For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, April 17, 2015

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Greater Vancouver Regional District - Parks

Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw No. 1218, 2015

The Board approved an amending bylaw with minor increases to rental and permit fees and charges in select Regional Parks, and a number of housekeeping updates. Amendments include:

a) Adding a prohibition against leaving non-regional park property in a regional park;
b) Requiring dog feces to be disposed of in a receptacle if provided; and

c) Effective 2016, increasing fees by 2 - 3% for

I. Liquor Permits
II. Commercial Use - Bus Parking Fees
III. Rentals of Fields, Group Campsites, and Indoor Facilities

Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amending Bylaw No. 1219, 2015

The Board approved an amended Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw to include:

a) Updates to the list of Screening Officers;
b) Updates to the list of Bylaw Enforcement Officers; and

c) The addition in Schedule A of an offence for abandoning non-park property

Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Amending Bylaw No. 1220, 2015

The Board approved an amended Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw including:

a) In Schedule A, updating language and the designated bylaw enforcement officers for Environmental Regulation and Electoral Area Bylaws; and

b) In Schedule B, adding an offence for abandoning non-park property.

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Update on the Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw

Implementation of the GVRD Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw is contributing to the GVRD Board’s air quality management goals of protecting public health and reducing the impacts of climate change.
Under the current bylaw, operators can choose to register their engines under a ‘low-use’ category, which limits engine operation to no more than 200 hours per year in the region. Almost half of all active engine registrations now fall under the low-use category, and Metro Vancouver staff believe many of these engines are in fact used more than 200 hours per year.

Amending the Bylaw would address concerns related to the low-use engines category and further reduce emissions.

The Board received for information an update on the Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw, and directed staff to consult on amendments to the Bylaw to address concerns regarding provisions for low-use engines.

Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee March 2015

The Board received delegation summaries for the following presentations to the Climate Action Committee:
   a)  Mark Angelo, Outdoor Recreation Council
   b)  Jill Donnelly and Stephen Parker, Chevron Canada Limited
   c)  Bart Wyatt, Landmark Aviation

Greater Vancouver Water District

2016 Provincial Water Fees and Rentals

Under the new provincial Water Sustainability Act, the BC Government has made changes to water fees and rentals effective January 1, 2016. The new fee structure means increased costs for all surface water users, including ‘waterworks’ users such as the GVWD. It also means, for the first time, that large groundwater users will be regulated and pay the same water fees and rentals as surface water users.

In 2014, Metro Vancouver paid the Province approximately $445,000 in water fees and rentals. The new water rental rate would increase Metro Vancouver’s costs by approximately $465,000 to a projected total of approximately $910,000 in 2016. Based on current consumption levels and GVWD bulk water rates, the impact of this increase to an average household is expected to be less than a dollar per year.

The new Provincial water rates are scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2016 and will be incorporated into the 2016 GVWD budget.

The Board received the report for information.

Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2014

The Board received for information a report on the status of the Utilities capital expenditures. The Water District is projecting to be under spent for both ongoing and completed capital projects to December 31, 2014. It is anticipated that in aggregate, ongoing capital projects for the Water District will be slightly under spent because the full contingency is not required.
Delegation Executive Summaries Presented at Committee March 2015

The Board received a delegation summary for a presentation to the Utilities Committee from Paul Hundal.

Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District

Status of Utilities Capital Expenditures to December 31, 2014

The Board received for information a report on the status of the Utilities capital expenditures. The Sewerage & Drainage District is projecting to be under spent for both ongoing and completed capital projects to December 31, 2014. It is anticipated that in aggregate, ongoing capital projects the Water District will be slightly under spent because the full contingency is not required.

Award of Contract Resulting from RFP 15 – 002: Utility Residuals Management Hauling Services for Iona Island and Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant Land – dried Biosolids

A Request For Proposals (RFP) was issued for the removal of land-dried biosolids from the Iona Island and Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plants.

The timing and quantity of material hauling is discretionary, however, the estimated value of a three-year contract is $8.9M (exclusive of taxes) and should the contract be extended for two additional years, the estimated value is $15.2M (exclusive of taxes).

The Board awarded a biosolids hauling contract to Arrow Transportation Inc., at a unit rate for a period of three years with an option to renew for two additional years.

Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant – Quarterly Report

The Board received an update of work underway for the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant (LGSWWTP) project.

In preparation for the project Design and Construction Phase, work has commenced on developing the work plan and project schedule based on the Project Definition and Indicative Design completed in 2014.

Requests for Proposals have been issued for an Owner’s Engineer, legal services, and a financial/commercial advisor. Evaluation of submittals is underway.

Metro Vancouver continues to engage the provincial and federal governments at both the political and staff level to secure Building Canada funding and provincial endorsement for the Lions Gate project as a provincial priority under the Building Canada Fund.
The engagement and consultation program will continue in 2015 with periodic updates to the community and regular updates will be provided to the Utilities Committee and Board.

**Fraser Sewerage Area Amendment – 3616 Elgin Road and 14389 Crescent Road, Surrey**

The City of Surrey has asked the Board to amend the Fraser Sewerage Area (FSA) to include the properties located at 3616 Elgin Road and 14389 Crescent Road in Surrey.

The Board approved the requested amendment since the request meets the provisions of Metro 2040 and there are no significant impacts to the regional sewerage system.

**Fraser Sewerage Area Amendment – 20208 McIvor Avenue and 20178 Chatwin Avenue, Maple Ridge**

Metro Vancouver received a request from the City of Maple Ridge requesting an amendment of the Fraser Sewerage Area (FSA) to include the properties located at 20208 McIvor Avenue and 20178 Chatwin Avenue in Maple Ridge. The request meets the provisions of Metro 2040 and there are no significant impacts to the regional sewerage system.

The Board approved the requested amendment.

**Fraser Sewerage Area Amendment – 24330 Fraser Highway, Township of Langley**

The Township of Langley requested that the Fraser Sewerage Area (FSA) be amended to include the footprints of the buildings located at 24330 Fraser Highway in the Township of Langley. As the property is located outside the Urban Containment Boundary, the request was first considered by the GVRD Board which determined the request was inconsistent with the provisions of Metro 2040, but qualified as a health exception under Metro 2040 Section 1.1.1. Staff analysis has shown negligible impacts on the regional sewerage system.

The Board approved the FSA amendment.