



For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, February 26, 2016

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Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Plan

APPROVED

The Regional Parks Plan is a key policy tool that provides guidance for the delivery of the Regional Parks service, especially the upcoming land acquisition strategy. The updated Plan brings direction adopted by the Board into policy. During the public feedback process, respondents to an online survey indicated overwhelming support for the Plan’s updated goals and strategies. The 2016 goals as currently stated in the Plan are:

- To protect important natural areas to make the region more livable, and to enhance connections among regional parks, other parks or natural areas like greenways or trail systems.
- To provide opportunities for people to connect with, enjoy, be active in, and learn about the environment.

The Board adopted the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Plan.

Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD)

Consultation on Amendments to GVRD Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008, and GVRD Air Quality Management Fees Regulation Bylaw No. 1083, 2008

RECEIVED

Metro Vancouver is updating two bylaws pertaining to air emissions permitting and enforcement. In stakeholder consultation sessions on the amendments, most comments were not on the proposed amendments, but instead on the use of term limits in the air quality permitting system.

Staff understand the concerns raised, and propose to continue discussions with stakeholders on the term limits issue. The use of term limits in the permitting system is a practice that Metro Vancouver has had in place for several years, and has used consistently since at least 2008 as an effective way to promote continuous improvement of air quality.

The Board received the report for information, and directed staff to continue discussions with stakeholders on the use of term limits in Metro Vancouver’s air quality permitting system.

Partnering Agreements and Funding for Metro Vancouver's Wood Stove Exchange Program **APPROVED**

Residential wood burning appliances are significant contributors to fine particulate matter emissions (PM2.5), which contribute to climate change. Metro Vancouver has operated a Wood Stove Exchange Program since 2009 with funding from the provincial government. The program has reduced PM2.5 emissions in over 350 neighbourhoods, ultimately improving local air quality for residents.

Metro Vancouver recently received an additional \$19,250 in funding from the Province to support the continuation of the regional Wood Stove Exchange Program, which could support as many as 77 additional exchanges.

The Board:

- a) authorized the participation of wood burning appliance retailers in Metro Vancouver's wood stove exchange program.
- b) directed staff to publish Metro Vancouver's intention to work with wood burning appliance retailers.
- c) authorized partnering agreements with 17 retailers to establish the terms and conditions of the services they would provide to Metro Vancouver as part of the program.
- d) authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the partnering agreements.
- e) will send a letter to the BC Minister of Environment requesting continued funding for the Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program.

Appointment of the 2016 Local Government Treaty Table Representatives to the Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh Negotiations **APPROVED**

The Board appointed Surrey Councillor Barbara Steele as the local government treaty table representative to the Katzie negotiations for 2016, and appointed West Vancouver Councillor Mary-Ann Booth as the local government treaty table representative to the Tsleil - Waututh negotiations for 2016.

Appointment of Metro Vancouver's 2016 Representative to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' First Nations Relations Committee **APPROVED**

The Board appointed Director Barbara Steele, Chair of Metro Vancouver's Aboriginal Relations Committee, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' First Nations Relations Committee for 2016.

Appointment of a Metro Vancouver Observer to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Meetings for 2016 **APPROVED**

The Board appointed Director Nicole Read, Vice-Chair of Metro Vancouver's Aboriginal Relations Committee, as the Committee's observer to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee meetings for 2016.

Metro 2040 Consistency of a Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District (GVS&DD) Sewerage Area Extension – City of Coquitlam **APPROVED**

On October 26, 2015, the City of Coquitlam requested that Metro Vancouver amend the Fraser Sewerage Area boundaries to include of number of properties in Northeast Coquitlam. The Board resolved that the extension of GVS&DD sewerage services in the City of Coquitlam is consistent with the provisions of Metro Vancouver 2040, and will forward the requested Fraser Sewerage Area extension application to the GVS&DD Board for consideration.

