

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, June 27, 2014

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Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a summary of a delegation to the Environment and Parks Committee from the Belcarra South Preservation Society.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Application for Amendments to the Liquor-Primary Licence for UBC Thunderbird Sports Centre

APPROVED

The Board will advise the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch that it supports the issuance of an amendment to the Liquor Primary Licence held by the University of British Columbia, to allow liquor service at concerts at the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre, subject to the conditions based on public input and comments from the RCMP to minimize community impacts and noise.

Property Taxation of Medical Marihuana Production Facilities

RECEIVED

The Board received a report that provides information on the property tax implications of commercial medical marihuana production facilities.

The report concludes that municipalities will need to carefully take into account the property tax benefits impacts from commercial marihuana facilities when considering such uses through their Official Community Plan and Zoning bylaws. There is a significant difference in property taxation depending on whether the owner applies for and receives farm class status compared to existing commercial or industrial taxes. Independent legal advice should be sought to provide an opinion on the specifics of each zoning bylaw.

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – June 2014

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a summary of a delegation to the Environment and Parks Committee from QUEST – Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow.



Metro Vancouver External Agency Activities Status Report June 2014

RECEIVED

The Board received for information reports from Metro Vancouver representatives to eight external organizations.

2013 Schedules of Financial Information

APPROVED

The Board approved the 2013 Schedules of Financial Information for Remuneration & Expenses and for Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services. These documents describe remuneration for Metro Vancouver Directors, committee members and staff, as well as payments to external organizations.

MVHC's Financing for Cedarwood Place Lands

APPROVED

Until recently, BC Housing owned the 1.4 acre property of Cedarwood Place (7260 Granville Avenue, Richmond), which the Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) leased for the housing complex.

MVHC owned the improvements on the lands, effectively the rental building, and BC Housing approached MVHC with an offer to sell its interest in the land.

The Board approved second mortgage financing for Cedarwood Place lands, in the amount of \$5,032,400.

Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Amendment Request from the City of Surrey – Central Newton

APPROVED

The Board gave first and second reading to a bylaw and initiated the Metro Vancouver 2040 amendment process for part of an area called the Central Newton Cultural Commercial District. The request consists of re-designating 6.5 hectares of regionally designated Industrial lands to Mixed Employment.

The Board directed staff to notify all affected local governments before the proposed amendment returns to the Board at a future date, for consideration.

Strengthening the Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Amendment Process

APPROVED

The Board approved several changes to strengthen the Metro 2040 amendment process and to address issues that have arisen in processing amendments that have taken place since the adoption of the Metro 2040.

Changes proposed include:



1. Clearer direction on when Metro Vancouver would like to receive *Metro 2040* amendment requests from municipalities is proposed by adding that Metro Vancouver “strongly encourages municipalities to submit their request after a local public hearing and a subsequent reading of the OCP Bylaw” to the RGS Amendment Guidelines.
2. Revisions to the RGS Amendment Guidelines that request municipalities to submit their proposed amendment first, and then to submit their RCS for acceptance once the *Metro 2040* amendment process has been initiated by the Metro Vancouver Board. This change will help to ensure that there is sufficient time to complete the *Metro 2040* amendment process where a concurrent RCS amendment is involved.
3. Clarification that RPAC’s role is primarily as a forum to share information and to ensure that municipal planning directors are informed so that they may better advise their Councils on regional planning matters. It is also proposed that RPAC’s ability to provide comment be made optional as opposed to required.
4. Clarification that Metro Vancouver staff analysis will be provided at the beginning of the process. To ensure that there is adequate time for Metro Vancouver staff to provide a fulsome staff analysis, it is proposed that the requirement to provide the staff report on the proposed *Metro 2040* amendment to RPAC within four weeks of receipt be removed from the RGS Procedures Bylaw.
5. Removal from the RGS Amendment Guidelines of the requirement to provide mailed public notification to neighbouring property owners to avoid confusion between local and regional planning issues. Language is proposed to be added that would give Metro Vancouver more flexibility to provide public notification through other means, such as social media.

Corporation of Delta Proposed Amendment to Metro Vancouver 2040: APPROVED
Shaping our Future for Southlands

The Board approved changed to the Metro 2040 that will accommodate the Southlands development project in the Corporation of Delta.

Federal Gas Tax Funding APPROVED

The Board approved the following motion:

WHEREAS almost one billion dollars, have flowed through Metro Vancouver, to TransLink over the past 10 years, via the transfer of Gas Tax Funds; and

WHEREAS the capital assets purchased or constructed over that time are now the property of an entity over which Metro Vancouver has no decision making authority; and

WHEREAS TransLink could, after a certain time, sell or transfer those assets, (purchased with money designated for municipal infrastructure), without the consent of Metro Vancouver; and



WHEREAS the ownership of these transit assets, could be considered to be Metro Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board direct staff to report to the Board, through the Transportation Committee, on the advisability and feasibility of maintaining ownership of all assets purchased via the gas tax funds, or its alternative, as a part of the next agreement on the use of the funding.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

Waste-to-Energy Facility Environmental Monitoring and Reporting, 2013 Update RECEIVED

The Board received a report containing the 2013 overview of emissions and testing results for Metro Vancouver's Waste-to-Energy Facility (WTEF) and referred the report to staff for the development of a communication plan, which will provide guidance on better communicating the environmental performance of the facility.

The WTEF continues to operate in compliance with all regulations and with a focus on continued environmental and operational improvement.

The WTEF accounts for less than 1% of regional greenhouse gas, particulate matter and smog-forming pollutant emissions.

Update on the Coquitlam Transfer Station Replacement Project RECEIVED

The Board received for information report providing an update on the Coquitlam Transfer Station replacement project and the development permit preparatory work being undertaken in anticipation of the final replacement option decision.

Based on updated costs and service options analysis, recommendations on options to ensure continuous service delivery as well as permanent replacement options will be provided to the Board later this year or in early 2015 for consideration.

GVS&DD Utilities Sustainability Innovation Fund Policies APPROVED

The Board approved the Solid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy and the Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy. These funds are intended to fund GVS&DD projects based on the principles of sustainability.

The balance in the Solid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund is \$18.1 million while the Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund contains \$12.7 million. No disbursements have occurred since these Funds were created in 2004 because guidelines for managing and using these Funds were not approved by the Board. Adoption of the Policies proposed in this report will rectify this situation.



Annacis Research Centre Facility Rentals

APPROVED

The Board authorized the rental of research space at Annacis Research Centre to academic, private and non-governmental organizations.

Kiwanis of West Vancouver Appeal to Refund Regional DCCs

APPROVED

The Board will advise the Kiwanis Seniors Housing and Community Services Society of West Vancouver that it has denied the Society's application for a refund of GVS&DD Development Cost Charges of \$80,700 for Kiwanis Garden Village as the project is ineligible according to the current bylaw.

Greater Vancouver Water Regional District

Water Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy

APPROVED

The Board approved the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund Policy. The Policy is intended to facilitate the use of the Fund to support innovative projects and the application of sustainability into the operations and capital projects of the water utility.

The balance in the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund is just over \$9.2 million. No disbursements have occurred since the Fund was created in 2004 because guidelines for managing and using this Fund were not approved by the Board. Adoption of the Policy will rectify this situation