



FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 27, 2020
FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

- Members Present:**
- Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair
 - Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair
 - Director Dennis Adamson, Electoral Area B (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Wendy Bales, Electoral Area C
 - Director Sandy Blue, City of Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
 - Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Orion Engar, Electoral Area E (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Brenda Falk, City of Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Carol Hamilton, District of Mission (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Bud Mercer, City of Chilliwack (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack (*via Zoom conference call – arrived at 7:05 pm*)
 - Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Peter Robb, District of Hope (*via Zoom conference call*)
 - Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call – arrived at 7:05 pm*)
 - Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G (*via Zoom conference call*)
- Staff Present:**
- Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
 - Jaime Reilly, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
 - Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development (*via Zoom conference call*)
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
Suzanne Gresham, Director of Community Initiatives & Strategic Engagement (*via Zoom conference call*)
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning (*via Zoom conference call*)
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks & Recreation (*via Zoom conference call*)
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
Trina Douglas, Manager of Contracted Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
Kristen Kohuch, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board (*Recording Secretary*)
Tyler Davis, Fire Dispatch Management Communications Coordinator
Jamie Benton, Environmental Services Coordinator (*via Zoom conference call*)

Also Present:

Allison Colthorp, Executive Director, Tourism Chilliwack (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Jonathan Heerema, Manager, Vancouver, Coast & Mountains and Industry Programs (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Mike Redpath, Director of Planning, Metro Vancouver Regional District (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Clare Seeley, Manager of Tourism, District of Mission (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Kathryn Baird, Economic Development, City of Maple Ridge (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Craig Nichols, CEO, Tourism Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Erinn Kredba, CEO, Tourism Langley (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Kristina Gervais, CEO, Discover Langley City (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Stephanie Gallamore, Marketing Director, Tourism Harrison (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Francine Douglas, Vancouver, Coast & Mountains regional Indigenous Specialist, Indigenous Tourism BC (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
Shannon Jones, Economic Development, Hope (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)

Wendy Koh, Economic Development, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource operations (*via Zoom conference call with respect to item 3.1 – left at 7:29 pm*)
2 members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of October 27, 2020 be approved;

AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence committee and commission minutes, and other information set to the Agenda be received for information.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Destination BC's Fraser Valley Destination Development Strategy - Advancing Experience the Fraser

Allison Colthorp, Executive Director, Tourism Chilliwack provided a presentation, highlighting the following points:

- Alignment between Destination BC's Fraser Valley Destination Development Strategy and the FVRD Strategic Plan;
- The 2019 FVRD Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Analysis and the outdoor recreation opportunities and challenges it has revealed;
- The Experience the Fraser Concept Plan, and Implementation Plan for local governments;
- Implementation of the Destination Development Strategy by the Fraser Valley Action Team; and,
- Collaborative efforts to outline the next phase of train development along the Coast to Canyon trail and seek funding to assist with trail infrastructure.

The Board commented on challenges to outdoor recreation such as parking nearby popular trails, asking how this was being addressed. Ms. Colthorp noted efforts made by Destination BC to offer other tourists experiences within the region and that these are being promoted through marketing strategies such as through social media platforms as well as other initiatives.

The Board raised concerns with respect to the size and scope of the project exceeding the Regional District's resources and the need for additional funding commitments from the Province and Metro Vancouver. Discussion ensued about developing a budget with the Implementation Plan to be submitted to the Province for consideration. The following motion resulted:

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROSS

THAT staff be directed to work with Destination BC to explore the Experience the Fraser Implementation Plan.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

4. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2020

Moved By RAYMOND
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting held September 17, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

5. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

The following minutes were provided for information:

5.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2020

Comments were provided with respect to item 4.1.1 of the draft minutes, "Update on Provincial Solid Waste Initiatives", regarding concerns about the high volume of agricultural plastic waste that goes to landfills.

5.2 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2020

5.3 Draft Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2020

6. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

6.1 Canadian Health and Fitness Institute Green Municipal Fund Grant

Director Davidson noted that this motion was brought forward with the intent that if carried, a new motion would be introduced to direct staff to provide an estimate with respect to staff time spent on the Outdoor Recreation Management Plan that could be attributed to in-kind contributions to the Canadian Health and Fitness Institute. Staff noted in-kind contributions to the Canadian Health and Fitness Institute would have to include work that was already underway. Concerns were raised regarding additional staff time that may be requested.

Moved By DAVIDSON

Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board motion passed at the September 17, 2020 Board meeting with respect to the Canadian Health and Fitness Institute be brought back to the table for reconsideration.

DEFEATED

All/Unweighted

Directors Bales, Dickey, Engar, Dixon, Robb, Popove, Chahal,
Siemens, Falk, Blue, Raymond and Facio Opposed

7. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

7.1 3rd Quarter Report

The 3rd Quarter Report was provided for information. The Board thanked staff for providing updates on ongoing work by the Regional District.

