

**For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, June 12, 2015**

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**Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks****Campbell Valley Regional Park – Campbell Valley Equestrian Society Agreement APPROVED**

The Board authorized a five-year Co-operative Agreement from 2015 through 2020, with a five-year renewal option, with the Campbell Valley Equestrian Society for the non-exclusive use of approximately 36 hectares of cross-country courses and select facilities within Campbell Valley Regional Park for equestrian activities.

**Request for Support for Rivershed Society of BC's 2015 Fraser River Swim Relay APPROVED**

The Rivershed Society of BC is organizing a 2015 anniversary Fraser Swim Relay with a team of five female swimmers. The Society asked Metro Vancouver for \$5,000 to assist with riverside community event costs (e.g. tents, staging, promotions etc.) as well as in-kind support and all necessary permitting in affected regional sites.

The Board approved a contribution of \$5,000 to the Rivershed Society of BC for their 2015 Fraser River Relay Swim initiative, and assistance with both in-kind support from existing operations and services and by waiving fees for applicable Metro Vancouver regional park use permits.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District****Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission– Issues and Options APPROVED**

An Advisory Planning Commission (APC) is a group of community residents appointed by a local government to provide guidance on land use matters. The current eight-member APC for Electoral Area A was appointed in 2012 for a two-year term, which has expired.

The Electoral Area A APC has met infrequently over the last several years, generally to discuss broader planning issues rather than specific development applications. Given the widespread potential impacts of local government bylaws and policies, direct consultation by the Electoral Area Director and Metro Vancouver staff with Electoral A communities, Electoral Area A should be the primary vehicle for engaging residents and stakeholders. On particularly important bylaw and policy matters, special-purpose citizen committees could be established, and the APC could continue to provide advice on land use applications and could be called upon to play a role in larger consultation processes as necessary.

The GVRD Board directed staff to undertake community engagement activities with Electoral Area A communities, and directed staff to proceed with advertising for Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission members for the 2015-2017 term.

**2016 GVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund Applications****APPROVED**

The Board approved the allocation of funding from the GVRD Sustainability Innovation Fund to the following projects:

- Restoration of Degraded Areas within Burns Bog Ecological Conservation Area: \$80,000 in 2016 and \$35,000 in 2017
- Roof to Creek Natural Drainage and Habitat Learning Landscape: \$100,000 in 2016
- The Drive Smart Study: \$100,000 in 2016
- Strata Energy Advisor: \$50,000 in 2015; \$50,000 in 2016, and \$100,000 in 2017
- Metro Vancouver Grow Green: \$40,000 in 2015 and \$40,000 in 2016
- Home Energy Labelling Program Pilot: \$40,000 in 2015 and \$60,000 in 2016

**Correspondence on a Regional Pilot Project to Prevent Illegal Fill Deposition****APPROVED**

Increasingly in Metro Vancouver, there is demand for disposal sites for soil excavated from construction sites, commonly referred to as 'fill'. Illegal fill deposition occurs on farmland because there is a lucrative financial benefit for haulers to dispose of, and landowners to accept, the fill. The problem is further exacerbated by a lack of oversight over the movement of fill across municipal boundaries.

On April 24, 2015, the Regional Planning Committee endorsed a regional approach to addressing illegal fill including a two-year trial project be initiated to develop a web-based permit registry and tracking system for specified construction projects excavating soil as part of their permitting process.

The Board will send a letter to member municipalities requesting their participation in a regional pilot project to prevent illegal fill deposition.

**2015 Metro Vancouver Agriculture Awareness Grant Recommendations****APPROVED**

Over the past seven years, Metro Vancouver has provided up to \$40,000 in annual funding grants to non-profit organizations to deliver agriculture awareness activities throughout the region. The Board approved the allocation of the 2015 Metro Vancouver Agriculture Awareness Grants to eleven non-profit organizations.

**BC Transportation and Financing Authority Transit Assets and Liabilities Act (Bill 2) RECEIVED**  
**– Overview and Analysis**

The Board received for information a report that provides an overview and analysis of the BC Transportation and Financing Authority Transit Assets and Liabilities Act, a provincial law that came into effect on May 21, 2015 to consolidate provincially owned public transit assets within Metro Vancouver under the BC Transportation Financing Authority.

**Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – May 2015 RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a summary of a delegation to the Federal Gas Tax Task Force from City of Burnaby Councillor Colleen Jordan.

**Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Amendment Request from the APPROVED**  
**Township of Langley - Latimer**

The Township of Langley has requested that the GVRD Board consider a Type 3 amendment to the regional growth strategy, Metro Vancouver 2040, for two sites in the Latimer area. Overall, the proposed amendments will serve to shape the form of this emerging urban area in a manner generally consistent with Metro 2040's goals and strategies.