GVS&DD Sewerage Area Extension – City of Surrey **APPROVED**

On December 3, 2015, the City of Surrey requested that Metro Vancouver include a property in the Fraser Sewerage Area. The Board resolved that the extension of GVS&DD sewerage services to 15005 36th Avenue in the City of Surrey is consistent with the provisions of Metro Vancouver 2040, and will forward the requested Fraser Sewerage Area extension application to the GVS&DD Board for consideration.

Regional Context Statement Amendment – City of Langley **APPROVED**

The Board accepted the City of Langley Regional Context Statement.

Metro Facts in Focus Policy Backgrounder: Office Development in Metro Vancouver **RECEIVED**

The 2015 Office Development in Metro Vancouver's Urban Centres report was prepared to inform the implementation of Metro 2040 by monitoring and advancing office development in the region's Urban Centres, and to support ongoing dialogue about the relationship between office development and locational considerations.

That Board received the report for information, and directed staff to report back to the Regional Planning Committee to advance policy discussion on questions identified under regional dialogue issues, as presented in Section D of the Facts in Focus report.

2016 Housing Committee Work Plan **APPROVED**

The 2016 Work Plan conveys the 2016 priorities for the Housing Committee, and is consistent with its terms of reference and the 2016 Budget approved by the Board.



The Board directed staff to:

- a) develop targets to increase the number of units in the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation, and to report back to the GVRD Board and the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation Board with a proposed strategy for implementation.
- b) pursue new federal and provincial government funding to achieve these targets.
- a) expedite the process to identify and prioritize sites available to achieve these targets.

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Entity Activities Report

APPROVED

The Board will send a letter of support on behalf of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Advisory Board to Jean-Yves Duclos, federal Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development, requesting the return of the unspent funds as identified in the report.

Specifically, the request is to return \$1.6 million in unspent funds from the first and second fiscal years of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program as there is no provision to carry forward unspent funds to the following fiscal year or reallocate the funds to housing projects other than those meeting the Housing First criteria.

Update on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

APPROVED

The provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure plans to replace the George Massey Tunnel with a 10-lane tolled bridge. In addition to bridge-related construction and tunnel decommissioning, this will also entail the relocation of a BC Hydro high-voltage transmission line.

Metro Vancouver is very interested in the project, specifically with respect to the potential impacts on Deas Island Regional Park and on two nearby water mains, and more broadly with respect to regional growth management, transportation, air quality, and climate change. The specific implications for Metro Vancouver remain unknown, given the lack of detail in the Project Definition Report and the short timeframe allowed for analysis and comment.

The Board will send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting that an additional two months, from the date of Board approval, be granted to review the Project Definition Report for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project, and to assess the impacts of the proposed Project on Metro Vancouver infrastructure and services.

Response to the "Prepared and Resilient: A Discussion paper on the Legislative Framework for Emergency Management in British Columbia"

APPROVED

On January 11, 2016, a letter was sent by the provincial Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness to local authorities seeking input and feedback on the provincial discussion paper that reviews the current Emergency Program Act, and establishes key responsibilities and authorities to guide and enable experts at the local and provincial levels in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters.



The Province is considering changes in the Act and is seeking stakeholder feedback until April 22, 2016. The consultation period was initiated on January 11, 2016, and with the new deadline will provide adequate time to solicit regional input in the preparation of a response for Board consideration.

The Board received the report for information, and directed staff to assess and report back to the Board on the proposed changes to the Emergency Program Act for submission to the Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness.

Amended 2016 Labour Relations Function Budget **APPROVED**

The Board approved the 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Budget for Labour Relations as presented in the report.

Amendments to the Metro Vancouver 2016 Appointment to the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) **APPROVED**

The Board amended its resolution of January 29, 2016 regarding the Metro Vancouver 2016 Appointments to External Agencies by:

- a) appointing Sav Dhaliwal as alternate representative to the Municipal Finance Authority in place of Jack Froese.
- b) appointing Ralph Drew as alternate representative to the Municipal Finance Authority in place of Richard Stewart.

