

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT LIQUID WASTE COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

9:00 am

28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Vice Chair, Megan Knight, White Rock * (arrived at 9:08 am)
Burnaby, James Wang
Coquitlam, Steve Kim
Delta, Rod Binder *
Langley City, Paul Albrecht
Langley Township, Steve Ferguson
New Westminster, Nadine Nakagawa
North Vancouver District, Mike Little (arrived at 9:05 am)
Pitt Meadows, Bob Meachen *
Port Coquitlam, Brad West *
Surrey, Doug Elford
Vancouver, Sarah Kirby-Yung *
West Vancouver, Christine Cassidy

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by the *Procedure Bylaw*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frank Margitan, BASc, Former VP, Kiewit Canada & Advisor to the Iona Wastewater Treatment Plant Project
Barry Nazar, Project Engineer, Construction Manager Advisor
Tim Stanley, Project Engineer, Former Executive VP, MMM Group

STAFF PRESENT:

Peter Navratil, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services
Christine Zhao, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Cheryl Nelms, General Manager, Project Delivery
Dana Zheng, Program Manager, Planning, Policy and Analysis, Liquid Waste Services

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. January 21, 2026 Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Liquid Waste Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for January 21, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Liquid Waste Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held November 12, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. 2026 Liquid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan

Report dated January 7, 2026 from Peter Navratil, General Manager, Liquid Waste Services, providing the Liquid Waste Committee with the 2026 Work Plan, its Terms of Reference, and the Annual Meeting Schedule.

Peter Navratil gave a presentation titled “2026 Liquid Waste Committee Priorities and Work Plan”, providing an overview of the work plan and sharing updates on the sanitary sewer overflow trend, the progress of the Liquid Waste Management Plan, contract approvals, and financial planning.

9:05 am Councillor Little joined the meeting.

9:08 am Vice Chair Knight joined the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Liquid Waste Committee:

- a) receive for information the Liquid Waste Committee Terms of Reference and the 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule, as presented in the report dated January 7, 2026, titled “2026 Liquid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”; and
- b) endorse the 2026 Work Plan, as presented in the report dated January 7, 2026, titled “2026 Liquid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule and Work Plan”.

CARRIED

2. North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program Due Diligence Committee Report

Report dated January 9, 2026 from Cheryl Nelms, General Manager, Project Delivery, providing a summary of recent and upcoming North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP) project activity and communications, and a report delivered by the NSWWTP Program Due Diligence Committee.

Cheryl Nelms gave a presentation titled “North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program – Program Update and Due Diligence Committee Report”, providing an update on the program’s status, overall performance, construction activities and other areas of focus, including videos showcasing the unique features and projected development of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program. Cheryl Nelms explained the importance of building this new treatment plant using tertiary filtration, and highlighted the technical complexity involved in the design and construction process.

Tim Stanley, Project Engineer, Former Executive VP, MMM Group, and a senior advisor on the NSWTP Due Diligence Committee, provided a summary of report findings as of October 2025, noting that new work on the project appears to be of good quality and that construction deficiencies are being closely monitored.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the GVS&DD Board receive for information the report dated January 9, 2026 titled “North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program Update and Due Diligence Committee Report.”

CARRIED

3. Our Ocean Thanks You 2025 Campaign Results

Report dated December 5, 2025 from Carol Nicolls, Communications Specialist, Corporate Communications, providing an update to the Liquid Waste Committee on the 2025 regional “Our Ocean Thanks You” campaign to reduce microfibres generated from laundry.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Liquid Waste Committee receive for information the report dated December 5, 2025 titled “Our Ocean Thanks You 2025 Campaign Results.”

CARRIED

4. Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 395, 2026

Report dated January 9, 2026 from Dana Zheng, Program Manager, Planning, Policy and Analysis, Liquid Waste Services, seeking GVS&DD Board adoption of *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 395, 2026*.

Peter Navratil informed the members that, as requested by the Environmental Regulation and Enforcement team, this bylaw introduces minor amendments to add three existing contraventions as eligible to be dealt with by notices of bylaw violation, which enables GVS&DD to levy fines to protect the environment.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the GVS&DD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 395, 2026*; and
- b) adopt *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 395, 2026*.

CARRIED

In response to members' questions regarding the possibility of raising the fines, Dana Zheng informed the Committee that the Province of BC only allows GVS&DD to issue fines of up to \$500 per offence per day as administrative penalties. As requested by the members, staff will review the appropriate dollar amounts of fines for the contraventions and provide updates on bylaw infraction activities.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Liquid Waste Committee request staff to review fine amounts for appropriateness and report back to the Committee with statistical updates.

CARRIED

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Development Cost Charge Waiver or Reduction for Not-for-Profit Rental Housing Amendment Bylaws**

G. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

No items presented.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Liquid Waste Committee adjourn its meeting of January 21, 2026.

CARRIED

(Time: 9:55 am)

Christine Zhao,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Malcolm Brodie,
Chair