7.2 Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to submit grant applications to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program for the Lakeside Trail in Electoral Area H and a service building at the Vedder River Campground.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

8. FINANCE

8.1 2020 Financial Plan Amendments

Moved By MERCER
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1585, 2020 to include expenditures for the Frosst Creek Basin clean-out, FVRD boardroom technology upgrades, and the Hemlock Valley Transfer Station Relocation.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

8.2 Funding Commitment - Sunshine Valley Community Recreation Society, Electoral Area "B"

Director Adamson commented on the proposed outdoor rink which would be used for skateboarding in the summer, and the Board was advised that this would be the only contribution for this project therefore the Sunshine Valley Community Recreation Society would be responsible for costs related to ongoing maintenance of the facilities.

Moved By ADAMSON
Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a conditional contribution up to \$100,000 to the Sunshine Valley Community Recreation Society, funded from Community Works Fund and Community Forest Dividend budgets, to contribute towards the construction of an outdoor rink, Splash Park and social seating areas, conditional upon the Sunshine Valley Community Recreation Society's successful application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to contribute the balance of the costs.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Hatzic Prairie Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1561, 2020

Moved By STOBART
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Hatzic Prairie Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1561, 2020* be referred back to staff for further clarification on how domestic only water usage can be assured until such time results become available for the Miracle Valley Aquifer Assessment.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

9.2 Search and Rescue Grant in Aid Extended Service Repeal Bylaw No. 1584, 2020

Moved By DICKY
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt Search and Rescue Grant in Aid Extended Service Repeal Bylaw No. 1584, 2020.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

9.3 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1599, 2020 to implement the findings of two recent reports regarding the Chilliwack River Erosion Setback Line

Moved By ENGAR
Seconded By DICKY

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving first reading to *Fraser Valley Regional District Official Community Plan for Electoral Area E and H Amendment Bylaw 1599,*

2020 to implement the findings of two recent reports regarding the Chilliwack River Erosion Setback Line;

THAT *Fraser Valley Regional District Official Community Plan for Electoral Area E and H Amendment Bylaw No. 1599, 2020* be forwarded to Public Hearing;

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board delegate the holding of the Public Hearing with respect to proposed Bylaw 1599, 2020;

THAT Director Engar, or his Alternate in his absence, preside over and Chair the Public Hearing with respect to proposed Bylaw 1599, 2020;

THAT the Chair of the Public Hearing be authorized to establish procedural rules for the conduct of the Public Hearing with respect to proposed Bylaw 1599, 2020 in accordance with the Local Government Act;

THAT in the absence of Director Engar and his Alternate at the time of the Public Hearing with respect to proposed Bylaw No. 1599, 2020 the Fraser Valley Regional District Chair is delegated the authority to designate who shall preside over and Chair the Public Hearing regarding this matter;

AND THAT in accordance with Section 475 of the Local Government Act, the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the Official Community Plan consultation strategy as outlined in the corporate report dated October 15, 2020 for Bylaw 1599, 2020. The consultation strategy includes a notice and referral to the Stò:lō Connect referral system;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider Bylaw 1599, 2020 in relation to the FVRD financial plan and the FVRD waste management plan.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

10. PERMITS

10.1 Development Variance Permit 2020-10 to reduce required setbacks for the existing patio and proposed addition to the Sasquatch Inn at 46001 Lougheed Highway, Area C

Comments were offered regarding high levels of water in the parking lot at the Sasquatch Inn.

Moved By STOBART
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board issue Development Variance Permit 2020-10 to reduce highway and rear setbacks for the property located at 46001 Lougheed Highway, Area C, subject to consideration of any comments or concerns raised by the public.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

10.2 Development Variance Permit 2020-18 to vary the maximum height for an accessory building at 45713 Elizabeth Drive, Electoral Area H

The Board commented on public concerns that were raised with respect to the proposed height variance limiting sunlight, privacy, and creating water issues for neighbouring properties.

Moved By DIXON

Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refuse Development Variance Permit 2020-18 to vary the maximum height for an accessory building from 5.0 metres to 6.4 metres at 45713 Elizabeth Drive, Electoral Area H.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

10.3 Development Permit 2020-19 for the form and character of Phase III subdivision of Aquadel Crossing at 1885 Columbia Valley Road Electoral Area "H" to permit the construction of a mix of ranchers, two storey, and three storey single family detached resort

Moved By DIXON

Seconded By DICKEY

THAT Development Permit 2020-19 for 1885 Columbia Valley Road, Electoral Area "H" be referred back to staff.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

11. OTHER MATTERS

11.1 Commercial Gravel Operation Permit 2020-01 for Statlu Resources, 12 km Chehalis FSR, Electoral Area C

Moved By LOEWEN

Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the FVRD Board refer Commercial Gravel Operations Permit 2020-01 to staff for further work with the applicant to address noted information deficiencies;

