



For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, October 9, 2015

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Regional Affordable Housing Strategy

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver is in the process of updating its Regional Affordable Housing Strategy. The Board approved the release of the Draft Regional Affordable Housing Strategy, and will distribute it to member municipalities for review and comment. The Board also directed staff to initiate stakeholder consultation on the Strategy, which will take place in November 2015.

Award of Contract Resulting from RFP Conducted by Morneau Shepell for Presentation to Metro Vancouver: Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and Long-Term Disability Insurance Benefits

APPROVED

The Board awarded a unit-rate contract to The Great West Life Assurance Company for the supply of Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), and Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance Benefits with an estimated five-year value of \$8.5 million.

Port Metro Vancouver Project and Environmental Review Process

RECEIVED/APPROVED

Port Metro Vancouver developed a Project and Environmental Review Process to fulfill its responsibilities under the Canada Marine Act and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012. The review process is intended to provide a framework to assess potential impacts of proposed projects, physical works, and activities on land and water areas within Port Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction.

The Board received the report for information and will request that the Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) Board incorporate the following elements into the PMV Project and Environmental Review Process:

- formal recognition of municipal bylaws and Official Community Plans.
- that local government consultation be required for all project categories.
- that a project appeal process be directed through the PMV Board when there is a dispute.



Zero Waste Communications Program

APPROVED

The Board approved the Zero Waste Communications Program as presented in the report, including funding for the following initiatives under the 2016 General Government function budget:

- National Zero Waste Council
- Food Isn't Garbage Campaign
- Love Food Hate Waste
- Create Memories Not Garbage Christmas Campaign
- 6th Annual Zero Waste Conference

Metro Vancouver 2015 Zero Waste Conference: A Future Without Waste

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report on the upcoming Zero Waste Conference to be held on October 29.

Now in its fifth year, the conference is key to Metro Vancouver's commitment to zero waste, and an integral component of our solid waste management plan. Conference attendance has increased annually to a registration of nearly 600. It attracts speakers from around the world, and has become a flagship event and the authoritative local government and business gathering on zero waste and the circular economy both in BC and Canada.

This year's conference will feature designer and sustainability pioneer William McDonough, and a range of international, national, and regional thought leaders and practitioners speaking on themes of redefining value and building the circular economy.

Electoral Area A Official Community Plan

APPROVED

It has been determined that Electoral Area A would benefit from a long-term vision and policy framework to provide guidance on local issues. An Official Community Plan for Electoral Area A would apply to all areas outside of Point Grey, Bowyer Island and Passage Island. The development of an Official Community as proposed in this report includes extensive consultation with local residents, and would be tailored to ensure discussions and policies address issues specific to each of the various Electoral Area A communities.

The Board:

1. Directed staff to undertake an Official Community Plan for Electoral Area.



2. For the purposes of Section 879(2) of the Local Government Act, directed staff to:
 - a. provide early and ongoing opportunities for consultation with affected Electoral Area A communities.
 - b. refer the Official Community Plan, after first bylaw reading, to adjacent regional districts, municipalities, first nations, school district boards, greater boards and improvement district boards, and appropriate provincial and federal government ministries, without limiting early and ongoing consultation opportunities.

2016 FireSmart and Emergency Preparedness Workshops

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver provides emergency management services for Electoral Area A. In 2016, staff plan to offer FireSmart and personal and home emergency preparedness workshops in Howe Sound, Point Grey, and Barnston Island. The 2016 Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative FireSmart grant program has funds available to offset costs associated with FireSmart activities, and requires a Board resolution supporting the grant application.

The Board endorsed the FireSmart and emergency preparedness workshops in Electoral Area A in 2016, including applying for and managing grant funds from the 2016 Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative FireSmart grant program to offset costs.

Greater Vancouver Sewage & Drainage District

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee, September 2015

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a summary of a delegation to the Zero Waste Committee from Kendall Christiansen, Senior Consultant to InSinkEerator Canada.

Greater Vancouver Water District

**Kwikwetlem First Nation Request to Conduct a Spiritual Ceremony –
Coquitlam Watershed**

APPROVED

The Board approved a request from Kwikwetlem First Nation for access to the Coquitlam Watershed for the purpose of their annual burn ceremony, and authorized staff to work with Kwikwetlem First Nation to finalize the details for a fall 2015 ceremonial burning in the Coquitlam Watershed.