

## **For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, April 29, 2016**

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## **Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks**

### **Contribution Agreement – Pacific Parklands Foundation**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved a Contribution Agreement between the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Pacific Parklands Foundation for a three-year term and annual contribution of \$175,000 commencing January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

### **Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit Youth Society**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved a Contribution Agreement between the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Catching the Spirit Youth Society for a three-year term and annual contribution of \$75,000 commencing January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2019.

## **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

### **UBC Frederic Wood Theatre Liquor Licence Application**

**APPROVED**

The University of British Columbia has applied to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for liquor primary licence application for the Frederic Wood Theatre. The Board recommend the issuance of a liquor licence and endorsed staff comments as outlined in the report.

### **Distribution of Electoral Area A Community Works Fund Monies**

**APPROVED**

The Community Works Fund is delivered to all local governments in British Columbia through a direct annual allocation to support local eligible priorities. The amount delivered is based on a per-capita formula which is consistent with the federal principles of Gas Tax Funding.

The Board endorsed the distribution of monies from the Community Works Fund to areas within Electoral Area A based on population as described in the report.

### **Meto Vancouver Staff Submission to the B.C. Climate Leadership Plan, Phase II Engagement**

**APPROVED**

The Board will write to the provincial Minister of Environment conveying its support for the Metro Vancouver Phase II staff submission on the Provincial Climate Leadership Plan.

**Asset Disposal Policy****APPROVED**

The Asset Disposal Policy outlines the framework and process by which Metro Vancouver will dispose of assets that are used on a routine basis. The disposal of assets such as land, infrastructure, and buildings owned by Metro Vancouver are not covered under this policy and are considered special circumstances that would require a Board decision on their disposal requirements. The Board approved a revised Asset Disposal Policy.

**Status of Reserves****APPROVED**

The Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this report. These applications are consistent with legislated requirements and Board policy on the use of reserves and provide the funding necessary to complete operating priorities currently in progress, and will also reduce future debt requirements.

**GVRD Nominee to the 2016-2017 E-Comm Board of Directors****APPROVED**

The Board designated Raymond Louie as Metro Vancouver nominee to the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term.

**2015 Food Scraps Recycling and Christmas Waste Reduction Campaigns****RECEIVED**

In support of waste reduction and diversion targets in the *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan*, two broad advertising campaigns were held in the fourth quarter of 2015. Both campaigns were visible on transit throughout the region as well as in online publications, social media, and at municipal facilities. The Board received the report for information.

**Consideration of the Village of Lions Bay Regional Context Statement****APPROVED**

The Board accepted the Village of Lions Bay Regional Context Statement as received by Metro Vancouver on March 9, 2016.

**Metro Vancouver 2015 Industrial Lands Inventory****RECEIVED**

The 2015 Industrial Lands Inventory provides a comprehensive inventory of industrial lands and their characteristics, including quantity and utilization, and also documents change over time. The results will assist in continuing to implement and report on the regional growth strategy, Metro 2040, support municipalities and agencies in their efforts to protect industrial lands and ensure their efficient use, and provide the development community with information about available lands and opportunities. The Board received the report for information.

**2016 Regional Food System Action Plan****APPROVED**

When the Board adopted the Regional Food System Strategy in 2011, it directed staff to prepare a Regional Food System Action Plan. The Action Plan identifies both actions for specific local governments, those which have been reviewed and approved by decision makers, and a number of new collaborative initiatives that have not yet been considered by municipal Councils or the GVRD Board.

The Board:

- Endorsed the 2016 Regional Food System Action Plan as a collaborative approach through which local governments can jointly advance a sustainable, resilient and healthy regional food system.
- Acknowledged the consolidation into the Action Plan of food system actions already planned for implementation by Metro Vancouver.
- Directed staff to explore eighteen new collaborative actions identified in the Action Plan.

**Draft Audited 2015 Financial Statements****APPROVED**

The Board approved the Audited 2015 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

**2015 Financial Results Year-End****RECEIVED**

The Board received a report with an update on financial performance year ending December 31, 2015 as compared to the 2015 annual budget. Overall, the 2015 financial results for the Metro Vancouver entities and functions were favourable to budget with a surplus of \$25.9 million.

**Delegations Received at Committee April 2016****RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a summary of delegations to the Intergovernment and Finance Electoral Area Sub-Committee, which included Scott Cornell, President, Strachan Point Estates, and Brenda Debelle, Resident of Strachan Point.

**Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw – Minor Amendments****APPROVED**

The Board approved several minor zoning amendments for Electoral Area A. The amendments are intended to address issues identified by staff through application of the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw, and specific amendments to the Strachan Point Residential Zone resulting from consultation with Strachan Point residents.

## Greater Vancouver Water District

### **Status of Reserves**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this report. These applications are consistent with legislated requirements and Board policy on the use of reserves and provide the funding necessary to complete operating priorities currently in progress as well as reduce future debt requirements.

### **Industrial Trial of Drinking Water Treatment Residuals at Lafarge Richmond Cement Plant**

**APPROVED**

Drinking water treatment residuals are the thickened, dewatered solids removed as a result of the drinking water filtration process at the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Plant, and consist of materials from the source water, and treatment chemicals.

The Board approved a 12-month trial of drinking water treatment residuals for use as an alternate raw material in the production of cement at the Lafarge Richmond Cement Plant.

### **2015 GVWD Quality Control Annual Report**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a summary of the 2015 Quality Control Annual Report on drinking water quality.