THAT a mail out be sent to the Morris Valley community to provide information about the application by Statlu Resources INC for CGO Permit 2020-01 and to invite public submissions on: 1) whether the application meets the requirements of *FVRD Commercial Gravel Operations Bylaw No. 1181*; and, 2) what site-specific permit conditions related to bylaw requirements should be considered by the FVRD Board;

AND THAT the FVRD Board defer consideration of CGO Permit 2020-01 to the November 24, 2020 meeting of the FVRD Board to allow opportunity for community submissions on the permit application.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.2 2019 FVRD Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Analysis

Staff provided comments on the re-evaluation of data for some of the recreation activities in Appendix A such as, hiking, dog walking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Concerns were raised regarding the accuracy of equestrian economic impact data and staff noted efforts to contact equestrian stakeholders, further noting information provided in the report to access new research for consideration.

Moved By ROSS

Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the 2019 Fraser Valley Regional District Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Analysis;

AND THAT the study be shared widely with all project participants, member municipalities, local outdoor recreation organizations and Indigenous communities in order to ensure there is broad uptake of this first-ever analysis of the value of outdoor recreation in the region.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.3 Developing a Policy for Classification of Regional Versus Community Parks and Trails

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By MERCER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to develop a policy to guide the designation of parks and trails as either regional or community assets to provide clarity on the appropriate funding model.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.4 Update on Provincial Solid Waste Initiatives

Moved By ROSS

Seconded By HAMILTON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to submit comments to support the expansion of BC Extended Producer Responsibility programs as is proposed in the Province's Recycling Regulation Intentions Paper.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.5 Nominal Crown Tenure for Nicomen Island Shoreline Protection Project

Moved By STOBART

Seconded By BALES

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the submission of a Nominal Crown Tenure (NCT) application for the Nicomen Island Improvement District (NIID) dike improvement project.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.6 Sandpiper Golf Course redevelopment proposal and Neighbourhood Plan process at 14282 Morris Valley Road, Electoral Area C

Moved By BALES

Seconded By ADAMSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposals for professional services to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Morris Valley, Areas C on the basis on funding from Sandpiper Resort.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.1 CONSENT AGENDA - FULL BOARD

Moved By DICKEY

Seconded By ADAMSON

THAT the following Consent Agenda items 12.1.1 to 12.1.4 be endorsed:

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

12.1.1 EASC-OCT 2020

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to Spuzzum First Nation, funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget, to help fund the purchase of highway signage for the community.

12.1.2 EASC-OCT 2020

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,600 to 1st Hope Scouting, funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with purchasing one and two person tents, camping hammocks, small cook stoves and pots/pans.

12.1.3 EASC-OCT 2020

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,500 to the Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department, funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "E" grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with hosting an annual Christmas appreciation meal.

12.1.4 EASC-OCT 2020

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a Grant-in-Aid to the McConnell Creek Farmers Institute (community hall) in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the 2020

Electoral Area "F" grant-in-aid budget to cover fixed costs of the hall such as insurance, hydro, gas, telephone due to their inability to rent out the hall as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

13. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Outdoor Learning Program in Thompson Regional Park

The corporate report dated October 15, 2020 from Meghan Jackson, Park Technician II was provided for information.

14.2 Purple Lights Committee Update

The corporate report dated October 20, 2020 from Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks and Recreation was provided for information.

14.3 Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Facility Update October 2020

The corporate report dated October 20, 2020 from Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks and Recreation was provided for information.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following item was provided for information:

15.1 Fraser Basin Council - Fraser Valley Update, October 2020

16. REPORTS BY STAFF

None.

17. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS

Director Facio informed that the Festival of Lights begins on November 14, 2020 in Harrison Hot Springs and with the opening of their outdoor skating rink as well as concession.

Director Kloot thanked Directors Lum, Alexis and Adamson for putting their names forward as candidates in the recent Provincial election.

Director Lum thanked Director Ross for fulfilling Board Chair duties while he was on a leave of absence for the Provincial election.

18. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

There were no written questions submitted with respect to items on the agenda. Staff commented that members of the public were provided the opportunity to join the Zoom call by computer or over the phone and ask questions to the Committee. It was noted that no questions were received in-person or online.

19. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Meeting be closed to the public, except for Senior Staff and the Executive Assistant, for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes convened in accordance to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

- Section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* - labour relations or other employee relations;
- Section 90(1)(i) of the *Community Charter* - the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- Section 90(1)(j) of the *Community Charter* - information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and,
- Section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* - the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

The meeting was closed at 8:06 pm.

20. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 8:26 pm.

21. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Moved By RAYMOND
Seconded By ADAMSON

THAT the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission recommend that the Fraser Valley Regional District Board reduce the Vancouver Soaring Association's lease payment to \$0 for the year 2020 to provide relief for the impact of COVID-19 on their operations and finances.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

22. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By DICKY

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of October 27, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of October 27, 2020 adjourned at 8:26 pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy