FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



FRASER VALLEY ABORIGINAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:00 am

FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Pages

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ELECTION of FVARC Chair by Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs/FVARC Administrator
- 3. ELECTION of FVARC Vice-Chair by Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs/FVARC Administrator
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of February 20, 2018 be approved;

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

- 5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
 - Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours (SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism)

Language and Cultural Teaching Session #4

- 6. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING
 - 6.1 Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting December 6, 2017

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of December 6, 2017 be adopted.

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7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

7.1 In-SHUCK-ch Table Representatives

2018 Representative

7.2 Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Table Representative

2018 Representative

7.3 Katzie Table Representative

2018 Representative

7.4 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee (Observer Member)

2018 Representative

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2018 Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Proposed Meeting Schedule

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee hold meetings on May 10, 2018 and September 18, 2018.

8.2 First Nations Relations Work Plan for 2018

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Corporate report dated February 20, 2018 from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst - First Nations
- First Nations Work Plan for 2018
- Indigenous/Settler Relations Specialization

8.3 CEDAR Network Phase II Planning

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

 Corporate report dated February 20, 2018 from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst - First Nations

9. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

10. REPORTS BY STAFF

- 11. REPORT BY DIRECTORS
- 12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA
- 13. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

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

 Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter - the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district 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.

RECESS

- 14. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING
- 15. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING
- 16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of February 20, 2018 be adjourned.



Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Fraser Valley Regional District Boardroom 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

FVARC Present: Councillor Brenda Falk, Vice-Chair, City of Abbotsford

Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area "G"

Councillor Samantha Piper – Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Director Alec Niemi, Electoral Area "C"

Chris Crosman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, City of Chilliwack

Jake Rudolph, Deputy City Manager, City of Abbotsford

Regrets: Director Sam Waddington, Chair, City of Chilliwack

Director Jim Hinds – District of Mission Councillor Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent Director Wilfried Vicktor, District of Hope John Fortolozky, CAO, District of Hope Wallace Mah, CAO, District of Kent

Commissioner David Renwick, Cultus Lake Park Board Alternate Director Robert Dufresne, Electoral Area "A"

Bonny Bryant, Director of Park Operations, Cultus Lake Park Board

Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, City of Coquitlam, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal

Relations Committee Observer Member

Madeline McDonald, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Agnes Rosicki, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

Ron Poole, CAO, District of Mission

Staff Present: Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs

Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations

Tina Mooney, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Chris Lee, Departmental Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs/FVARC called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

STOBBART/PIPER

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Meeting of December 6, 2017 be approved;

AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the agenda be received for information.

[FVARC 2017-21] CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours(SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism) provided a Halq'eméylem/Sxwōxwiyam lesson, teaching on language and the importance of sharing Stó:lō culture and shared the story of Baby's Lake (Chilliwack Lake) from Coast Salish Mythology.

Vice-Chair Falk thanked Sonny McHalsie for his presentation.

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Meeting - September 7, 2017

PIPER/STOBBART

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee meeting of September 7, 2017, be approved.

[FVARC 2017-22] CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Interim Report of the Mission and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

5.2 <u>Jumbo Glacier SCC Decision – Ktunaxa v MFLNRO</u>

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the differences in the Tsilhqot'in decision and the Jumbo Glacier SCC Decision. The Tsilhqot'in argument was land based but the argument in the Jumbo Glacier SCC Decision was freedom of religion. This could change how local governments move forward in terms of consultation.

5.3 FVRD and SXTA Community to Community Forum Updated

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

It was noted that the date for the Community to Community Forum is confirmed for March 1, 2018 which will consist of a morning cultural tour, lunch and an afternoon of working with the facilitator to discuss how the relationship can move forward and work together in the future.

5.4 <u>Semá:th (Sumas) Community-to-Community Forum</u>

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

The Community to Community Forum took place on October 17, 2017 and a Declaration of Title was filed in September 2017 and there are no immediate implications to the Fraser Valley Regional District. We will continue to move forward with the policy that was adopted which is engagement, communication, collaboration and promoting good working relationships.

5.5 FVARC Visioning Session Results

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

Discussions ensued about the renewed purpose, structure and function of the committee which included:

- Participants were presented with how to move forward with inclusivity of membership, clarification of committee function, and reconciliation framework;
- The feedback included the importance of education, relationship building and being proactive in the committee's work;
- The draft vision will be presented to RACS and Board in December 2017;
- Option 2 which is a Collaborative Committee was the consensus on the new structure;
- Committee should focus on communication and group discussion and be more of an advisory panel to obtain feedback and promote change;
- Recommendations would be made but decisions making would still require Board approval;
- Issues could be raised by member municipalities and electoral areas and generate discussion;
- First nations participation was encouraged;
- It was noted that First Nations representation could be invited to participate but would be reminded that the committee is not a venue to discuss treaty but rather a place to share ideas and how to build better relationships;

- Concerns were expressed about the potential breakdown of information sharing if the purpose
 of the committee was relationship building only and all information including treaty
 discussions was not presented. Some items may be brought directly to Board and not FVARC
 which could pose a problem as the same information would not be disseminated to the
 committee which could cause confusion;
- The evolution of the committee could be that it is project based, operational relationship building committee where recommendations are brought to Board for approval; and
- The purpose of the change is not too isolate the committee but to generate discussion with first nations and moving those ideas to Board.

