



For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, October 30, 2015

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Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks

Kanaka Creek Regional Park – Contribution Agreement for Operation of the Kanaka Creek Bell-Irving Hatchery

APPROVED

The Kanaka Creek Bell-Irving Hatchery has operated for over 30 years in Kanaka Creek Regional Park through a collaboration with Metro Vancouver, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society. In addition to fulfilling fish production and conservation functions, the hatchery has developed a robust educational program and encouraged stewardship activities in the community.

The Board approved a Contribution Agreement with the Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society toward the operation of the Kanaka Creek Bell-Irving Hatchery for a one-year term in the amount of \$21,000, commencing January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016.

2016 GVRD Budget – Regional Parks

APPROVED

The 2016 Budgets for Metro Vancouver departments represent a \$9 increase to the average regional household (\$760,000 assessed value) for a total cost of \$436 in 2016. Total expenditures are \$669.4 million which is an increase of 2.3% from 2015.

The Board approved the 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Budget, and use of Reserves and Capital Expenditures as presented for Regional Parks.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Metro Vancouver Public Advisory Committee Policy

APPROVED

The Board approved a policy setting the parameters for the establishment of Public Advisory Committees to provide advice on specific projects, processes, and plans.



Ortho-imagery Acquisition Service

APPROVED

The Board authorized the purchase of high resolution aerial photography (ortho-imagery) within the region on a bi-annual basis to share with member municipalities and other public organizations commencing in 2016.

Coordinating the procurement of a consistent set of high resolution aerial images across the Metro Vancouver region on a regular basis would allow for standardized data collection, efficient management and sharing with our member local governments, and could lead to a regular scheduling of updates in a more-efficient and cost-effective manner than the current ad-hoc arrangements.

Based on the July 2014 Request For Proposal that Metro Vancouver issued to acquire orthoimagery, the proposals to fly the entire region and to license orthoimages for share range from \$150,000 to \$250,000. It is estimated that the annual cost for this service would be \$125,000.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Summary Report on Indian Residential Schools

APPROVED

The Board:

- a) endorsed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Summary Report on Indian Residential Schools, and agreed to send letters to the Honourable Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, and the Honourable Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation urging them to move forward quickly with the report recommendations; and
- b) directed staff to report back on how the following proposed Metro Vancouver activities may form the basis of the 2016 Aboriginal Relations Committee Work Plan:
 1. Liaise with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
 2. Raise awareness about Indian Residential Schools.
 3. Provide cultural competency training.
 4. Strengthen relationships with First Nations.

Analysis of Alternative Goods Movement Scenarios

APPROVED

A proposal was presented for Metro Vancouver to undertake, in cooperation with partner agencies, a comprehensive study of actions to optimize container goods movement and minimize adverse effects on communities.

The Board's interest in goods movement is partially rooted in the expansion plans of the marine terminal tenants of Port Metro Vancouver. Specifically, local governments have longstanding concerns about the adverse effects that increased container traffic would have on communities (i.e. road



congestion, safety, noise) and on the region as a whole (i.e. air emissions, pressures on industrial and agricultural lands).

The Board directed staff to initiate a project to conduct an expanded analysis of alternative goods movement scenarios.

Fraser River Salinity Benchmarking Study

APPROVED

A study from the Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI) will investigate concerns about changing salinity levels in the Fraser River as a result of both climate change and the proposed removal of the George Massey Tunnel.

The Board approved a \$10,000 contribution to the Fraser River Salinity Benchmarking Study.

Metro Vancouver Input to Provincial Climate Leadership Plan Process

APPROVED

The provincial government undertook consultation on its Climate Leadership Plan during a brief period in summer 2015. In order to respond within tight time constraints, Metro Vancouver provided input with two submissions.

The Board will write to the provincial Minister of Environment conveying its support for the Metro Vancouver staff submission of detailed policy comments on the Provincial Climate Leadership Plan. This is a follow-up to the Board's previous communication to the Minister on foundational climate action policies of importance within the Metro Vancouver region.

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee October 2015

RECEIVED

The Board received a summary report of a delegation visit and report to Metro Vancouver's Inter-government and Finance Committee from the Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR).

