



To: General Purposes Committee

Date: November 2, 2011

From: Amarjeet S. Rattan  
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Re: Metro Vancouver: Pan-Municipal Affairs Service Establishment Bylaw

**Staff Recommendation**

That Council endorse the adoption of *The Greater Vancouver Regional District Pan-Municipal Affairs Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1157, 2011* by Metro Vancouver.

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## Staff Report

### Origin

The City has received a request from the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board for Council endorsement of *The Greater Vancouver Regional District Pan-Municipal Affairs Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1157, 2011 (Attachment 1)* for final adoption by Metro Vancouver on November 25, 2011.

### Analysis

According to the information received from Metro Vancouver, the *Pan-Municipal Affairs Service Establishment Bylaw* is being adopted to permit the Regional District 'to provide various services of pan-municipal interest'. The *Bylaw* provides for two types of services: Pan-Municipal Affairs Services and Special Projects Services.

The Pan-Municipal Affairs Services provisions will permit the regional district to convene dialogues, public outreach and consultations on matters of mutual interest to its members. It will also permit the regional district to use that information, as well as information obtained from additional research, to provide policy papers and reports to members on issues of interest to its members.

The Special Projects Services provisions will permit the regional district to retain legal, policy or technical experts to advise on special projects relating to policing, culture and ports within the region. In addition, the *Bylaw* provides the regional district with the authority to lobby other levels of government on issues of common interest to the members.

Final adoption of this *Bylaw* by Metro Vancouver would be contingent on endorsements from all member partners.

### Financial Impact

The *Bylaw* sets out maximum financial requisition limits of \$200,000 for Pan-Municipal Affairs Service and \$250,000 for Special Projects Service. These dollar amounts would be part of the general Metro Vancouver budget, and, not require any additional separate levy to municipalities.

### Conclusion

The *Pan-Municipal Affairs Service Establishment Bylaw* is being adopted to permit the Regional District to continue to provide various services of pan-municipal interest. The City is being requested to provide endorsement of this *Bylaw* in order to facilitate final adoption by Metro Vancouver on November 25, 2011.



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GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

PAN-MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW No. 1157, 2011

A Bylaw to Establish Services related to Pan-Municipal Affairs

WHEREAS:

- A. A regional district may, under section 796(1) of the *Local Government Act*, operate any service that the board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the regional district, subject to certain limitations and conditions;
- B. Under section 800(1) of the *Local Government Act*, in order to operate a service, the board of a regional district must first adopt an establishing bylaw for the service;
- C. The board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (the "Board") considers it desirable to provide services to its member municipalities, Tsawwassen First Nation and Electoral Area A (the "**Members**") in relation to issues of general interest to the Members;
- D. The Board has obtained participating area approval for the entire service area by way of an alternative approval process pursuant to sections 801(2)(b), 801(4) and 801.3 of the *Local Government Act* to establish this services described in this Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Board in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

**PAN-MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS SERVICE**

1. The pan-municipal affairs service consists of the following:
  - a) providing a forum for discussions between the Members;
  - b) organizing public outreach events;
  - c) undertaking research on behalf of Members;
  - d) providing expertise to Members; and
  - e) drafting policy and preparing reports for Members,

on issues of general interest to the Members ("**Pan-Municipal Affairs Service**").

2. The Board hereby establishes the Pan-Municipal Affairs Service.

**Participating Areas**

3. Electoral Area 'A', Tsawwassen First Nation and each member municipality of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, excluding the City of Abbotsford, is a participating area for the purposes of the Pan-Municipal Affairs Service (each a "**Participating Area**").

### **Service Area**

4. The service area for the Pan-Municipal Affairs Service is the area within the boundaries of all of the Participating Areas (the "**Service Area**").

### **Cost Recovery**

5. The annual costs for the Pan-Municipal Affairs Service shall be recovered by property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 4.3 of the *Local Government Act*.

### **Cost Apportionment**

6. The costs of the Pan-Municipal Affairs Service after deducting the revenues (if any) raised or received under subsections 1(b), (c) and (d) above, shall be apportioned among all of the Participating Areas on the basis of the proportion that the net taxable assessment of each participating member bears to the total net taxable assessment of all participating members.

### **Maximum Requisition**

7. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the Pan-Municipal Affairs Service is \$200,000 dollars.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS SERVICE**

8. The Special Projects Service consists of taking action including undertaking consultation, conducting polls, researching, engaging experts to provide legal, policy or technical advice on behalf of Members when requested to do so by the Board on the following issues, up to the financial limits specified (the "**Special Projects Service**"):
  - a) policing within the region, expenditures not to exceed \$50,000 per calendar year;
  - b) promoting culture within the region, expenditures not to exceed \$50,000 per calendar year;
  - c) ports within the region, expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 per calendar year;
  - d) lobbying other levels of government on issues of common interest to the members, expenditures not to exceed \$50,000 per calendar year.

### **Participating Area**

9. Electoral Area 'A', Tsawwassen First Nation and each member municipality of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, excluding the City of Abbotsford, is a participating area for the purposes of the Special Projects Service (each a "**Participating Area**").

### **Service Area**

10. The service area for the Special Projects Service is the area within the boundaries of all of the Participating Areas (the "**Service Area**").

**Cost Recovery**

11. The annual costs for the Special Projects Service shall be recovered by property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 4.3 of the *Local Government Act*.

**Cost Apportionment**

12. The costs of the Special Projects Service after deducting the revenues (if any) raised or received under subsections 8(b), (c) and (d) above, shall be apportioned among all of the Participating Areas on the basis of the proportion that the net taxable assessment of each participating member bears to the total net taxable assessment of all participating members.

**Maximum Requisition**

13. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the Special Projects Service is \$250,000 dollars.

**Citation**

14. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Greater Vancouver Regional District Pan-Municipal Affairs Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1157, 2011".

READ A FIRST TIME this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

READ A SECOND TIME this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

READ A THIRD TIME this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED by an affirmative vote this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Paulette A. Vetleson  
Secretary

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Lois E. Jackson  
Chair

