

Metro Vancouver Board meetings on Friday, March 15, 2013

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Greater Vancouver Regional District**Regional Finance Symposium Update****APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver hosted its first-ever regional Finance Symposium on November 28 2012, bringing together municipal elected officials and senior staff, plus invited guests from external agencies, business and interested members of the general public, to discuss mutual issues of concern as they relate to the prudent and efficient management of local government finances.

The Board directed staff to follow up on actions arising from the 2012 Regional Finance Symposium, including hosting a series of targeted workshops on shared service delivery, funding models for core service delivery, and large infrastructure development.

Appointment of the 2013 Local Government Treaty Table Representatives to the Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh Negotiations **APPROVED**

The Board reappointed Director Barbara Steele as the local government treaty table representative to the Katzie negotiations and Councillor Alan Nixon as the local government treaty table representative to the Tsleil-Waututh negotiations.

Appointment of Metro Vancouver's 2013 Representative to the UBCM First Nations Relations Committee **APPROVED**

The Board reappointed Director Ralph Drew, Vice-Chair of Metro Vancouver's Aboriginal Relations Committee, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' First Nations Relations Committee for 2013.

Appointment of an Observer to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee for 2013 **APPROVED**

The Board reappointed Director Ernie Daykin, Chair of Metro Vancouver's Aboriginal Relations Committee, as an observer to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee meetings for 2013.

Federal Additions to Reserve Policy**REFERRED TO STAFF**

The Board referred back to staff to seek input for recommendations regarding sending a letter to the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, and the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, regarding the "Metro Vancouver Position Paper on the Federal Additions to Reserve Policy."

Servicing Agreements with Non-Treaty First Nations

REFERRED TO STAFF

The Aboriginal Relations Committee recommended the Board send a letter to the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development outlining legislative barriers to servicing agreements with non-treaty First Nations and impacts to local governments, requesting the federal government address these concerns, with copies to the provincial Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

The Board referred the recommendation to staff.

Proposed Joint Policy Panel

APPROVED

To ensure that land use, transportation and utility systems in Metro Vancouver support a high functioning, competitive and sustainable metropolitan region, a high level of coordination is required between Metro Vancouver and TransLink.

The Board directed staff to organize a Joint Policy Panel as a single forum involving key stakeholders on the intersection of land use and transportation planning and infrastructure initiatives and report back with recommendations for participant composition.

The Panel would be a venue for discussion of the impacts of major infrastructure projects and planning initiatives on the movement of people and goods in and through the region, the region's quality of life and environmental sustainability.

Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Vancouver and TransLink on the Regional Transportation Strategy

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver and TransLink staff have prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to better integrate land use and transportation planning through the preparation of the Regional Transportation Strategy, including a long-term transportation funding strategy.

The Board endorsed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Vancouver and TransLink on the Regional Transportation Strategy.

TransLink Draft Supplemental Plan to the 2013 Base Plan and Outlook

APPROVED

The Board voted to advise the TransLink Board and Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation that the Draft Supplemental Plan is acceptable in consideration of the removal of the property tax as a funding source.

Delegations' Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – March 2013

RECEIVED

The Board received for information a report dated March 5, 2013 summarizing delegations received at the Aboriginal Relations Committee and the Transportation Committee: Carman McKay of Matsqui First Nation; and Shauna Sylvester of Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue Carbon Talks.

Final Adoption of Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Service Bylaw No. 1182, 2012

APPROVED

Bylaw 1182 sets out the terms and conditions of the labour relations service that will be provided by Metro Vancouver.

The Board passed and adopted *Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Service Bylaw No. 1182, 2012*.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

Waste Flow Management – Phase 2 Engagement and Consultation

APPROVED

Some commercial waste haulers in Metro Vancouver have been bypassing regional waste facilities and transporting residential and commercial garbage out of the region to avoid regional tipping fees and disposal bans for specific materials, such as recyclables. This threatens Metro Vancouver's waste reduction goals and is not equitable for other businesses and local taxpayers. Haulers bypassing Regional Facilities create an uneven playing field for the waste management industry, and threaten the economic viability of the recycling industry.

Since September 2012, Metro Vancouver staff have been exploring options for Waste Flow Management and engaging in stakeholder consultation.

In response to industry stakeholders' substantial opposition to hauler licensing, and recognizing that other jurisdictions, most notably Halifax, have implemented successful Waste Flow Management strategies without hauler licensing, staff recommend not proceeding with hauler licensing. Instead, staff propose an approach that would simply require that residential and commercial garbage be delivered to regional facilities.

Commencing March 18 and concluding May 31, 2013, Phase 2 consultation would include an workshop in April with stakeholders, a May 2 special meeting of the Zero Waste Committee inviting stakeholder delegations (with invitations to the full Board), and continued meetings and discussions with key stakeholder groups.

A waste flow management strategy is a critical policy instrument to encourage recycling. Without a strategy in place, Metro Vancouver will be unable to meet its commitment to introduce organics and other bans.

The Board directed staff to initiate Phase 2 of an engagement and consultation process toward the development of a Waste Flow Management strategy for the region that will require residential and commercial garbage to be delivered to Regional Facilities

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A report dated March 5, 2013 summarized a delegation received at the Zero Waste Committee; Grant Hankins of BFI Canada.

Greater Vancouver Water District

Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project – Project Status

RECEIVED

The Board received a report with updates about the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project.

All major construction for the Seymour Capilano Filtration Project is complete except for the twin tunnels. As of the end of December 2012, the twin tunnels are 87 per cent complete, and the SCFP project is 98 per cent complete overall.

Remaining work includes turbine installation and electrical connections for the Energy Recovery Facility and tunnel lining and cleaning inside both tunnels. All pipeline tie-ins from the tunnels to the existing transmission system are scheduled to be completed in May 2014. Commissioning of the tunnels for filtration of Capilano source water will follow.

The final projected cost for the entire project is \$820 million.