

**GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SUSTAINABLE REGION INITIATIVE TASK FORCE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force held at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**PRESENT:**

Chair, Director Lois Jackson, Delta  
Vice Chair, Director Peter Ladner, Vancouver (arrived at 4:18 p.m.)  
Director Derek Corrigan, Burnaby (departed at 6:14 p.m.)  
Director Ralph Drew, Belcarra (departed at 5:40 p.m.)  
Director Marvin Hunt, Surrey  
Director Wayne Wright, New Westminster

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Dianne Watts, Surrey  
Director Maxine Wilson, Coquitlam  
Director Max Wyman, Lions Bay

**STAFF:**

Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer  
Delia Laglagaron, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Marjorie Whalen, Assistant to Regional Committees, Corporate Secretary's Department

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 October 11, 2006 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force:

- i.) amend the agenda for the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force regular meeting scheduled for October 11, 2006 by varying the order to hear the delegations later in the meeting; and
- ii.) adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2.1 September 20, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force adopt the minutes of the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force regular meeting held September 20, 2006 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 3. DELEGATIONS

#### 3.1 Invited Presentation: Green Infrastructure Partnership (GIP “Changing the Way We Develop Land: Design and Nature”

Pursuant to Item 1.1, this item was considered later in the meeting.

4:18 p.m.

Director Ladner arrived at the meeting.

### 4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

#### 4.1 2007 Program Plan and Strategic Priorities of the Sustainable Region Initiative Committee

Report dated October 5, 2006 from Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer, outlining the proposed 2007 programs and priorities under the committee’s purview, as the basis for the budget to be considered at the budget workshop on October 20, 2006.

Discussion ensued relative to the GVRD taking on new responsibilities in unrelated areas beyond its core area of services.

Members were advised that regional emergency planning is undertaken by other regional districts, but in the GVRD, the municipalities are not coordinated, but do have mutual-aid agreements. A legal mandate with respect to emergency planning is being sought by staff.

Concern was expressed with endorsement of all the programs in the proposed budget and the need for further discussion and information to ensure due diligence.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force endorse the proposed programs and priorities, as outlined in the report dated October 5, 2006 titled “2007 Programs and Strategic Priorities of the Sustainable Region Initiative Task Force”, as the basis for the budget to be considered at the GVRD Board budget workshop on October 20, 2006; and refer the two programs Regional Emergency Management and Regional Cultural Strategy to the GVRD Board workshop on October 13, 2006.

**CARRIED**

#### **Agenda Varied**

Pursuant to Item 1.1, Item 3.1 was considered at this time.

5:40 p.m.

Director Drew departed the meeting.

**3.1 Invited Presentation: Green Infrastructure Partnership (GIP) - “Changing the Way We Develop Land: Design and Nature”**

Director Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, GVRD Liaison to GIP; Paul Ham, Chair, GIP; and General Manager of Engineering, City of Surrey; Dale Wall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Services; and member GIP Steering Committee; Kim Stephens, Program Coordinator, GIP; and BC Water Sustainability Action Plan; Ray Fung, Chair, Water Sustainability, BC Wastewater Association (BCWWA); Manager of Utilities, West Vancouver, discussed how to support local leaders to implement 'design with nature' practices and regulation province-wide.

The Green Infrastructure Partnership is one of six inter-connected initiatives that comprise the Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia. The action plan provides a partnership umbrella for an array of on-the-ground initiatives that promote a “water-centric” approach to community planning. It is also enabling the province to collaborate with local government to advance water stewardship and sustainable communities. Effective implementation of the design with nature approach will rely in part upon changes in policies, programs, and transportation and infrastructure servicing.

Members were requested to:

- initiate conversations with an expanded Mayors Focus Group;
- become partners in a Communication Guide for elected officials; and
- continue funding support through the Liquid Waste Management Plan program.

6:14 p.m.

Director Corrigan departed the meeting.

**Loss of Quorum**

Quorum was lost and the meeting concluded.

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Marjorie Whalen,  
Assistant to Regional Committees

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Lois E. Jackson, Chair