



For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, October 24, 2014

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Regional Parks - Naming and Dedications Policy

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver policy is to name regional parks, sites within parks, natural features, trails, routes, facilities, structures, or programs after geography, local history or tradition.

The Board approved a policy that also allows for naming and dedications to recognize people who have made exceptional contributions to the Regional Parks service.

2015 GVRD Budget – Regional Parks

APPROVED

The Board approved the 2015 Revenue and Expenditure Budget, use of Reserves and Capital Expenditures, as presented for Regional Parks.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Metro Vancouver Membership in Electric Mobility Canada

APPROVED

Transitioning to zero-emission vehicles is essential for meeting our region's greenhouse gas reduction targets, and also provides benefits in the reduction of other air contaminants that lead to smog or health impacts. Electric Mobility Canada (EMC), a charitable non-profit organization, is a convener of stakeholders with this shared objective and the nation's only cross-sectoral advocate for electric vehicles. As a corporate member of EMC, Metro Vancouver can better ensure that EMC's efforts are directed to where they are most needed in our region.

The Board authorized staff to renew Metro Vancouver's membership with Electric Mobility Canada at a cost of \$3,729 per year.

Progress toward Shaping our Future - Metro 2040 Baseline Annual Report

APPROVED

The Progress toward Shaping our Future report tracks the region's progress in achieving the goals identified in Metro 2040 and meets the Local Government Act requirement for annual



reporting on Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy. The report provides a framework for promoting awareness of Metro 2040 implementation among GVRD Board members, member municipalities, the regional transportation authority, other regional agencies, and the general public. Following this initial baseline annual report, the GVRD Board will receive progress reports on an annual basis to evaluate progress in meeting the goals of Metro 2040 and to highlight those planning issues that may need further attention.

The Board adopted the report as Metro Vancouver's first annual report on the implementation and progress of Metro 2040, the regional growth strategy.

**Regional Growth Strategy Procedures Bylaw No. 1148, 2011 -
Performance Measures Reporting**

RECEIVED

A report detailed the procedural performance measures associated with the implementation of Metro 2040 as required under the Regional Growth Strategy Procedures Bylaw No. 1148, 2011. This report documents the resources to implement, administer and amend the regional growth strategy since its adoption. Staffing and resources required to implement Metro 2040 fulfill a variety of tasks including preparing and reviewing Regional Context Statements, preparing supporting implementation documents, conducting policy research and analysis and processing proposed amendments. Since Metro 2040's adoption in mid-2011, the number of staff directly associated with regional planning has remained consistent. Total costs have also remained relatively consistent.

The Board received the report for information.

**Regional Growth Strategy Implementation Guideline #5: Industrial
Land Protection and Intensification Policies**

APPROVED

To support the implementation of industrial land objectives in Metro 2040, and as provided through Metro 2040 Section 6.15, staff have prepared a new Implementation Guide.

Implementation Guideline #5 is informed through significant work completed by Metro Vancouver to date on the topic, and may be updated in 2015 pending the results of the upcoming Industrial Land Inventory update and industrial typology work.

The Board adopted Implementation Guide #5.

Metro Facts in Focus Policy Backgrounder: Farming in Metro Vancouver

RECEIVED

This report presents a policy backgrounder on farming in Metro Vancouver as part of the Metro Facts in Focus series for the benefit of member municipalities, interested stakeholders and the public.

The Metro Facts in Focus Policy Backgrounder: Farming in Metro Vancouver (Farming in Metro Vancouver) provides a reader - friendly overview of agriculture in the region, roles



involved in protecting farmland and enhancing agriculture viability as well as depicts how land is used in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). It also provides information about the challenges faced in agriculture and poses questions to consider when looking at long - term solutions to support agriculture viability in the region.

Most of the data for this policy backgrounder was sourced from data collected during the Metro Vancouver Agricultural Land Use Inventory 2010 - 11 and the 2011 Census of Agriculture.

The Board received the report for information.

Board Policy Manual

APPROVED

A Board Policy Manual has been prepared comprising new policies that will address the issues that have arisen regarding conflict of interest of Board members and payment of legal opinions, electronic equipment disposition, and non-member attendance at board and committee meetings.

The Board received the report for information and approved the policies pertaining to conflicts of interest of Board members and payment of legal opinions, as well as a policy for electronic equipment disposition.

Fraser Basin Council – Contribution Agreement

APPROVED

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is a charitable, non-profit organization that exists to advance sustainability within the Fraser Basin, including Metro Vancouver, and throughout British Columbia. FBC works by promoting and facilitating collaborative action among all orders of government, First Nations, the private sector and civil society on a variety of sustainability initiatives.

Metro Vancouver benefits from several of the initiatives undertaken by FBC, particularly those that align with and complement the priorities identified by Metro Vancouver in its Strategic Plan, and that align with and complement the work being undertaken within key Metro Vancouver departments. Metro Vancouver benefits from FBC's relationship-building and facilitation efforts, and from the attention that FBC gives to local government concerns.

