For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, November 29, 2013

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Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks

Matsqui Trail Regional Park - Riverfront Erosion

Timely action is required to stabilize erosion in Matsqui Trail Regional Park before the 2014 Fraser River freshet, to protect the integrity of the City of Abbotsford dyke. A broader review of the changing channel morphology of this reach of the river and ongoing erosion are also necessary to investigate longer-term responses. This will also help to preserve Metro Vancouver parkland and the continuity of national and local trail corridors.

The Board will send a letter to the Province supporting City of Abbotsford requests presented in its correspondence dated October 15, 2013 from Mayor Bruce Banman to the Honourable Steve Thomson and Honourable Suzanne Anton that the Province consider and review the gravel deposits in the vicinity of Abbotsford and provide funding to the City of Abbotsford, as the local dyking authority, for mitigation works on the new erosion arc in Matsqui Trail Regional Park.

Colonial Farm Regional Park – Kwantlen Polytechnic

University Withdrawal of Proposal for Teaching Farm

In July 2013, Metro Vancouver established a license agreement with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) for use of 5.8 hectares of Colony Farm Regional Park as a teaching and demonstration farm.

KPU has withdrawn its proposal, due to opposition to the project by the Kwikwetlem First Nation. The GVRD Board will write a letter to KPU that thanks the university for its interest in Colony Farm Regional Park.

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee – November 2013

A summary of a delegation to the Environment and Parks Committee from Dave Cumming of BCGEU Local 1003.

Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks

Regulation Amending Bylaw Number 1192, 2013

The Regional Parks regulation bylaw supports the safe public use of regional parks, protects park resources, and defines acceptable public conduct, park officer enforcement powers, and establishes the fees and charges for the use of regional parks facilities.
The bylaw is amended from time to time to improve operational implementation. Fees and charges are reviewed annually and amended as required to match market conditions and offset administrative and operating costs. The fees for regional park services, programs and facilities rentals are priced to reflect fair market value.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amending Bylaw Number 1193, 2013**

The Bylaw enables Metro Vancouver to enforce compliance with its regulatory bylaws. Compliance with Metro Vancouver’s regulatory bylaws is primarily promoted through non-punitive means such as education, advisories and warnings. However, in some cases and for some offences, punitive measures are warranted, and the use of Notices of Bylaw Violation (NBVs) is an effective and complementary alternative to other ticketing and legal options.

The proposed amending bylaw provides a current NBV offence and fine schedule for Metro Vancouver regulatory bylaws. The regional district continues to require the ability to issue NBVs as they provide an administrative ticketing alternative where disputes are screened, heard and resolved in-house through the adjudication process instead of Provincial Court.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Amending Bylaw Number 1194, 2013**

The amending bylaw replaces eight schedules which designate ticketing violations and fines under various GVRD regulatory bylaws which may be dealt with by Municipal Ticket Informations. These regulatory bylaws include the Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, the GVRD Air Quality Management Bylaw and its emission regulations, and including the GVRD Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw.

**Greater Vancouver Regional District RAAC Nominees to IPREM Steering Committee**

Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM) was established in 2009 with the purpose of developing and delivering a coordinated seamless regional emergency management strategy supported by an integrated concept of emergency operations, strategic priorities and supporting plans.

The Board re-confirmed the current appointment of Jim Rule, District of Maple Ridge, and further appointed John Leeburn, City of Port Coquitlam, to the IPREM Steering Committee.

**Update on Kinder Morgan Canada, Westridge Marine Terminal Expansion**

The Kinder Morgan Canada Westridge Marine Terminal is part of the larger Trans Mountain
Pipeline expansion project. The company proposes to expand the existing 1,150-kilometre Trans Mountain pipeline system between Edmonton, Alberta and Burnaby, BC.

The Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project is in the pre-application phase of a review process with the National Energy Board. The review process will be based on a list of issues and topics, which include assessment of environmental impacts and mitigation measures and commitments for both the construction phase and ongoing operation. The Village of Belcarra has identified a number of issues for consideration with respect to expansion of the Westridge Marine Terminal.

The Board referred to staff a motion that, when appropriate, the Board invite presentations to the Board from Kinder Morgan Canada, Port Metro Vancouver and the National Energy Board.

The Board approved a resolution to direct staff to undertake a preliminary review of the Kinder Morgan Canada Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project and report back on potential risk to marine life, air quality, impact on Metro Vancouver assets, including parks and infrastructure, and impact on the local economy in the region, from increased tanker traffic in Burrard Inlet and expansion of the new pipeline right of way.

The Board also referred the list of issues, set out in Belcarra’s September 30, 2013 letter to Kinder Morgan, back to staff to incorporate into staff’s preliminary review of the project.

**Letter of Request for Continuation of LiveSmart BC: Small Business Approved Program**

Since 2011, the LiveSmart BC: Small Business Program has helped thousands of BC small businesses make improvements that save energy, money, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Business Energy Advisors have delivered over 3600 free business energy assessments. To date, this program has saved small businesses $12 million in on-going utility costs, and cumulatively the Program has saved over 150 gigawatt-hours of electricity (enough to power 13,500 homes for one year) and over 3,200 tonnes of GHG emissions (the equivalent of taking 604 vehicles off of the road).

The provincial program supports Metro Vancouver’s Integrated Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan and member municipality Community Energy and Emissions Plans.

This program ends March 31, 2014 and there are no announced plans to renew.

The Board approved a resolution to send a letter to the B.C. Minister of Energy and Mines requesting continued funding of the LiveSmart BC: Small Business Program in 2014 and 2015. A copy of the Metro Vancouver report on the Livesmart BC program will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council of each member municipality for their consideration in making a similar request.

**Constitutional Amendment – Local Government Recognized as an Approved Order of Government**

The Board directed staff to prepare a draft Federation of Canadian Municipalities resolution requesting that local government be recognized as an order of government in the Constitution of Canada.