



# Water Committee

## Terms of Reference

The focus of the Water Committee is on the policies and actions related to the supply of drinking water to its member municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Region.

The Water Committee is a standing committee of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Board. Committee meetings are the forums through which water staff present programs, issues and recommendations, for discussion and evaluation by the Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board on program direction, policies and projects on programs under its purview. Key aspects of the program under its purview include the following:

- Long-range planning to ensure the region has secure supplies of safe drinking water;
- System development strategies, including management of both supply and demand, to meet the District's water supply needs;
- Water conservation policies and programs;
- The operation, maintenance and enhancement of the water supply and water transmission infrastructure including dams, transmission mains, reservoirs, pumping stations and associated control systems;
- Levels of water treatment based on the quality of source water and water in the distribution system;
- The monitoring of and reporting on drinking water quality to the Medical Health Officers and the Board.
- The stewardship of the watershed lands.
- Water infrastructure planning, design and construction.

### **Relationship With Other Board Committees**

Program content, priority and timing of programs are the prime concerns of the Water Committee. Program issues that significantly affect the region's environmental impact are the purview of the Planning and Environment Committee. Matters of budget and financing of the programs are also the purview of the Finance Committee. The Corporate and Intergovernmental Committee oversees overall strategic corporate direction, priorities and intergovernmental affairs for the GVRD, including the broad strategic direction, process and governance aspects of the Sustainable Region Initiative.

The Water Committee receives information from other sources such as other Board committees, delegations, and the Regional Water Advisory Committee in formulating its recommendations to the Board. The committee may also receive direction from the Board concerning specific issues.

### **Committee Membership**

The Chair, Vice-Chair, and members are appointed annually by the Chair of the Board of Directors.

### **Committee Meetings**

The Water Committee meets monthly, except for August and December and has special meetings as required. A quorum of 50% plus one of the Committee membership is required to conduct Committee business.