The Board approved a three year Contribution Agreement with the Fraser Basin Council for an annual amount of \$300,000.

Amended GVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy

APPROVED

The GVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund was created by the in 2004 to support projects that are based on the principles of sustainability. Since then, the Fund has grown through annual transfers and accrued interest to reach a 2013 year-end balance of \$16.3 million.



A GVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy was developed to identify projects that can be supported using monies in the Fund. The Policy has been amended to encourage more explicitly the inclusion of member municipalities in Fund-supported projects, and to focus on specific sustainability themes. The proposed amendments are put forward for the Board's consideration.

The Board endorsed the amended GVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy.

BC Emergency Health Services and First Responders – Next Steps

APPROVED

The Board will write a letter to the Chair of the BC Emergency Health Services indicating that the Board does not support the changes to the "Resource Allocation Plan" implemented in 2013 and that no further changes be made to the "Resource Allocation Plan" without consultation with the municipal sector as to the impact of those changes on the public served and on the municipal first responder services.

20 Johnson Bay – Illegal Dwelling

APPROVED

There is a dwelling in Indian Arm in Electoral Area A that was constructed without a building permit that's been the subject of contention since 2007. The dwelling is located within the setback from the Natural Boundary of Sea and encroaches on the foreshore habitat lands owned by Port Metro Vancouver.

The Board directed the Corporate Officer to file a Notice of Bylaw Contravention be registered on the title of the property on Block D, District Lot 6955, Group 1 NWD, Indian Arm, in Electoral Area A (20 Johnson Bay) for non-compliance with the Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Building Administration Bylaw No. 1043, 2006.

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee October 2014

RECEIVED

The Board received summaries of delegations to the Mayors Committee from Rahul Walia from the Youth Vital Signs Leadership Council and Linda Diano from The Power in Sport.

Metro Vancouver External Agency Activities Status Report October 2014

RECEIVED

The Board received the following reports from Metro Vancouver representatives to external organizations:

- Report on WESTAC Update from Chair Greg Moore;
- Report on Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia – Activities for the period May
- 2014 – October 2014 from Directors M. Brodie, D. Corrigan, R. Walton, G. Moore, M.



Reid, D. Mussatto, M. Clay, R. Louis, W. Wright, J. Villeneuve

- Report on Recent Activities of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board from Director Maria Harris.

2015 GVRD Function Budgets

APPROVED

The Board approved the 2015 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets and use of Reserves, as presented for Air Quality, E911 Emergency Telephone Service, Electoral Area Services, General Government, Labour Relations, Regional Global Positioning System, Regional Planning, and the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department.

City of New Westminster – “Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1212, 2014”

APPROVED

The City of New Westminster wants to borrow money for electric utility substation upgrades. City Council adopted New Westminster Substation Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw 7604, 2013 on October 21st, 2013, for \$25,000,000 and subsequently passed the required Security Issuing Resolution on September 16th, 2014 to borrow \$24,800,000.

As set out in the Community Charter, the Metro Vancouver must adopt a security issuing bylaw in order to enable the City of New Westminster to proceed with their deemed borrowing.

The Board consented to the request and approved a bylaw that will enable City of New Westminster to borrow the funds, and forwarded the bylaw for consideration by the Inspector of Municipalities.

GVRD Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1213, 2014

APPROVED

The Local Government Act requires the GVRD Board adopt a financial plan by Bylaw and that a process of public consultation be undertaken regarding the financial plan prior to its adoption.

This year, financial business plans and budgets were presented to applicable standing committees through the month of October, a RFAC/RAAC meeting on October 7th and a Board Budget Workshop on October 16th. The Board Budget Workshop included an invitation to the public to attend and provide comments.

The Board approved the Financial Plan Bylaw.

GVRD Geospatial Reference System Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1214, 2014

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver's GPS system provides a highly accurate and consistent three-dimensional



geo-reference infrastructure in the region.

The Board approved a bylaw for the Regional Geospatial Reference System (GPS) outlining the allocation of net service costs and fees charged for private sector usage.

Metro Vancouver Comments on the Ministry of Agriculture's Proposed Bylaw Standards on Medical Marihuana Production Facilities in the ALR **APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver is concerned about the implications of permitting large-scale medical marihuana production on agricultural land. The MMPR program requirements translate into a highly built-out development style with significant security requirements and costs, and results in development that is better suited to industrial sites. They also result in policing and fire response realities that are inefficient for sites located outside the Urban Containment Boundary on agricultural lands.

As a result, Metro Vancouver is requesting that the Ministry of Agriculture reverse the policy direction determining that medical marihuana production is an approved farm use and appropriate on ALR land.

