

For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, March 28, 2025

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Metro Vancouver Regional District

D1 Shayne Gregg, Partner, Governance & Risk, Deloitte Canada

Subject: Update on Governance Review

The Board received a preliminary progress report from Deloitte on the governance review.

E1.1 Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025 **APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver undertakes an annual process to dedicate regional park land acquired in the previous year. Included in the proposed bylaw, *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025* is the regional park land acquired in 2024 in Blaney Bog Regional Park Reserve, South Langley Regional Park and Glen Valley Regional Park (West Creek Wetland).

The Board gave first, second, and third readings to and adopted *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*.

E2.1 Responding to Board Direction to Advance Four Metro 2050 Amendment Bylaws to Strengthen Climate Policy Language for Consideration **NOT ENDORSED**

At the February 2025 Regional Planning Committee meeting, a draft *Metro 2050* amendment bylaw was presented containing six new policies for *Metro 2050* to strengthen climate language and policy reflecting Regional Planning Committee and Board direction and support for the six policy areas provided in September 2024. The Committee supported two of six policies. At the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board Meeting, alternatives were presented to either give readings to an amendment bylaw containing all six policies or give readings to an amendment bylaw containing only the two policies supported by the Regional Planning Committee. The MVRD Board supported the Bylaw with two new policies and also passed a resolution directing staff to bring forward the other four policy areas via separate amendment bylaws for consideration. If initiated, all of the four proposed Type 2 Minor Amendments to *Metro 2050* require adoption through an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board.

As context, while considering adoption of *Metro 2050*, the MVRD Board directed staff to undertake further work to bring back an early proposed amendment to strengthen climate language and policies. Following an extensive study and engagement process, policy recommendations were presented to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board for consideration.

The Board voted against giving the four bylaws first, second, and third readings.

H1 Notice of Motion

**NOT
ENDORSED**

Director Kooner provided a notice of motion at the February 28, 2025 MVRD Board meeting requesting that the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to repeal Metro Vancouver Regional District Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 1369, 2023 for consideration.

The Board did not support the motion.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received one delegation summary from one standing committee.

Regional Parks Committee – March 5, 2025

Delegation Summary:

C1 Martin Peters

Subject: Pilot Project planned for Pacific Spirit Park involving off leash dogs and their utilization of areas of the park

The Board received one information item from one standing committee.

Regional Parks Committee – March 5, 2025

Information Item:

E2 Derby Reach Regional Park – Campground Expansion

Edgewater Bar Campground in Derby Reach Regional Park provides a unique camping experience along the Fraser River. The campground is easily accessible from Metro Vancouver communities and is fully booked throughout the summer season.

Planning is underway for a campground expansion in Derby Reach Regional Park, which currently includes 38 campsites that can accommodate RVs and tents. A preliminary concept for a 30-site campground expansion was developed in 2024. The Agricultural Land Commission recently approved a non-farm use application for the proposal considering the regional park context of the site.

Detailed planning of the campground expansion including concept development, costing, phasing, public and First Nation engagement will extend through 2025.

Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation

E1.1 Crown Manor Deep Renewal Project: Secured Grant Funding

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver Housing, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and CleanBC share a common goal of preserving existing affordable rental housing stock. Significant grant money is becoming available to deal with the housing crisis, and staff note in all project reports that Metro Vancouver Housing is actively applying to as many grant programs as possible to support the maintenance, renewal and redevelopment of units in the portfolio, and to meet the Metro Vancouver Housing 10 Year Plan objectives.

The Crown Manor Deep Renewal Project has an approved budget of \$4.8 million to be funded from the Metro Vancouver Housing Development Fund, and has previously Board approved funding of \$970,000 from the Metro Vancouver Regional District Sustainable Innovation Fund. Metro Vancouver Housing has recently secured grant funding from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (\$290,000) and CleanBC (\$230,000). These grants enable MVH to enhance the project’s performance and outcomes for tenants, including:

- the addition of two infill units;
- further reduction in overall energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; and
- improved environmental resilience with the addition of mechanical cooling, direct filtered ventilation for suites, and seismic upgrades.