Amendments to GVRD Air Quality Management Fees Regulation Bylaw No. 1083, 2008 **APPROVED**

The Board updated an Air Quality bylaw to change the fees that are charged for air emission permits. These changes are relevant to industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities whose operations require air emissions permits.

District of West Vancouver – “Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1227, 2016” **APPROVED**

The Board approved the District of West Vancouver’s request for financing in the amount of \$23,022,377, to cover the estimated cost of constructing a new police services and municipal hall facility, and forwarded the Issuing Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.



City of White Rock – “Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1228, 2016” **APPROVED**

The Board approved the City of White Rock’s request for financing in the amount of \$14,250,000 to cover an advance payment on the cost of acquiring a water utility, and forwarded the Issuing Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

City of New Westminster – “Greater Vancouver Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1229, 2016” **APPROVED**

The Board approved the City of New Westminster’s request for financing in the amount of \$12,500,000 to cover constructing and improving civic facilities, roads and parks, and forwarded the Issuing Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

Greater Vancouver Water District

Consultation Results and Proposed Amendments to the Water Shortage Response Plan **APPROVED**

The Board received the report for and amended the Water Shortage Response Plan as follows:

1. Amend Stage 2 to allow water to be used by commercial cleaning services for aesthetic cleaning.
2. Amend Stage 3 to allow previously issued local government exemption permits to water new lawns or for treatment to control the European Chafer Beetle to remain valid.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

Amendment of Fraser Sewerage Area Boundary - Township of Langley **APPROVED**

The Board approved the amendment of the Fraser Sewerage Area boundary to include the following properties located within the Township of Langley:

- a) 637 200th Street (Lot 6, Sec. 3, Township 7, NWD, Plan NWP21259).
- b) 1381 200th Street (N ½ Lot 1, Sec. 10, Township 7, NWD, Ex Plan 13509).
- c) 5277 224th Street (Lot 9, Sec. 6, Township 11, NWD, Plan NWP40747).

Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant – Quarterly Report **APPROVED**

Work continues on preparation of the procurement documents for the design-build-finance contract for the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three proponents will be shortlisted and invited to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process scheduled for early April 2016.



The award of the contract is anticipated in early 2017. The project engagement and consultation program continues to focus on community integration and engagement opportunities, traffic, and construction impacts. A public open house to update the community on progress and next steps is planned.

The Board received the report for information.

Award of Phase B, Detailed Design Consulting Engineering Services: Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Transient Mitigation and Outfall **APPROVED**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for engineering consulting services for the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Transient Mitigation and Outfall project. It is contemplated that the work to be done in three phases.

The Board authorized the award of Phase B, Detailed Design Services, for an amount up to \$10,270,884 (exclusive of taxes) to the Phase A consultant, CDM Smith Canada ULC.

Contingency Landfill Disposal **APPROVED**

The Board approved initiating a procurement process for contingency landfill disposal for a minimum of 50,000 tonnes per year of waste for seven years with an option to renew for an additional two years. The Board also approved the evaluation criteria and weighting for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for contingency landfill disposal of: Experience and Reputation (30%), Technical (30%), Financial and Commercial (40%).

Vancouver Landfill: Metro Vancouver - Vancouver - Delta Tri-Partite Agreement Overview **APPROVED**

The Vancouver Landfill is an important waste disposal facility for the region. The Vancouver Landfill received approximately 365,000 tonnes of mixed municipal solid waste in 2015. The Tri-Partite Agreement defines the relationship between Metro Vancouver, Vancouver, and Delta with respect to the Landfill, and includes provisions related to cost and revenue sharing, waste distribution, royalties, and closure liability. Waste quantities at the Vancouver Landfill have declined over the last 10 years through increased waste diversion and reduced waste generation.

The Board received the report for information.

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee February 2016 **APPROVED**

The Board asked to be informed of activities related to delegations at Committee, and received for information an executive summary of a delegation to the Zero Waste Committee in February 2016.