



GVRD Board Meeting Date: October 28, 2011

To: Board of Directors

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Date: October 18, 2011

Subject: **Adoption of “Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011”**

Recommendation:

That the Board:

- a) give third reading to “Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011”;
 - b) reconsider, pass and finally adopt “Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011”.
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1. PURPOSE

For the Board to consider adoption of “Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011” in response to requests from the City of Coquitlam, City of Richmond, District of West Vancouver, and Tsawwassen First Nation.

2. CONTEXT

On September 23, 2011, the Board initiated amendments to *Metro Vancouver 2040*, Metro Vancouver’s Regional Growth Strategy and gave first and second readings to “Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011”. The bylaw would amend the RGS as follows:

1. **City of Coquitlam** Map Amendment – Amend the land use designation for the Westwood Plateau Golf Course lands from General Urban to Conservation and Recreation.
2. **City of Coquitlam** Map Amendment – Extend the Conservation and Recreation land use designation to include public parks and protected riparian corridors.
3. **City of Richmond** Map Amendment – Amend the land use designation for the Terra Nova lands from General Urban to Conservation and Recreation.
4. **City of Richmond** Map Amendment – Amend the land use designation for the Garden City lands from General Urban to Conservation and Recreation.
5. **City of Richmond** Map Amendment – Amend the land use designation for the Department of National Defence lands from General Urban to Conservation and Recreation.

6. **District of West Vancouver** Map Amendment – Amend the land use designation for portions of the Old Growth Conservancy that are General Urban to Conservation and Recreation.
7. **District of West Vancouver** Map Amendment – Amend Map 12 (Special Study Areas and Sewerage Extension Areas) to expand the Special Study Area for the Upper Lands to include all lands above the 1,200 foot contour line and shown as General Urban.
8. **Tsawwassen First Nation** Text Amendment – Amend Table A.1 (Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections for Metro Vancouver Subregions and Municipalities) with revised growth projections for Tsawwassen.

The proposed amendments are requests by municipalities made during the Regional Growth Strategy acceptance process.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) considered the proposed amendments on September 6, 2011, and comments from TAC were forwarded to the Board on September 23, 2011. Notification of the proposed amendments was sent to all affected local governments, which includes Metro Vancouver's municipalities, Tsawwassen First Nation, TransLink, Fraser Valley Regional District and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. The notification was also sent to provincial ministries and agencies that have an interest in regional growth strategies (Agricultural Land Commission, Integrated Land Management Bureau, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development). The 47 First Nations who have an interest in Metro Vancouver lands were also notified. Notification of the proposed amendments was posted on Metro Vancouver's website. The notification and comment period ends on October 26, 2011. If further comments are received after the printing of the Board agenda, comments will be provided on-table at the October 28, 2011 Board meeting.

Metro Vancouver received comments from the following:

1. Musqueam Indian Band – noting that the Musqueam Indian Band has existing Aboriginal rights and title to the lands in the City of Richmond, and that the Garden City Lands are subject to the claims made by the Musqueam in the B.C. Supreme Court.
2. Tsleil-Waututh Nation – attaching the Tsleil-Waututh Nation's Stewardship Policy which includes steps for consultation with them, as well as an invoice for "Referral Administrative File Set-Up".

Staff have been notified by municipal staff from the Cities of Coquitlam, North Vancouver, Port Moody and Vancouver that their councils will be considering the amendments and providing comments to Metro Vancouver. Due to the timing of the municipal council meetings and the Board meeting, those comments will be provided to the Board on-table.

Based on comments received, Metro Vancouver staff recommends proceeding to third and final reading.

3. ALTERNATIVES

The Board may:

- 1) Give third reading, reconsider, pass, and finally adopt “Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011” as provided in this report [recommended];
or
- 2) Not adopt “Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011,” and suggest alternative actions.

4. CONCLUSION

Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011 was given first and second reading by the Board on September 23, 2011 and referred to affected local governments, provincial government agencies and ministries and first nations for comment. Based on comments received, Metro Vancouver staff recommends that “Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011” be given third reading and final adoption by the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1150, 2011 (Doc. #5510275).
2. Correspondence dated October 5, 2011, titled “Notification of Proposed Amendments to the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy” received from Musqueam Indian Band (Doc. #5510029).
3. Correspondence dated October 3, 2011, titled “09-217 MV Regional Growth Strategy File #CP-11-01-RGS-12” received from Tsleil-Waututh Nation (Doc. #5524414).