

## **GREATER VANCOUVER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA) Board of Directors held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, in Council Chambers, Coquitlam Municipal Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, British Columbia.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Chair D. McCallum, Surrey  
M. Brodie, Richmond  
D. Cadman, Vancouver  
L. Campbell, Vancouver  
M. Grinnell, Langley, City  
M. Hunt, Surrey  
J. Kingsbury, Coquitlam  
R. Louie, Vancouver  
K. Morse, Maple Ridge  
B. Sharp, North Vancouver, City  
J. Trasolini, Port Moody

### **REGRETS:**

W. Wright, New Westminster

### **VACANCIES:**

3 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

### **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

P. Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer  
C. Lee, Corporate Secretary  
S. Bird, Assistant Corporate Secretary

## **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **1.1 Wednesday, February 16, 2005 Regular Meeting Agenda**

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

That the Agenda for the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Board of Directors Regular Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

### 2.1 **Wednesday, December 1, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

That the Minutes the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2.2 **Wednesday, December 8, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

That the Minutes for the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2.3 **Wednesday, February 2, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

That the Minutes for the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## 3. DELEGATIONS

### 3.1 **Robert Jost**

Mr. Jost suggested a number of initiatives that could produce extra revenue for TransLink without putting extra burden on the taxpayer. He suggested that the extra money be used to build more SkyTrain lines and roads. A copy of Mr. Jost's presentation is on file with the Corporate Secretary.

### 3.2 **Robert Rondeau**

Mr. Rondeau asked the Board to consider making a request to Ministry of Transportation to make accommodation for rapid transit on the Port Mann Bridge. Mr. Rondeau feels the printed bus timetable is too confusing and proposed the conversion of the timetable to software that can be downloaded to a PDA, cell phone, etc.

### 3.3 **Richard Campbell, Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (B.E.S.T.)**

Mr. Campbell addressed the Board on behalf of B.E.S.T. Mr. Campbell asked the Board to approve a bike/pedestrian lane on the RAV line and to approve priced options with all or the majority of funding coming from sources other than Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing (BICCS). A copy of Mr. Campbell's presentation is on file with the Corporate Secretary.

**3.4 Rudy Six**

Mr. Six complimented staff on the success of the U-Pass. Mr. Six suggested expanding the U-Pass with the development of an A-Pass. The A-Pass would be a mandatory transit pass distributed through ICBC on vehicle insurance renewal. It would provide vehicle owners with access to public transit and allow unlimited transit use by the pass holder. A copy of Mr. Six's presentation is on file with the Corporate Secretary.

**3.5 Joyce Murray, MLA New Westminster**

Ms. Murray addressed the Board as a representative of her constituents in New Westminster. Ms. Murray asked the Board to approve the Pattullo Bridge safety meridian.

**3.6 Jack Becker, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition**

Mr. Becker addressed the Board on behalf of the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition. Mr. Becker asked the Board to approve the bike path deck on the RAV Bridge. Mr. Becker provided a list of potential funding sources for the bike deck. A copy of Mr. Becker's comments is on file with the Corporate Secretary.

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 By-Law for Assessing Tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge**

Report dated January 28, 2005 entitled "By-Law for Assessing Tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge" from Fred Cummings, Project Director, Golden Ears Bridge.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVTA Board approves, in principle, the by-law for assessing tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Richmond Airport Vancouver Project – Priced Options**

Report dated February 4, 2005 entitled "Richmond Airport Vancouver Project – Priced Options" from Sheri Plewes, Vice President, Capital Management and Engineering.

That the GVTA Board:

- A. Includes 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Station in the Richmond-Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit Project either prior to Commercial Close or as a project change (depending on the timing of the City of Vancouver's decision), and commit to the annual operating and maintenance costs for the station, subject to:

1. City of Vancouver Council approval of at least \$29M (nominal dollars) to fully fund the capital cost of the station;
2. Completion of a funding agreement with the City of Vancouver for the capital cost of the station; and
3. Approval of adjustments required to the Contributing Agencies Essential Elements for the changes to travel times to YVR;

And, approves an adjustment to the maximum train travel time from Waterfront to YVR as set out in the Contributing Agencies Essential Elements, to allow for the additional travel time as a result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Station;

And, approves the deferral of the additional train set requirement, under the conditions outlined in this report; and

- B. Does not include the Fraser River Bicycle and Pedestrian Lane in the Richmond-Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit Project due to the following areas of concern:

1. Bike lane and access ramp design;
2. Safety and security;
3. Capital and operating cost estimates; and,
4. Impact to the Bicycle Capital Program;

And, directs staff to explore alternate opportunities to improve bicycle and pedestrian crossings over the Fraser River, particularly the Knight Street Bridge, and to continue to provide for bicycles on all new buses and rapid transit lines.

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Main Motion be amended by replacing section B with the following:

- B. Includes the Fraser River Bicycle and Pedestrian Lane in the Richmond-Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit Project and directs staff to explore a phased construction schedule to minimize the cost of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Lane.

**CARRIED**

Directors Grinnell, Kingsbury and Morse voted in the negative

**The Main Motion as amended now reads as follows:**

That the GVTA Board:

- A. Includes 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Station in the Richmond-Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit Project either prior to Commercial Close or as a project change (depending on the timing of the City of Vancouver's decision), and commit to the annual operating and maintenance costs for the station, subject to:
1. City of Vancouver Council approval of at least \$29M (nominal dollars) to fully fund the capital cost of the station;
  2. Completion of a funding agreement with the City of Vancouver for the capital cost of the station; and

3. Approval of adjustments required to the Contributing Agencies Essential Elements for the changes to travel times to YVR;  
And, approves an adjustment to the maximum train travel time from Waterfront to YVR as set out in the Contributing Agencies Essential Elements, to allow for the additional travel time as a result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Station;  
And, approves the deferral of the additional train set requirement, under the conditions outlined in this report; and
- B. Includes the Fraser River Bicycle and Pedestrian Lane in the Richmond-Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit Project and directs staff to explore a phased construction schedule to minimize the cost of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Lane.

**Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

Question was then called on the main motion as amended and it was

**CARRIED**

Directors Grinnell and Kingsbury voted in the negative

**4.3 Canada, British Columbia and Greater Vancouver Transportation Accord**

Report dated February 4, 2005 entitled “Canada, British Columbia and Greater Vancouver Transportation Accord” from Bob Paddon, Vice President, Corporate and Public Affairs.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVTA Board:

- A. Adopts the Canada, British Columbia and Greater Vancouver Transportation Accord as the policy framework for the allocation of gasoline tax revenue that will be available to the Greater Vancouver region through the Federal government’s *New Deal for Cities and Communities*;
- B. Requests the Government of British Columbia use the Canada, British Columbia and Greater Vancouver Transportation Accord as part of its negotiations with the Federal government as per the *New Deal for Cities and Communities*;
- C. Authorizes the CEO to negotiate with the Provincial and Federal governments procedures for the implementation of the Canada, British Columbia and Greater Vancouver Transportation Accord;
- D. Communicates to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) the Greater Vancouver proposal for allocation of the federal gasoline tax;
- E. Communicates to Premier Gordon Campbell, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services Murray Coell and Minister of Transportation Kevin Falcon the Greater Vancouver proposal for allocation of federal gasoline tax revenues;

- F. Communicates to Prime Minister Paul Martin; Minister of State Infrastructure and Communities John Godfrey and Chair, External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities; Minister of Industry David Emerson; and, Senator Jack Austin the Greater Vancouver proposal for allocation of federal gasoline tax revenues; and
- G. Communicates to the GVRD the Greater Vancouver proposal for allocation of federal gasoline tax revenue.

**CARRIED**

**4.4 Review and Expansion of U-Pass and Development of Community Pass**

Report dated February 7, 2005 entitled “Review and Expansion of U-Pass and Development of Community Pass” from Glen Leicester, Vice President Planning.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

- A. That the GVTA Board of Directors receives the report dated February 7, 2005 titled “Review and Expansion of U-Pass and Development of the Community Pass” for information; and
- B. Subject to resources in the Three Year (2005-2007) Implementation and Financial Strategy, directs staff to continue to:
  - Work with the other publicly funded post secondary schools to expand the U-Pass Program in stages in the fall of 2006 and the fall of 2007;
  - Work with SFU and UBC to develop and launch Community Transit Pass Programs in the fall of 2005 and spring of 2006, respectively.
- C. Directs staff to bring back the details of agreements for implementing an expanded U-Pass Program and the Community Pass Programs for the Board’s approval prior to implementation.

**CARRIED**

**4.5 2005 Appointments to Finance and Audit Committee**

Report dated February 2, 2005 entitled “2005 Appointments to Finance and Audit Committee” from Doug McCallum, Chair.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVTA Board appoints the following Directors as members of the GVTA Finance and Audit Committee for 2005:

- David Cadman, Chair;
- Malcolm Brodie;
- Raymond Louie;
- Jon Kingsbury; and
- Barbara Sharp.

**CARRIED**

**4.6 2005 Appointments to Board Communications Committees**

Report dated February 2, 2005 entitled “2005 Appointments to Board Communications Committees” from Doug McCallum, Chair.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVTA Board:

- A. Appoints Directors Raymond Louie (Chair) and Malcolm Brodie as members of the RAV Board Communications Committee for 2005; and
- B. Appoints Directors Jon Kingsbury (Chair) and Joe Trasolini as members of the Coquitlam Line Communications Committee for 2005.

**CARRIED**

**4.7 2005 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval**

Report dated February 2, 2005 entitled “2005 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval” from Sheri Plewes, Vice President, Capital Management and Engineering.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVTA Board provides Specific Project Approval for the following capital project and programs:

- 2005 Community Shuttle – 2 Replacement Vehicles: Budget \$360,000
- 2005 Custom Transit – 42 Replacement Vehicles: Budget \$4,360,000
- RAV Project Support and Resources – Phase 2: Budget: \$755,000

**CARRIED**

**4.7.5 2005 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval**

Report dated February 11, 2005 entitled “2005 Capital Program Projects – Approval-in-Principle: Pattullo Bridge Centre Line Barrier” from Sheri Plewes, Vice President, Capital Management and Engineering.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED:**

That the GVTA Board approves the addition of the following capital project to the 2005 Capital Program as outlined in this report:

- Pattullo Bridge Centreline Barrier: Budget \$5,000,000

**CARRIED**

**Information Reports**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That Items 4.8 through 4.12 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- 4.8 Golden Ears Bridge – Fairness Monitor’s Report on the Preliminary Selection of Candidates after the New Qualification Phase of the Project**  
Report dated January 31, 2005 entitled “Golden Ears Bridge – Fairness Monitor’s Report on the Preliminary Selection of Candidates after the New Qualification Phase of the Project” from Fred Cummings, Project Director, Golden Ears Bridge.
- 4.9 3-Year Plan Proposed Major Capital Road Program – Status of Project**  
Report dated February 7, 2005 entitled “ 3-Year Plan Proposed Major Capital Road Program – Status of Project” from Glen Leicester, Vice President, Planning and Sheri Plewes, Vice President, Capital Management and Engineering.
- 4.10 Request from Anmore to Modify Major Road Network (MRN) Designation**  
Report dated February 7, 2005, entitled “ Request from Anmore to Modify Major Road Network (MRN) Designation” from Glen Leicester, Vice President, Planning.
- 4.11 Vancouver and UBC Area Transit Plan Update and Public Consultation Schedule**  
Report dated January 28, 2005, entitled “ Vancouver and UBC Area Transit Plan Update and Public Consultation Schedule” from Glen Leicester, Vice President, Planning.
- 4.12 BCAA and GVTA Marketing Research**  
Report dated February 8, 2005 entitled “BCAA and GVTA Marketing Research” from Bob Paddon, Vice President, Corporate and Public Affairs.

## **5. NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **5.1 Property Tax Notice of Motion and Options**

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

- A. That the GVTA return any additional monies above the proposed \$204,344,000 back to the homeowners in 2005; and
- B. That staff prepare a report that will ensure that should property taxes increase above estimated or projected budgetary monies in any given year that the staff bring back an automatic report in any year where property tax dollars are above those estimated in that years budget requirements.

**DEFEATED**

Directors Morse, Sharp and Trasolini voted in favour



**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the GVTA Board retains the currently approved property tax rates and accelerates the implementation of planned safety, security and transit service improvement initiatives.

**CARRIED**

Director Sharp voted in the negative

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That Items 6.1 through 6.7 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**6.1 Letter dated January 18, 2005 from the District of West Vancouver**

**6.2 Letter dated January 19, 2005 from the City of Burnaby**

**6.3 Letter dated January 20, 2005 from the BC Trucking Association**

**6.4 Letter dated January 24, 2005 from the District of Pitt Meadows**

**6.5 Letter dated January 27, 2005 from the District of Maple Ridge**

**6.6 Letter dated January 31, 2005 from the City of New Westminster**

**6.7 Letter dated February 7, 2005 from the City of Vancouver**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 10:45 am)

Certified Correct:

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Corporate Secretary

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Chair