



Committee of GVRD Mayors

Terms of Reference 2006

The Committee of GVRD Mayors is a standing committee of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Board which provides advice and recommendations to the GVRD Chair and Board, on issues connected to the governance and operations of the GVRD, GVSSD and GVWD.

The Committee of Mayors mandate is to provide senior political feedback on the political pulse of the GVRD. To that end, the committee will meet periodically to identify strengths and weaknesses and actual or potential opportunities and threats in the current two-tier system of governance in Greater Vancouver. Specifically, without limiting the scope of the committee, the Committee of Mayors shall consider the progress being made in the Sustainable Region Initiative, the GVRD Board approved sustainability based framework for all GVRD activities, and the degree to which this GVRD initiative can be extended to or coordinated with the activities of municipalities, and other external bodies to better achieve a common, comprehensive and effective approach to achieving a sustainable and livable future for the Greater Vancouver region.

The Chair of the GVRD Board shall chair the Committee. The Vice Chair of the GVRD Board and the CAO/Commissioner and the Deputy CAO/Commissioner shall be ex officio members of the committee.

The principal purpose of the meetings will be for information exchange. The committee may provide advice, guidance or direction to staff as to work to be carried out, including new tasks to be undertaken. However, where such direction would normally require direction from the GVRD Board, including actions which would represent a significant change in previously Board approved work program, or a significant expenditure of funds, or runs contrary to the advice of professional staff, a report shall be prepared over the Chair's signature for consideration and decision by the GVRD Board prior to action being taken.

The Board Chair, or in the absence of the Board Chair, the Board Vice-Chair will be the chief spokesperson for the committee.

The Deputy CAO/Commissioner will act as 'duty manager' to the committee. The duty manager will be responsible for coordinating agendas and be the principal point of contact for committee members.

Committee Meetings

The committee will meet quarterly or at intervals it determines to be appropriate, in consultation with the duty manager and Corporate Secretary. A quorum of 50% plus one of the committee membership is required to conduct committee business.

Committee Membership

The members are mayors of GVRD member municipalities plus the GVRD Board Vice-Chair. The CAO/Commissioner and Deputy CAO/Commissioner are ex officio members and the latter shall also act as duty manager to the committee.