The Board endorsed comments pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture's proposed bylaw standards on medical marihuana production facilities in the ALR and will forward the comments to the Ministry.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

Amendment – Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 17752 Colebrook Road, City of Surrey **APPROVED**

The City of Surrey has requested that the Fraser Sewerage Area be amended to include the footprint of a new building located at 17752 Colebrook Road in Surrey. The property is located outside the Urban Containment Boundary, is consistent with the provisions of Metro 2040 and a review has shown negligible impacts on the regional sewerage system.

The Board approved the amendment to the Fraser Sewerage Area.

Award of Contract Resulting from Tender No. 14 - 003: Supply and Installation of Carvolth Trunk Sewer No. 2 and 200 Street Utilities Replacement **APPROVED**

The Board awarded a contract in the amount of \$5,736,790.50 (inclusive of tax) to Pedre Contractors Ltd. for the Supply and Installation of Carvolth Trunk Sewer No. 2 and 200 Street Utilities Replacement projects in the City of Langley.



Recycling and Solid Waste Management 2013 Statistics Report

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Metro Vancouver monitors and reports annually on the quantities of materials recycled and waste disposed by sector (single family residential, multi - family residential, commercial/institutional, and construction/demolition) in this region.

Field measurements and surveys have been completed in order to increase the precision of our estimates of the waste disposed per capita from the multifamily sector.

The overall regional diversion rate has increased from 58% to 60% in 2013. The overall disposal rate has decreased from 0.56 to 0.55 tonnes per person.

An estimated 70,000 tonnes of garbage was hauled to transfer stations in Abbotsford and has been included in the multi - family and ICI sectors' figures.

The Board received the report for information.

Contribution Agreement – Recycling Council of British Columbia

APPROVED

The Board approved a Contribution Agreement to the Recycling Council of British Columbia for a three-year term and annual contribution of \$60,000 commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2017.

The Recycling Council of British Columbia builds relationships with extended producer responsibility stewards, trains and retains skilled staff, and supports the region's cities to promote the Recycling Hotline number to their residents.

This three-year agreement provides some measure of stability to allow for smooth planning, program development and delivery. A three-year agreement will be seen by other potential donors as evidence of a durable partnership between the Recycling Council of British Columbia and Metro Vancouver, creating potential for leveraging additional funds and in-kind support.

Extended Producer Responsibility Programs Reporting Requirements

APPROVED

Each Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program operating in B.C. is required by the Recycling Regulation to produce an annual report of its activities and performance. Since 2004, the Recycling Regulation defined specific topics which must be addressed by each program, including:

- Commentary on educational materials and strategies;
- The number and locations of depots and/or other collection facilities;



- Life cycle impacts, including efforts to increase reusability and recyclability;
- Management of collected materials according to the pollution prevention hierarchy;
- If applicable, the total amount sold and collected, as well as a recovery rate; and
- Third - party audited financial statements, if an advance disposal fee is charged to consumers.

Recently, EPR programs were also required to report collection statistics within each Regional District.

The Board requested the Minister of Environment to post, on an annual basis, to the Product Stewardship section of their website all Extended Producer Responsibility annual reports.

2015 GVS&DD Budgets – Liquid Waste and Solid Waste

APPROVED

The Board approved the 2015 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, use of Reserves, and Capital Expenditures for the GVS&DD.

2015 Tipping Fee Bylaw

APPROVED

A bylaw is amended annually to revise the Tipping Fee for garbage, and to cover other requirements for use of Metro Vancouver Disposal Facilities. A Tipping Fee of \$109 per tonne is proposed for 2015 with revenues matching expenditures if Bylaw 280 is approved by the Minister of Environment. The other key change for 2015 is the addition of Food Waste and Clean Wood as banned materials. If Bylaw 280 is not approved, all disposal bans will be ineffective because if haulers bypass Regional Facilities, their loads are not subject to disposal bans.

The Board approved a 2015 Tipping Fee of \$109 per tonne, an increase of \$1 per tonne from the 2014 Tipping Fee, and approve the other changes to the bylaw as proposed in this report, and approved a \$4.7 million contribution from operating reserves to offset expected reductions in Tipping Fee revenues resulting from waste being shipped out of the region.

Greater Vancouver Water District

Drinking Water Management Plan – 2014 Progress Report

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A report provided a summary of progress in implementing the Drinking Water Management Plan (DWMP). The report was developed with input from municipal staff and has been reviewed by the REAC Water Sub-Committee and REAC.

The DWMP has the following three goals:



1. Provide Clean, Safe Drinking Water
2. Ensure the Sustainable Use of Water Resources
3. Ensure the Efficient Supply of Water

The 2014 progress report summarizes progress toward each of the three DWMP goals - first in terms of performance measures, then progress on key actions (Metro Vancouver actions and Municipal actions), and finally our priorities moving forward.

The Board received the report for information.

2015 GVWD Budget

APPROVED

That Board approved the 2015 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, use of Reserves, and Capital Expenditures for the GVWD and set the Water Rate for 2015 at: \$0.7270 per cubic metre for June through September; and \$0.5816 per cubic metre for January through May and October through December.