2016 GVRD Function Budgets

APPROVED

The 2016 Budgets for all Metro Vancouver departments represent a \$9 increase to the average regional household (\$760,000 assessed value) for a total cost of \$436 in 2016. Total expenditures are \$669.4 million which is an increase of 2.3% from 2015.

The Board approved the 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets and use of Reserves, as presented for Air Quality, E911 Emergency Telephone Service, Electoral Area Service, General Government, Labour Relations, Regional Global Positioning System, and Regional Planning.



Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future - Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements – “Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1223, 2015”

APPROVED

The Board adopted a bylaw for a Type 3 Minor Amendment to Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040), the regional growth strategy.

The bylaw amendment entails incorporating changes to the Metro 2040 regional land use designation maps, the addition of Frequent Transit Development Areas, and addition and deletion of local centres stemming from seven Regional Context Statements accepted by the GVRD Board, and one Regional Context Statement adopted by the Province between early 2014 and early 2015 as well as changes to population, dwelling unit, and employment growth projections.

GVRD Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1225, 2015

APPROVED

The Board adopted a financial plan Bylaw to provide authority for the 2016 operations of the individual GVRD functions, and to conclude the administrative process required regarding the Greater Vancouver Regional District function budgets for 2016 and the financial plan for years 2017 to 2020.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

Region-wide On-site Stormwater Management Baseline

APPROVED

The region-wide baseline for on-site stormwater management is a key to address runoff from single-family type land uses. By continuing to work with member municipalities and consult with relevant stakeholders, a better understanding of the implications of the proposed baseline will be obtained.

The proposed baseline criteria and implementation approaches were developed over the last three years, and included significant technical involvement by municipal staff. The on-site stormwater management baseline and its implementation options are designed to provide long-term stream health benefits.

The Board directed staff to consult with stakeholders on the proposed criteria and implementation options for a region-wide baseline for on-site stormwater management.



Update on Extended Producer Responsibility Programs

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report summarizing the results of the 2014 Annual Reports published by all Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs. Notably, Multi Material BC produced an inaugural report on its program that launched on May 19, and achieved a recovery rate of over 80%. The report noted that Encorp Pacific collected and recycled its 15 billionth beverage container.

Food Scraps Campaign Update

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report on the next phase of the food scraps campaign in support of the Organics Disposal Ban and to increase food scraps recycling.

A humorous food scraps campaign was launched in 2014 using eight unique food 'characters' telling us that "Food Isn't Garbage" and "Food Scraps Belong in Your Green Bin." The campaign's second phase launched on October 15, 2015, introducing five new 'characters' based on food-soiled items like paper plates and napkins, pizza boxes, coffee filters, and seafood shells and sauces. Campaign research shows that these items are not well understood as 'food scraps' that can be put into the green bin. The campaign will be promoted across the region in collaboration with Metro Vancouver member municipalities that will be able to use and leverage the creative materials in their communities and across their own advertising and online channels.

2016 GVS&DD Budgets – Liquid Waste and Solid Waste

APPROVED

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The Board approved the 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, use of Reserves, and Capital Expenditures as presented for the Liquid Waste Services and Solid Waste Services departments.

2016 Tipping Fee Bylaw

APPROVED

The Board approved changes to the Tipping Fee Bylaw.

Changes include:

- Increasing the tipping fees by \$3 per tonne for small and medium loads with large load rates remaining fixed in 2016.
- A Municipal Tipping fee of \$100 per tonne for single family and local government public works waste.



- The tipping fee for Special Handle Waste increasing by \$50 to \$250 per tonne, and the organics drop off rate increasing by \$1 to \$67 per tonne at all Metro Vancouver facilities except the North Shore Transfer Station.
- Gypsum rates will harmonize with garbage rates.

Greater Vancouver Water District

2016 GVWD Budget

APPROVED

The 2016 Budgets for all Metro Vancouver departments represent a \$9 increase to the average regional household (\$760,000 assessed value) for a total cost of \$436 in 2016. Total expenditures are \$669.4 million which is an increase of 2.3% from 2015.

The Board approved the 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, use of Reserves, and Capital Expenditures as presented for Water Services, and set the Water Rate for 2016 at:

- \$0.7407 per cubic metre for June through September; and
- \$0.5926 per cubic metre for January through May and October through December.