagency relations.

The representatives are:

- Harold Steves, Richmond, *Agriculture Advisory Committee*
- Darrell Penner, Coquitlam, *Board of Trustees of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department*
- Bruce McDonald, Delta, *Delta Heritage Airpark Management Committee*;
- Barbara Steele, Surrey, and Bob Long, Coquitlam, *Experience the Fraser Lower Fraser River Corridor Project Steering Committee*
- Lois Jackson, Delta, Dave Murray, Pitt Meadows, and Mae Reid, Coquitlam, *Coquitlam to the Flood Control and River Management Committee of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*
- Heather Deal, Vancouver, and Richard Walton, North Vancouver District, (alternate), *Fraser Basin Council*
- Raymond Louie, Vancouver, *Lower Mainland Local Government Association*
- Malcolm Brodie, Richmond, and Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam (alternate), *National Zero Waste Council*
- Heather Deal, Vancouver, and Craig Hodge, Coquitlam, *Pacific Parklands Foundation*
- Greg Moore and Raymond Louie, Vancouver (alternate), *Western Transportation Advisory Council*

Ten representatives, and 10 alternates, were also appointed to the Municipal Finance Authority for 2017:

- Malcolm Brodie, Richmond/ Harold Steves, Richmond (alternate)
- Derek Corrigan, Burnaby / Colleen Jordan, Burnaby (alternate)
- Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam / Jonathan Coté, New Westminster (alternate)
- Richard Walton, North Vancouver District/ Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby (alternate)
- Mike Clay, Port Moody/ alternate: Ralph Drew, Belcarra (alternate)
- Raymond Louie, Vancouver/ Tim Stevenson, Vancouver (alternate)

- Darrell Mussatto, North Vancouver City/ Lois Jackson, Delta (alternate)
- Judy Villeneuve, Surrey/ Mary Martin, Surrey (alternate)
- Michael Smith, West Vancouver/ Wayne Baldwin, White Rock (alternate)
- Richard Stewart, Coquitlam/ Linda Hepner, Surrey (alternate)

**GVRD Procedure Amending Bylaw No. 1239**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the Greater Vancouver Regional District Procedure Amending Bylaw Number 1239, 2016, to respond to changes in the Local Government Act, which came into effect on January 1, 2016. The amendments to the Procedure Bylaw are expected to better align with the new Act.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**REFERRED**

The Board referred a motion by West Vancouver Director Michael Smith, made on November 25, 2016, to have the Board Chair and Vice-Chair establish a full-time Finance Committee. The motion will be heard at a joint meeting with the Finance and Intergovernment and Procurement and Audit committees.

**Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District**

**Award of Phase B, Construction Engineering Services for the Sapperton Pump Station Replacement Project**

**APPROVED**

The Board authorized an award of \$4,372,585 (exclusive of taxes) for Phase B of the Sapperton Pump Station to consultant AECOM Canada Ltd, bringing the overall contract value to \$8,998,556.

The contract was initially awarded in 2012 to AECOM Canada Ltd. As Phase A nears completion, staff have identified that the anticipated value of the contract, including Phase B, will exceed \$5 million. This is the result of additional efforts required for addressing a contaminated site, incorporating Metro Vancouver park facilities, building a larger and more complex pump station than originally anticipated and site access improvements.

**Metro Vancouver Recycling and Solid Waste Management 2015 Report**

**RECEIVED**

The Board was updated on the Metro Vancouver Recycling and Solid Waste Management 2015 Report, which found the overall regional diversion rate increased from 61 per cent to 62 per cent

-- lower than the ISWRMP target of 70 per cent by 2015. However, it was noted that Metro Vancouver's diversion rate continues to increase over time and zero waste programs remain key priorities.

**Metro Vancouver 2016 Waste Composition Monitoring Program**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received an update on the results of the 2016 regional waste composition monitoring program, which found the three largest components of the waste stream last year were compostable organics (27%), paper (19%), and plastics (19%), consistent with previous years. The two largest decreases compared with 2015 were a 13%, or 33,000 tonne, reduction in organics and a 32%, or 43,000 tonnes, reduction in non-compostable organics (mostly painted and treated wood).

The waste composition monitoring program identifies disposal trends and targets specific materials for diversion programs to help achieve goals set out in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan.

**Consultation on Potential Disposal Bans for Expanded Polystyrene and Textiles**

**APPROVED**

The Board agreed to start consultation on potential disposal bans for expanded polystyrene products as well as textiles. Expanded polystyrene and textiles are significant material categories in the waste disposed by residents and businesses and a disposal ban that targets loads containing expanded polystyrene could substantially increase recycling rates for this material. However, given the limited opportunities to divert textiles from disposal, except for reuse, a disposal ban may not be appropriate at this time.

**Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation District**

**Mortgage Renewal – Maplewood**

**APPROVED**

The Board agreed to have the British Columbia Housing Management Commission act on MVHC's behalf to renew the existing mortgage for Maplewood housing complex, which is located at 4771 Williams Rd, Richmond. The move allows for a competitive interest rate with no constraints on Metro Vancouver resources and leaves Metro Vancouver financing options open for other MVHC projects that are better fit with the overall financing strategy. The mortgage for Maplewood is coming up for renewal on May 1, 2017.