

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, February 22, 2013

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Greater Vancouver Regional District**Pacific Spirit Regional Park, Wreck Beach Trail 6 Swimmer Safety****APPROVED**

Wreck Beach is a popular clothing-optional beach located in Pacific Spirit Regional Park. For years, some beach users, via the Wreck Beach Preservation Society (WBPS), have complained about disruption from watercraft near the beach.

The Wreck Beach Trail 6 swim area is an extremely busy site during the peak summer season. Since 2002, MV has worked with WBPS and Transport Canada to quantify safety issues and put into place appropriate measures to address swimmer safety. Staff recommended requesting more RCMP marine patrols plus enhanced signage for both boaters and swimmers.

The Board passed a resolution to:

- a) send a letter to RCMP E Division Offices requesting marine patrols of the Wreck Beach Trail 6 swim area, and enforcement of Transport Canada's Vessel Operation and Restriction Regulations during the 2013 summer season, contingent upon no cost to Metro Vancouver; and to
- b) direct staff to explore options with Port Metro Vancouver for additional buoys and to work with the Wreck Beach Preservation Society to encourage agreement to safe separation of swimmers and marine vessels.

**City of Richmond Request to Port Metro Vancouver's Land Use Planning
Not to Expand on ALR Lands****APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver acknowledges the need for industrial land by Port Metro Vancouver and places priority on preserving and increasing the supply of industrial land in the region. The potential for encroachment of industrial uses into agricultural land led to the inclusion of an Agriculture designation as part of Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS).

Metro Vancouver has expressed concerns regarding Port Metro Vancouver's acquisition and use of Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands on several occasions in the past. Expansion of Port activities on designated agricultural land would undermine Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy.

The Board resolved that the Board Chair write a letter requesting that Port Metro Vancouver's proposed Land Use Plan not include any designation that would allow non-agricultural uses on ALR lands. The letter is to be addressed to the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the BC Minister of Agriculture, the Chair of the BC Agricultural Land Commission and the Chair of Port Metro Vancouver's Board.

South-West British Columbia Food System Design and Planning Project**RECEIVED**

Dr. Kent Mullinix and Dr. Arthur Fallick from Kwantlen Polytechnic University requested that Metro Vancouver become a partner in the South-West British Columbia Food System Design and Planning Project. The objective of the project is to put forward an "actionable plan for building a sustainable food system that creates income and jobs and builds social capital."

While interesting ideas for innovative practices and policies may emerge from this work, Metro Vancouver staff did not recommend financial support for the project as currently defined.

The Board received for information the report about Kwantlen Polytechnic University's proposal.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008 - Staff Appointments**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver's Air Quality Regulatory Program supports the goals of the Integrated Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan by promoting compliance with air quality management bylaws regulating the discharge of air contaminants.

The Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw 1082, 2008 delegates authority upon Board-designated Assistant District Directors and Officers.

The Board appointed Kathy Preston as an Assistant District Director and rescinded Don Miller as an Assistant District Director and Officer.

Development of an Organic Materials Processing Odour Emission Control Regulatory Model**APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver staff has proposed a regulatory model that an odour emissions control bylaw that would apply to facilities processing organic material, such as rendering plants, composting facilities, anaerobic digesters, and animal feed manufacturers.

Stakeholders have expressed concerns about the proposed regulatory approach in consultation sessions.

The Board referred the proposed Odour Emission Control Regulatory Model back to staff for further review in consideration of consultation results.

Appointment of Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation Directors 2013 **APPROVED**

The Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) is a non-profit corporation providing affordable housing to thousands of families in Metro Vancouver. MVHC has a board of directors appointed by Metro Vancouver, its sole shareholder. Housing Committee membership increased by two in 2013, so the number of directors on the MVHC board must also increase accordingly.

The Board appointed Councillors Kerry Jang and Brad West as directors of the MVHC Board, effective February 8, 2013.

UBC Alma Mater Society Liquor Licence Application – Extension of Hours at the Student Union Building **APPROVED**

The UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) wants to change the hours of operation for its liquor licence at the Student Union Building. In November 2012, Metro Vancouver received an AMS request to provide comments on their liquor licence application. UBC and the applicant are located within Electoral Area A.

Under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act, local governments or First Nations may choose whether or not to provide input for liquor licence applications in areas where they have jurisdiction.

The Board declined to provide comments or recommendations to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch with regard to the application by the Alma Mater Society to change their liquor primary licence at the Student Union Building at UBC.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Service Bylaw No. 1182, 2012 **APPROVED**

The Board approved minor amendments to Bylaw 1182, which sets out the terms and conditions of the labour relations service that will be provided by Metro Vancouver, as well as an amended 2013 budget, which is reduced budget by \$768.

Long Term Infrastructure Program (LTIP) Update **APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver elected officials and staff have been working closely with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to develop a long term infrastructure financing strategy.

With the Building Canada Fund due to expire, the Federal Government's response is imminent. Metro Vancouver and member municipalities represent one of the largest metropolitan regions in



Canada. High quality of life and economic prosperity can only be maintained with ongoing investment in municipal infrastructure.

The Board resolved to write a letter to the Federal Minister of Finance, in support of FCM's position on the role of Canada regarding long term infrastructure financing.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

New Waste-to-Energy Capacity Project – Update

**RECEIVED &
APPROVED**

The Board received a report with updates on the New Waste to Energy (WTE) Capacity Project:

Highlights:

- A request for qualifications (RFQ) for waste-to-energy technology was issued on November 23, 2012, and is scheduled to close on February 14, 2013. Staff expects to present the list of qualified respondents to the Zero Waste Committee in April 2013.
- Metro Vancouver has issued an RFQ seeking a technical consulting team to assist in the remaining stages of the project. The team will have expertise in health and air quality; WTE technology; WTE procurement; large infrastructure financing, financial modeling and public private partnerships; environmental and other regulatory processes.
- Metro Vancouver has been notified that the New WTE Capacity Project has been successfully screened in to Round 4 of the P3 Canada Fund.
- The MV project team is in the process of identifying a WTE technology expert to sit on the Third Party Expert Panel. The Third Party Expert Panel is tasked with ensuring that the technology procurement process is unbiased.
- Metro Vancouver has declined the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD)'s request to appoint an observer on the Third Party Expert Panel.
- The MV project team has initiated the engagement and consultation program which includes a political liaison committee with the FVRD.

The Board also directed the Chair of the Zero Waste Committee to work with the FVRD Chair to form a political liaison committee to support the development of an FVRD engagement and consultation strategy.