The Board:

- a) Initiated the Metro Vancouver 2040 amendment process for the Township of Langley's proposed amendments for the two Latimer sites.
- b) Gave first and second readings to "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1222, 2015".
- c) Directed staff to notify affected local governments as per Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future section 6.4.2.

**NOTICE OF MOTION: Direct Coal Transfer Facility at Fraser Surrey Docks APPROVED**

The following Notice of Motion was provided by Director Judy Villeneuve, Councillor, City of Surrey:

That the GVRD Board write to Port Metro Vancouver and Fraser Surrey Docks indicating:

- that Metro Vancouver continues its opposition to coal shipments from the Fraser River Estuary other than the existing Robert Banks coal port.
- that member municipalities including the City of Richmond, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, and the City of Surrey have all expressed significant concerns with the proposed Direct Transfer Coal Facility at Surrey Fraser Docks, and that their concerns still remain unresolved.

- that member municipalities including the City of Richmond, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, and the City of Surrey have all expressed significant concerns with the proposed application amendment being contemplated by Fraser Surrey Docks.
- that the preliminary consultation period on the proposed application amendment provided by Fraser Surrey Docks was inadequate.
- that should Port Metro Vancouver receive the proposed application amendment, a further three-week consultation period as proposed by Port Metro Vancouver is inadequate, and that Port Metro Vancouver should establish two consultation periods.
  - the first being a consultation period on the application in advance of the various supporting studies being undertaken. This consultation period should for a minimum of six weeks and include public information meetings within the communities potentially impacted by this amendment, namely the City of Richmond, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, and the City of Surrey.
  - the second being a consultation period following the completion of all of the various supporting studies being undertaken. This consultation period should for a minimum of six weeks and include public information meetings within the communities potentially impacted by this amendment, namely the City of Richmond, the Corporation of Delta, the City of New Westminster, and the City of Surrey.
- that a Human Health Risk Assessment be completed based on a Terms of Reference supported by the chief medical health officers of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and the Fraser Health Authority.

## Greater Vancouver Water District

### 2016 Water Sustainability Innovation Fund Applications

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the allocation from the Water Sustainability Innovation Fund for the following projects:

- Barnston/Maple Ridge Pump Station Energy Recovery: \$95,000
- Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Strategy: \$100,000
- Water Conservation Research and Campaign: \$260,000
- Watershed Invasive Plant Removal and Control Project: \$90,000

### 2014 GVWD Quality Control Annual Report

**RECEIVED**

The Board received for information the 2014 GVWD Quality Control Annual Report.

Metro Vancouver's water quality monitoring program continues to fulfill its role confirming that the water quality barriers the GVWD has in place, including watershed protection, water treatment, and ongoing operation of the water system to maintain water quality, are working effectively and that the

drinking water provided by the GVWD to its customers met, or exceeded, water quality standards and guidelines in 2014.

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

### **2016 Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund Applications**

**APPROVED**

The Board approved the allocation from the Liquid Waste Sustainability Innovation Fund for the following projects:

- Water Reclamation from Wastewater Effluent Using Disc Filters: \$215,000
- Phosphorus Recovery Demonstration Unit: \$250,000
- Reducing Grease in Sewers, Behavior Change Pilot Project: \$170,000

### **Five-Year Funding Commitment for Collaborative Agreement with UBC for the Strait of Georgia Ambient Monitoring Program**

**APPROVED**

The Strait of Georgia Ambient Monitoring Program is required to fulfill Metro Vancouver's regulatory commitment under the Integrated Liquid Waste and Resource Management Plan.

This monitoring program is vital to understanding the relative contribution and significance of discharges from the region into the Strait of Georgia in the context of existing baseline conditions and ongoing region-wide changes.

Collaboration with university researchers would qualify Metro Vancouver to apply for a Collaborative Research and Development Grant of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, and a multi-year financial commitment is a requirement for the grant application.

The Board endorsed a five-year funding commitment for the Collaborative Agreement with UBC for the Strait of Georgia Ambient Monitoring Program at a cost of up to \$180,000 per year.

### **2014 Disposal Ban Inspection Program Update**

**RECEIVED**

The disposal ban inspection program is a key waste-reduction strategy for solid waste management in Metro Vancouver. In 2014, 184,000 loads were inspected with a total of 6,000 violation notices issued.

The Board received for information an update on the 2014 Disposal Ban Inspection Program.

## **Metro Vancouver Streetscape Recycling Living Lab Update**

**APPROVED**

A report provides an update on Metro Vancouver's collaborations with post-secondary institutions, Member Municipalities, and other stakeholders to improve recycling in public spaces. This includes working with Emily Carr University of Art + Design to develop better recycling bins. The prototype bin models were successful in initial user tests and were also assessed by collection and waste-reduction staff in Richmond and the Township of Langley as well as with Multi Material BC staff.

The Board will forward the report to Member Municipalities advising of the opportunity for Member Municipalities to test the recycling bins in the fall of 2015.