### **Water Supply Forecast and Water Consumption Update for Summer 2016**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information an annual update on the current water supply and water consumption situation in advance of the approaching summer peak demand period. With existing snowpack levels only slightly below average, and significantly above spring 2015 levels, it is expected that source lake storage will be sufficient to ensure adequate water supply for the 2016 summer season.

### **Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2015**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report on the status of the utilities capital expenditures. The Water District is projecting to be under spent for both ongoing and completed capital projects to December 31, 2015.

### **Draft Audited 2015 Financial Statements**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the Audited 2015 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Water District.

## **Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District**

### **Status of Reserves**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the application of reserves as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this report. These applications are consistent with legislated requirements and Board policy on the use of reserves and provide the funding necessary to complete operating priorities currently in progress as well as reduce future debt requirements.

### **Biosolids Drying Facility at Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**APPROVED**

The Board supported proceeding with a feasibility study of a Biosolids Drying Facility at the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### **Amendment to Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – Northeast Coquitlam**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved an amendment to the Fraser Sewerage Area boundary to include the properties in the City of Coquitlam as shown on District Drawing SA-2376 Sheets 86 and 87.

### **Amendment to Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary – 15005 36 Avenue, Surrey**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the amendment to the Fraser Sewerage Area boundary to include the property located at 15005 36 Avenue, Surrey.

### **Intentions Paper – Proposed New Bylaw for Hospitals and Acute Care Facilities**

**APPROVED**

As part of Metro Vancouver's source control strategy to proactively minimize contaminants from entering the sewers, Metro Vancouver is developing strategies to regulate wastes discharged to sewer from hospitals and acute care facilities. The Board endorsed an Intentions Paper and directed staff to begin consultation on the development of a new regulatory bylaw.

### **Results of 2015 Grease Pilot Project with the City of Surrey**

**RECEIVED**

A 2015 pilot project with the City of Surrey tested approaches to encourage residents to dispose of grease in the green bin instead of down sinks and other drains. A post-pilot survey in December 2015 showed that the campaign reached 15% of City of Surrey residents. Most of those reached (60%), indicated they are less likely to dispose of grease in drains with 50% indicating they would dispose of grease in the green bin, and another 15% indicating they would put it in the green bin/garbage. These findings will inform a second grease behavior change pilot project to be undertaken with the City of Richmond. The Board received the report for information.

**Results of 2015 Wipes Pilot Project with the City of Pitt Meadows****RECEIVED**

In the fall of 2015, Metro Vancouver conducted a pilot project with the City of Pitt Meadows to test approaches to encourage residents to dispose of wipes in the garbage and not the toilet. Women were the target audience, and one-half of those surveyed (51%) recalled the campaign with nearly all (93%) indicating they now dispose of wipes in the garbage. Additionally, measurements taken at the Baynes Road pump station showed a significant decrease in the amount of wipes. The Board received the report for information.

**Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2015****RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report on the status of the utilities capital expenditures.

**2015 Disposal Ban Inspection Program Update****RECEIVED**

The Board received for information an annual update on the Metro Vancouver disposal ban inspection program. The disposal ban inspection program is one of Metro Vancouver's key waste reduction strategies. In 2015, 176,895 loads were inspected with a total of 4,835 surcharges issued.

**Disposal Ban Program: Proposed Tipping Fee Bylaw Revisions****APPROVED**

This report describes proposed changes to the Tipping Fee Bylaw for 2017 related to the disposal ban program. The proposed changes are related to the role of the disposal ban inspector, the performance of inspection and issuing surcharge notices, the surcharge dispute process, and clarify the ability of the Manager to use discretion to waive surcharge(s). The Board directed staff to initiate consultation on the proposed changes to the Tipping Fee Bylaw related to the disposal ban program.

**Update on MMBC Program Implementation and Streetscape Collection****RECEIVED**

The Board received the report for information and will send letters to the Ministry of Environment requesting that the Minister direct MMBC to fulfill their obligation with respect to the provisions of streetscape collection, and that the Minister direct the newspaper industry to comply with the requirements of the B.C. Recycling Regulation immediately.

**Metro Vancouver 2015 Waste Composition Monitoring Program****RECEIVED**

The Board received an update on the regional waste composition monitoring program in support of the Region's waste diversion goals.

The 2015 waste composition monitoring program analyzed the composition of the waste stream across 138 material categories. The results from the 2015 waste composition monitoring program showed a notable reduction in the amount of organics disposed with an approximate 66,000 tonne reduction from 2014.

## **Single Family Every-Other-Week Garbage Collection - Status Update**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received a report with disposal and recycling data outlining the effects of every-other-week garbage collections programs on the single-family residences. Currently, approximately 70% of single-family residences in the region have every-other-week garbage collection. On average, municipalities that have changed their collection method have seen a 33% reduction in the tonnage of waste disposed.

## **Status of Sewerage and Drainage District (Solid Waste) Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2015**

**RECEIVED**

The Board received a report on the status of utilities capital expenditures for the Sewerage and Drainage District (Solid Waste).

## **Draft Audited 2015 Financial Statements**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the Audited 2015 Financial Statements for the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District.

## **Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 300, 2016**

**APPROVED**

The Board adopted a bylaw to meet the statutory requirements to use Development Cost Charges (DCC) for funding of the growth capital program. This bylaw completes the authority for the required transfer to support the 2015 financial plan.