



For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, July 25, 2014

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Greater Vancouver Regional District

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – July 2014

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The Board received for information a summary of a delegation to the Finance Committee from Charley Beresford, Columbia Institute.

Greater Vancouver Water Regional District

Water Sustainability Act - Pricing B.C.'s Water

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report about the Province of BC's proposed changes to water pricing and the potential impacts to the GVWD.

Under the new Water Sustainability Act, the B.C. Government is contemplating changes to water pricing in spring 2015. This could mean increased costs for surface water users such as the GVWD and new fees and water rentals for large groundwater users. Staff have suggested to the Province that all sectors using the Provincial water resource should pay the same water rental rate and have requested to be consulted as the Province develops a new "Pricing Model" in the coming months.

Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District

Regulatory Bylaw for Fermentation Operations

IN PROCESS

The Board directed staff to begin consultation on the development of a regulatory bylaw for fermentation operations.

Sewer discharges from fermentation operations can negatively impact Metro Vancouver and municipal infrastructure. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the number of operations that ferment fruits, grains and other materials to produce alcoholic beverages.

Metro Vancouver is proposing a regulatory bylaw that would impose treatment and management practices for fermentation operations which include brew pubs, cottage breweries, micro-breweries, vint-on-premises, wineries and distilleries. The proposed bylaw



would ensure a consistent approach for this sector to manage their wastewater quality and to protect municipal and regional infrastructure and the environment.

2013 Environmental Management & Quality Control Annual Report for GVS&DD **RECEIVED**

The Board received for information the annual report that assesses Metro Vancouver's wastewater treatment system performance and reliability.

Metro Vancouver's wastewater treatment plants continue to exceed performance expectations with respect to reduction of contaminant loadings to the receiving environment and are consistently providing ongoing benefits to the region.

Various monitoring programs continue to fulfill their role of confirming that the wastewater treatment plants are operating efficiently and with no adverse effects on human health or the environment. Findings of the receiving environment and ambient monitoring programs confirm that regional liquid waste discharges continue to be effectively managed in a manner that is protective of aquatic life.

Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Quarterly Report **RECEIVED**

The Board received for information a report with updates about the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

The Project Definition Report has been completed and the project is ready to move to the design and construction phase. Of the estimated \$700 million project budget approximately \$637 million has been identified as eligible cost for application under the new Building Canada Plan.

Metro Vancouver continues to work to arrange meetings with Provincial ministers and with senior Provincial staff to commence the application for funding under the new Building Canada Plan.

The engagement and consultation program will continue in 2014 and regular updates will be provided to the Utilities Committee and Board.

Metro Vancouver Love Food - Hate Waste Campaign **APPROVED**

Love Food – Hate Waste is a campaign developed by the United Kingdom's Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) with a brand that frames food as a cherished resource that should not be wasted, stands out as an approach that has demonstrated success in reducing food waste in the United Kingdom.

Metro Vancouver is working with the WRAP to develop a Metro Vancouver Love Food - Hate



Waste behaviour change campaign, modeled on the UK success.

The Board supported the development of a regional Metro Vancouver Love Food - Hate Waste Campaign.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District Sewer Use Amending Bylaw No. 285, 2014 **IN PROCESS**

The Board gave first, second and third reading only to a proposed Sewer Use Bylaw that allows the use of pollution prevention planning.

Pollution prevention planning is considered a suitable alternative strategy to manage potentially complex discharges to sewer such as the medical services sector and allows for creative solutions to problems.

GVS&DD Development Cost Charge Amending Bylaw No. 286, 2014 **IN PROCESS**

The Board gave first, second and third reading only to the proposed amending bylaw and directed staff to forward the proposed bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

All forms of new development have an impact on the sewerage system capacity and the need for future expansion. Metro Vancouver imposes Development Cost Charges (DCCs) that are necessary to fund capital projects in relation to sewerage facilities and infrastructure.

Metro Vancouver does not collect DCCs directly but does so through its member municipalities. Proposed amendments ensure the bylaw will be read and applied consistently across member municipalities.