

## **Attachment 1**

Greater Vancouver Regional  
District Public Works Mutual Aid  
Agreement Council Report

# REPORT

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**To:** Mayor and Council  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
**Date:** 2000 June 21

**From:** P.A. CONNOLLY, P.Eng.  
Director of Engineering  
**File:** 0185-04-01

**Subject:** MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement in the form attached to this report, with other participating Lower Mainland municipalities

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### BACKGROUND

In September of 1999, the Regional Engineers Advisory Committee (REAC) received a recommendation from the Lower Mainland Operations Managers regarding the establishment of a Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. After consideration, REAC passed a resolution in support of the resolution as follows:

**THAT** REAC enter into the development of a Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Works Assistance,

and

**THAT** C. Gale co-ordinate the agreement for REAC members to take forward to their member Councils.

A copy of the proposed Mutual Aid agreement is attached as Appendix "A".

**COMMENTARY**

In the event that an individual municipality's public works resources are overwhelmed in an emergency response, this proposed agreement sets out a protocol whereby any of the signatories to the agreement may call upon the resources of other municipalities. Some of the more significant elements of the agreement are:

- Local resources, including contractors, should be expended before seeking Mutual Aid.
- Payment for emergency services under the mutual aid agreement will be on a cost recovery basis, and will not include mark-ups for overhead or profit.
- Most specialized equipment will be provided with an operator, to ensure adequate familiarity and certification to operate.
- Resources will only be made available if they are not required by their primary jurisdiction.

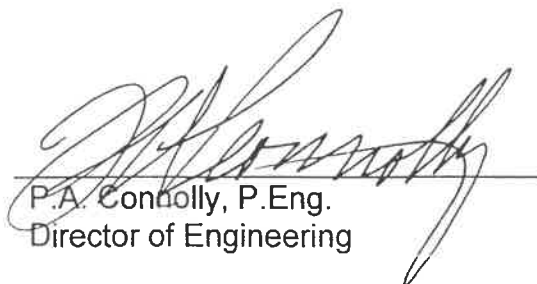
Provision is made within the agreement to settle any disputes arising from the use of this agreement through arbitration.

There are no financial implications to a municipality for entering into this agreement. Financial obligations can only arise in the event a request is made for assistance.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff support consideration of the recommended agreement as a means of ensuring cost-effective support for emergency operations in times of need.


Respectfully submitted,



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Approved for Presentation  
to Council



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