

**GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Electoral Area Committee held at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2011 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**PRESENT:**

Chair, Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A  
Director Marvin Hunt, Surrey  
Director Andrea Reimer, Vancouver  
Director Tim Stevenson, Vancouver (arrived at 8:06 a.m.)  
Director Richard Walton, North Vancouver District

**ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF:**

Christina DeMarco, Regional Development Division Manager, Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks Department  
Klara Kutakova, Assistant to Regional Committees, Board Secretariat and Corporate Information Department

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 October 7, 2011 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Electoral Area Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for October 7, 2011 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2.1 June 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Electoral Area Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held June 10, 2011 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

## 5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

### 5.1 2012 Programs and Priorities of Electoral Area Committee

Report dated September 28, 2011 from Christina DeMarco, Regional Development Division Manager, Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks Department, presenting the 2012 programs and priorities under the purview of the Electoral Area Committee for discussion and/or amendments.

Discussion ensued on:

- the proposed transfer of responsibilities for the Barnston Island diking facility from the Province to Metro Vancouver
- Barnston Island as a viable farming community
- UBC governance issues and the importance of local government input in a new governance model for the area
- First Nations land claims in provincial parks adjacent to Electoral Area A

8:06 a.m.

Director Stevenson arrived at the meeting.

#### **Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to provide through the Metro Vancouver Electoral Area A bulletin updates on First Nations land claims in provincial parks adjacent to Electoral Area A.

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

That the Electoral Area Committee endorse the proposed programs and priorities, as outlined in the report dated September 28, 2011, titled "2012 Programs and Priorities of Electoral Area Committee", as the basis for the budget to be considered at the Board budget workshop on October 19, 2011.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 Updates to the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw

Report dated September 14, 2011 from Jason Smith, Regional Planner, Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks Department, presenting the Electoral Area Committee with proposed updates to the Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw.

In response to questions, members were informed about the following:

- the bylaw was being changed to focus on "use" rather than "users"
- the most significant issue discussed during the consultation process pertained to the Riparian Area Regulation
- for Pitt Lake, the shoreline is defined by survey

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

That the Board:

- a) Give first and second reading to Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw No. 1144, 2011;
- b) Refer Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw No. 1144, 2011 to public hearing; and

- c) Pursuant to Section 891 of the Local Government Act, delegate the holding of the public hearing to the Board Directors who are appointed to the Metro Vancouver committee responsible for Electoral Area A matters.

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 Building Activity in Electoral Area A**

Report dated September 20, 2011, from Tom Pearce, Electoral Area Planner, Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks Department, presenting an update on building activity in Electoral Area A since January 2010.

Discussion ensued on:

- various degrees of risk posed by the buildings in poor state of affairs in various parts of Electoral Area A and potential remedies, including a suggestion that remedies be tailored to the degree of risk posed by these buildings to life, health and/or safety
- the affect of buildings and dike in poor state of repair on viability of farming on Barnston Island

#### **Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to report on tools that would address issues pertaining to buildings in poor state of repair in Electoral Area A, as discussed by the Committee at its October 7, 2011 meeting, and indicate which would be the most effective to act on.

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

That the Electoral Area Committee receive for information the report dated September 20, 2011, titled "Building Activity in Electoral Area A".

**CARRIED**

Director Stevenson absent at the vote.

### **5.4 Manager's Report**

Report dated September 21, 2011 from Christina DeMarco, Regional Development Division Manager, Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks Department, providing information about a new Land Use Bylaw for Bowyer and Passage Islands and about notice to property owners in Electoral Area A, and providing an update on the Electoral Area Committee 2011 workplan and the proposed transfer of Barnston Island Diking District to Metro Vancouver.

In response to a question, the Committee was informed that staff is investigating whether UEL has an emergency notification system in place. The Chair requested to be apprised of the results of the investigation.

Discussion ensued on a new regulation announced at UBCM, which reduces regulations on small water systems.

#### **Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to report back to the Committee on reduced regulations on small water systems.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Electoral Area Committee receive for information the report dated September 21, 2011, titled "Manager's Report".

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1 Repeal of Drainage Ditch and Dike Act**

Correspondence dated June 24, 2011 from Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, to Jay Gilbert, City Clerk, City of Coquitlam, responding to the City of Coquitlam's letter regarding the proposed UBCM resolution concerning diking districts.

**6.2 Proposed UBCM Resolution – Diking Districts**

Correspondence dated June 22, 2011 from Jay Gilbert, City Clerk, City of Coquitlam, to Reiko Tagami, Information and Resolution Coordinator, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding the proposed UBCM resolution concerning diking districts.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Electoral Area Committee receive for information the following correspondence:

- 6.1 Repeal of Drainage Ditch and Dike Act; and
- 6.2 Proposed UBCM Resolution – Diking Districts.

**CARRIED**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

**8. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

No items presented.

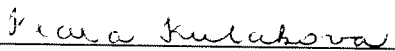
**9. ADJOURNMENT**

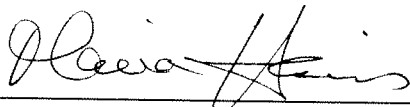
**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Electoral Area Committee conclude its regular meeting of October 7, 2011.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 8:48 a.m.)

  
Klara Kutakova,  
Assistant to Regional Committees

  
Maria Harris, Chair