These grants change the project budget to \$6.3 million, however, there is no impact on Metro Vancouver Housing’s contribution to the project.

The Board approved the amended scope and pursuit of additional grants.

Greater Vancouver Water District

E1.1 Award of RFP No. 23-155 for Construction Services for Newton Pump Station No. 2

APPROVED

Metro Vancouver requires Construction Services to construct and commission the Newton Pump Station No. 2 which is required to both replace the existing Newton Pump Station and to increase water supply to south Surrey. Work has already started on the construction of Newton Pump Station No. 2 with the successful trenchless installation of new outlets on the existing Newton Reservoir in 2024.

RFP No. 23-155 was issued on July 18, 2024 to the prequalified respondents of RFQ No. 22-483 and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. RFP No. 23-155 evaluation team have considered the proposals received, and on that basis recommend that the GVWD Board award RFP No. 23-155 to Pomerleau, Inc.

Pomerleau, Inc.’s proposal ranked highest overall, had the highest technical score and demonstrated best value overall for Metro Vancouver.

The Board approved award of a contract for Construction Services for Newton Pump Station No. 2 in the amount of up to \$49,810,018.94 (exclusive of taxes) to Pomerleau, Inc., subject to final review by the Commissioner.

H1 Notice of Motion

**NOT
ENDORSED**

Director Kooner provided a notice of motion at the February 28, 2025 GVWD Board meeting requesting that the GVWD Board request the Province of British Columbia to extend the in-stream protection for GVWD Development Cost Charges for an additional 24 months.

The Board did not endorse the motion.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received two information items from one standing committee.

Water Committee – March 12, 2025

Information Items:

E1 Water Supply Area Fisheries Initiatives Annual Update

Metro Vancouver Water Services, Liquid Waste Services, and Regional Parks collectively contribute to Pacific Salmon conservation and restoration in the region. The Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) / Water Services manages and participates in fisheries management and restoration initiatives both upstream and downstream of the primary water supply dams in each of the Capilano, Seymour, and Coquitlam River Watersheds. In 2024, adult Salmon returns were successful due to the adequate late summer – fall river flows that supported migration. Metro Vancouver strives to continually improve fisheries protection and enhancement initiatives for the recovery of Pacific Salmon populations, while collaborating with stewardship groups, First Nations, and provincial and federal fisheries management agencies.

E2 Climate Impacts on the Water Supply Areas

This report highlights the increasing influence of climate change on local weather patterns. Extreme weather events in 2024 caused significant disruption within the region. Record-breaking low temperatures in January across western Canada, including the Lower Mainland, impacted transportation, agriculture, and the power grid. Stormy fall weather, including the October 18-20 atmospheric river, also caused extensive damage to areas of the North Shore and Coquitlam.

Looking forward, climate resilience is crucial for regional water resource and supply management. Intense climate driven precipitation events have the potential to impact our source water quality through landslides and other erosion events resulting in increased frequency of turbidity events. Water Services invests in climate monitoring programs and technology innovations to inform water supply decisions and mitigate climate change impacts.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

E1.1 2024 “Wipe It, Green Bin It” Campaign Results

APPROVED

The disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the regional sewer system is an ongoing issue that costs the region over \$3 million a year. The 2024 “Wipe It, Green Bin It” campaign ran in the lead-up to Thanksgiving and through November, asking residents to put FOG in their green bins and not down their sinks. The campaign included social media, Pinterest, YouTube, television, transit advertising, Google Ads, and a website. The campaign delivered over 29 million impressions, 2,255 engagements, 5,366 clicks for more information, sent 6,000 residents to the website, and reached 650,000 residents through online channels. Monitoring of fats, oils, and grease at pump stations generally shows a drop in their levels since 2019. The campaign will run again in 2025 and will include ongoing measurement at pump stations and a post-campaign survey. The Liquid Waste Committee considered this report and recommended that the Board direct staff to report back on the Food Sector Grease Interceptor Regulatory Program.

The Board directed staff to report back on the Food Sector Grease Interceptor Regulatory Program.

