



Regional Planning and Agriculture Committee Meeting Date: September 7, 2012

To: Regional Planning and Agriculture Committee

From: Jason Smith, Regional Planner
Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks Department

Date: August 14, 2012

Subject: **City of Coquitlam Regional Growth Strategy Amendment – Bylaw Adoption**

Recommendations:

That the Board:

- a) Give third reading to Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012; and
 - b) Reconsider, pass and finally adopt Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012.
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1. PURPOSE

To adopt Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012 that would remove reference to “Conservation and Recreation lands utilized for commercial extensive recreation facilities” from the minor amendment process. Removal of this clause would mean that this land use would follow a similar amendment process to other areas designated Conservation and Recreation in the RGS.

2. CONTEXT

In March 2011, the City of Coquitlam requested by Council resolution (Attachment 1) that the phrase “Conservation and Recreation lands utilized only for commercial extensive recreation facilities” be deleted from section 6.3.4 (b) of the RGS. Any change of this nature is considered a Type 1 amendment under Section 6.3 of the RGS. Type 1 amendments require unanimous acceptance of all affected local governments.

The Metro Vancouver Board responded to the City of Coquitlam’s request by initiating a Type 1 amendment process at its September 23, 2011 meeting. The Board chose to delay introduction of the Bylaw because the 60-day period for acceptance by affected local governments would have extended beyond the term of the previous Board. RGS section 6.3.4 is currently written as follows, with the portion that is proposed to be removed in italics:

“6.3.4 The following Type 3 minor amendments require an affirmative 50%+1 weighted vote of the Metro Vancouver Board and do not require a regional public hearing:

- b) for sites within the Urban Containment Boundary, amendments from Industrial, Mixed Employment, *Conservation and Recreation lands utilized only for commercial extensive recreation facilities*, or General Urban land use designations to any other such regional land use designations”.

The City of Coquitlam had initially requested this clause. However, the city subsequently determined that this clause is not necessary, and requested that it be removed. Metro Vancouver staff support the proposed amendment as it will provide a higher degree of protection for lands designated Conservation and Recreation throughout the region.

Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Comments

RPAC (formerly known as the Technical Advisory Committee or TAC) supports the Metro Vancouver staff recommendation to amend the RGS as proposed by the City of Coquitlam.

Process for Type 1 Amendment

The Metro Vancouver Board initiated this amendment at its September 23, 2011 meeting. Notice of this proposed amendment was sent to all affected local governments in January 2012, as required under section 6.4.2 of the RGS. Notice was also sent to all members of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

At its March 30, 2012 meeting, the Board gave initial readings to Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012 (Bylaw No. 1160 - Attachment 2) and requested that Bylaw No. 1160 be sent to all affected local governments for acceptance. Bylaw No. 1160 was sent to all affected local governments on April 5, 2012, giving them 60 days to consider acceptance. A public hearing is not required for Type 1 amendments. Table 1 outlines the responses as of the date of writing this report.

Table 1: Affected Local Government Response to Bylaw No. 1160

Affected Local Government	Response
Village of Anmore	No Response
Village of Belcarra	Accepted
City of Burnaby	Accepted
City of Coquitlam	Accepted
Corporation of Delta	No Response
City of Langley	Accepted
Township of Langley	No Response
Village of Lions Bay	No Response
District of Maple Ridge	No Response
City of New Westminister	Accepted
City of North Vancouver	Accepted
District of North Vancouver	No Response
City of Pitt Meadows	Accepted
City of Port Coquitlam	Accepted
City of Port Moody	Accepted
City of Richmond	Accepted
City of Surrey	No Response
Tsawwassen First Nation	No Response
City of Vancouver	Accepted
District of West Vancouver	Accepted
City of White Rock	No Response
Fraser Valley Regional District	Accepted
Squamish Lillooet Regional District	No response
TransLink	No response

In accordance with Section 857 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 6.3 of the Regional Growth Strategy, if a local government does not provide a response, then it is deemed to have accepted the proposed RGS Amendment Bylaw. No affected local government has chosen to not accept Bylaw No. 1160. Therefore, Bylaw No.1160 is deemed to have received unanimous acceptance by affected local governments.

3. ALTERNATIVES

The following options are provided for consideration:

That the Board may:

- a) Give third reading to Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012; and
 - b) Reconsider, pass and finally adopt Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012. [Recommended]
- or
- c) not proceed with this proposed amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy.

4. CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver staff support the proposed amendment requested by the City of Coquitlam as it will provide a higher degree of protection for lands designated Conservation and Recreation throughout the region.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from the City of Coquitlam Requesting Amendment to Regional Growth Strategy (Doc. #6268991).
2. Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012 (Doc. #6268351).
3. Responses received from Affected Local Governments (Doc. #6437885):
 - Village of Belcarra
 - City of Burnaby
 - City of Coquitlam
 - City of Langley
 - City of New Westminster
 - City of North Vancouver
 - City of Pitt Meadows
 - City of Port Coquitlam
 - City of Port Moody
 - City of Richmond
 - City of Vancouver
 - District of West Vancouver
 - Fraser Valley Regional District.



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Our File: 01-0480-20/RD13-01/2011-1
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EMAILED AND FAXED

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Dear Ms. DeMarco:

RE: Redesignation of the Westwood Plateau Golf Course Lands

Please be advised that at the March 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Coquitlam, the following resolution was adopted:

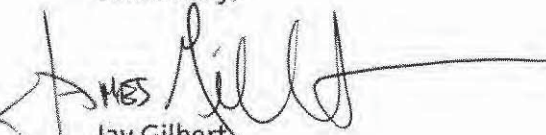
That the Metro Vancouver Board be requested to:

1. Redesignate the Westwood Plateau Golf Course lands, which are presently designated in the proposed Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) as "General Urban" and in the City of Coquitlam's Official Community Plan as "Extensive Recreation" to the RGS "Conservation and Recreation" land use designation;
2. Delete the phrase "Conservation and Recreation lands utilized only for commercial extensive recreation facilities" in Section 6.3.4.b) on page 60 of the proposed RGS; and,
3. Extend the "Conservation and Recreation" land use designation to existing public parks and protected riparian corridors in Coquitlam as shown on the attached map.

Please find enclosed a copy of the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated March 17, 2011 entitled "Supplementary Information Regarding Notice of Motion – Redesignation of the Westwood Plateau Golf Course Lands".

Should you have any questions or require further information with respect to this matter please contact Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development at 604-927-3401.

Yours truly,


Jay Gilbert
City Clerk

c - Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development

ATTACHMENT 2

GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1160, 2012

A Bylaw to Amend Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010.

WHEREAS the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District adopted the Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010 on the 29th day of July, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District in open meeting assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw Number 1136, 2010" is hereby amended by deleting the following from Section 6.3.4 (b):

“, Conservation and Recreation lands utilized only for commercial extensive recreation facilities”,

2. The official citation for this bylaw is "Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012." This bylaw may be cited as "Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2012."

Read a First time this	day of	, 2012.
Read a Second time this	day of	, 2012.
Read a Third time this	day of	, 2012.
Reconsidered, Passed and Finally Adopted this	day of	, 2012

Paulette A. Vetleson
Corporate Secretary

Greg Moore
Chair