

CITY OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: MARINE EMISSIONS IN GREATER VANCOUVER WATERWAYS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council urge the federal government to adopt the International Marine Organization (IMO) discharge standards for commercial passenger vessels within regulations under the Canada Shipping Act (CSA);
2. **THAT** Council request an update from the federal government on the status of the request by the GVRD and City of Vancouver for designation of Indian Arm and English Bay/False Creek as no-discharge zones under the federal Pleasure Craft Sewage Pollution Prevention Regulation.

REPORT

Council, at the 'Open' Council meeting held on 2004 January 12, received the attached letter (APPENDIX 1) from J. Marvin Hunt, Chair, GVRD Board of Directors, regarding marine emissions in Greater Vancouver area waterways. Council referred this GVRD letter to the Environment Committee for consideration.

The Environment Committee, at its 'Open' meeting held on 2004 February 10, completed its review of this matter and requested that Council support the GVRD Board of Directors by urging the federal government to adopt the International Marine Organization (IMO) discharge standards for commercial passenger vessels within regulations under the Canada Shipping Act (CSA). The Committee further requested that Council ask for an update from the federal government regarding the status of a request by the GVRD and City of Vancouver for designation of Indian Arm and English Bay/False Creek as no-discharge zones under the federal Pleasure Craft Sewage Pollution Prevention Regulation.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Member

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APPENDIX I

December 11, 2003

Mayor Derek Corrigan and Members
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Members of Council:

Re: Marine Emissions in Greater Vancouver Area Waterways

At their October 3, 2003 meeting, the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Board of Directors adopted the following resolution:

That the Board:

- a) *Urge the federal government to adopt the International Marine Organization (IMO) discharge standards for commercial passenger vessels within regulations under the Canada Shipping Act (CSA);*
- b) *Request an update from the federal government on the status of the request by the GVRD and City of Vancouver for designation of Indian Arm and English Bay/False Creek as no-discharge zones under the federal Pleasure Craft Sewage Pollution Prevention Regulation; and*
- c) *Forward this report to member municipalities and request their support for the actions the Board has taken on this matter.*

Further to part a) of the Board resolution, the GVRD recently sent a letter (attached) to the federal Minister of Transport urging the federal government to adopt the IMO discharge standards for commercial vessels within the regulations under the CSA as soon as possible. Further to part b) of the Board resolution, the GVRD recently sent a letter to the federal government requesting an update (attached). Further to part c) of the Board resolution, please find attached a copy of the report entitled "Marine Emissions in Greater Vancouver Waterways" prepared for the October 3, 2003 Board meeting.

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The GVRD Board requests that your municipality support the Board's position on this issue as the opportunities arise in your municipality.

Yours truly,



J. Marvin Hunt
Chair, Board of Directors

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- Attachments:
- 1) Letter to Minister of Transport dated December 8, 2003
 - 2) Letter to Fisheries and Oceans Canada dated December 8, 2003
 - 3) GVRD Board Report: Marine Emissions in Greater Vancouver Waterways, meeting of October 3, 2003