E1.2 Award of RFP 24-123 Site Preparation, Installation, Tie-in Connections and Commissioning for the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Hydrothermal Liquefaction (HTL) Demonstration Plant Contract

APPROVED

The intent of RFP 24-123 is to secure a contractor to construct and commission the Hydrothermal Liquefaction (HTL) demonstration facility at Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (AIWWTP). The facility will enable Metro Vancouver to assess the technical and economic viability of HTL technology for treating wastewater sludge, and determine its potential to be part of the long-term management of Metro Vancouver wastewater residuals.

RFP 24-123 was issued on June 10, 2024 to the prequalified proponents of RFQ 23-433 and the procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The RFP 24-123 evaluation team have considered the proposals received, and on that basis recommend that the GVS&DD Board award RFP 24-123 to Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd.

Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. proposal ranked highest overall, provided the lowest cost, met the technical requirements, and demonstrated best value overall for Metro Vancouver.

The Board approved award of a contract for Site Preparation, Installation, Tie-in Connections and Commissioning for the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Hydrothermal Liquefaction (HTL)

Demonstration Plant Contract in the amount of up to \$12,008,785.00 (exclusive of taxes) to Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd., subject to final review by the Commissioner.

E1.3 Award of RFP No. 24-469 - Construction of South Surrey Interceptor No. 2, Johnston Road Section, Phase IV – Junction Chamber and Tie-in Piping **APPROVED**

The work to be provided under RFP 24-469 includes the construction of a junction chamber and related piping, two tie-in chambers, flow management and other activities as required to facilitate the construction.

RFP 24-469 was issued to Bel on November 29, 2024. The procurement was executed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Metro Vancouver’s Procurement Policy. The RFP 24-469 evaluation team has considered the proposal received, and on that basis recommend that the GVS&DD Board award RFP 24-469 to Bel.

BelPacific Excavating & Shoring Limited Partnership, dba Bel Contracting’s (Bel) proposal met all the technical requirements and demonstrated good value overall for Metro Vancouver. Bel presented a proposal with a total price that is aligned with Metro Vancouver’s estimate, confirming that Metro Vancouver is receiving a value-added technical and commercial proposal.

The Board approved award of a contract for Construction of South Surrey Interceptor No. 2, Johnston Road Section, Phase IV – Junction Chamber and Tie-in Piping in the amount of up to \$22,030,278.90 (exclusive of taxes) to BelPacific Excavating and Shoring Limited Partnership, dba Bel Contracting, subject to final review by the Commissioner.

E1.4 Appointment of Enforcement Officers **APPROVED**

Recent changes in staffing have resulted in a need to update staff appointments as Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) Board-designated officers under the *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007* (the Bylaw), the *Environmental Management Act* and the *Offence Act*. Staffing changes are a result of retirements and recruitment for a resulting vacant position. Staff recommend that the GVS&DD Board appoint staff accordingly.

The Board approved the appointments.

H1 Notice of Motion **NOT ENDORSED**

Director Kooner provided a notice of motion at the February 28, 2025 GVS&DD Board meeting requesting that the GVS&DD Board request the Province of British Columbia to extend the in-stream protection for GVS&DD Development Cost Charges for an additional 24 months.

The Board did not endorse the motion.

I1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries

The Board received one information item from one standing committee.

Liquid Waste Committee – March 12, 2025

Information Item:

E2 2024 “Our Ocean Thanks You” Campaign Results

Microfibres from laundry are one of the largest sources of microplastics pollution in the ocean and are harmful to aquatic life. The 2024 “Our Ocean Thanks You” campaign ran from September 16 to November 3, asking residents to wash their laundry in cold water to reduce microfibre shedding from clothing. The campaign targeted parents with children under 18 and included social media, YouTube, digital ads (television, Amazon Prime), radio/Spotify, transit advertising, Google Ads, social media influencers, and a campaign website. The campaign generated 18 million impressions, 2 million video views, 15,000 clicks for more information, 2,236 engagements, over 10,000 website visits, and reached over 500,000 residents. A post-campaign survey showed that the percentage of parents reporting they wash in cold specifically to reduce microfibre shedding has increased by 7 per cent since 2022. The campaign will run in 2025 with similar timing and approach.