6. OTHER MATTERS

None.

7. LATE ITEMS

None.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 District of Kent Community to Community Forum re: Fraser River Sediment Removal

REPORTS BY STAFF

Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations noted that the Cheam elections took place on November 29 and the only change was an addition of a new councillor and the updated information will be available on the Cedar Network.

10. REPORT BY DIRECTORS

Director Niemi discussed the First Nations Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinics Pilot Project which helps first nations' access benefits they are entitled to and he would like to host a first nations' Chief Financial Officer's workshop to share the information and present the Cedar Network. Staff will meet to discuss next steps.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

15. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

NIEMI/STOBBART

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[FVARC 2017-23] CARRIED

RECESS

16. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting was reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

17. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

NIEMI/STOBBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of December 6, 2017 be adjourned.

[FVARC 2017-24] CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Brenda F	 nir



CORPORATE REPORT

To: Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee

From: Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations

Subject: First Nations Relations Work Plan for 2018

Date: 2018-02-20 File No: 3400-01

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee of the First Nation Program Work Plan for 2018. Staff are not looking for a recommendation at this time, and has forwarded this information should members want more clarification to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship
Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

The FVRD First Nation Relations program is predicated on the core values of Relationships, Collaboration and Learning. The program framework links strategic objectives to specific goals, with progress toward goals tracked and reported to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee (FVARC).

DISCUSSION

The program has progressed from planning and initial support work, to program development as per the Work Plan.

The Work Plan and programs are projected in a 3-year outlook (Attachment 1), progressively building capacity and function toward 5 Strategic Objectives. There are measurable goals tied to each Objective. Projects and Plans for 2018 are summarized by Objective below.













Policy

Policy priorities for 2018 will follow the direction of the FVARC in 2017. Work will include the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA), and continuing the work of building a Reconciliation Plan for the FVRD.

The key Policy initiative for 2018 will be engagement with First Nations organizations and the development of Terms of Reference for implementing a re-configured Regional Indigenous Relations Committee (RIRC).

Resources

The key Resource initiative is CEDAR Network (Community Electronic Data and Resources). The webbased CEDAR Network has replaced the former First Nations Resource Guide publication, and Phase II development work will take place in 2018.

Building on the feedback heard from First Nations, FVRD staff and Elected Officials in 2017, Phase II work will include the development of additional features and functions, and interface enhancements. Phase II details are included in a separate report.

Reporting

Regular reporting and communications in 2018 will continue through the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee (FVARC), Metro Vancouver (MVARC) and the Metro Vancouver Treaty Advisory Committee (MVTAC). Communication out from these committees will continue through the Regional and Corporate Services Committee (RACS), the Electoral Areas Services Committee (EASC), and the FVRD Board.

The FVRD Connections eNewsletter will continue to publish on a weekly basis, with Board-In Brief publishing externally to First Nations to keep up to date with FVRD plans and news on a monthly basis.

The program will continue monitoring all regional Treaty negotiations, and active tables as appropriate:

- Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA) Active
- Katzie Inactive
- Yale Inactive
- In-SHUCK-ch Inactive

Relationships

Establishing and maintaining meaningful, collaborative relationships with First Nations maintains central importance in the program. The program itself is not intended to establish and maintain relationships; this work can only be done meaningfully and sustainably by all staff, management and elected officials themselves. Establishing and maintaining positive First Nation Relations should be considered a standard way of doing business as an organization, as opposed to the responsibility of select individuals.

The role of the program in relationships is support-based. As such, the services work primarily to:

- Promote awareness among staff and elected officials of their roles and responsibilities in First Nation Relations
- Provide and promote professional development for relationship building
- Provide peer-to-peer support and advising on an as-needed, as-requested basis
- Identify and support additional opportunities and efforts in relationship building

The Community to Community Forum planned with SXTA for March 1, 2018 will be a key opportunity for regional relationship building and establishing more robust communications and collaborations.

Enhancements to CEDAR Network will be the basis for a new Service Connections Program. The program will involve working more closely with First Nations and First Nation organizations to identify community needs and interests which may align with FVRD services and opportunities.

Learning

Learning objectives are based on a continuous approach to relations and business functions, and are planned to be reciprocal in nature. The 2018 program will continue to offer professional development courses and other learning opportunities to local government staff and elected officials, with additional courses available this year. These include:

FN 101 - Intro to Indigenous/Settler Relations (Jan 16, 17, 22 and Oct 17) First Nations in the Fraser Valley: organizational constructs, historical context, Treaty negotiation framework

FN 102 - Indigenous/Settler Relations In-depth (Nov 13) Selected topics and guest presenters, may include Land Code, Truth and Reconciliation, UNDRIP, Legal Developments, Treaty process

FN 103 - Anti-Oppression Workshop (Mar15)

Examining personal and institutional oppression, privilege, implicit bias and other forms of discrimination

FN 200 - Consultation (May 17)

Dispelling myths and building an understanding of how to get First Nation consultation 'right'

FN 201 - Treaty, Law and the Indian Act (Jul 19)

What's next for the FVRD? Looking at the framework for the future

FN 202 - TRC Calls to Action (Jun 28)

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action for Local Governments: Looking deeper

FN 300 - Deconstructing Headlines Workshop (Dec 6)

Using and informed and critical lens to examine and discuss headlines and stories of interest in the public sphere

Additionally, the #IndigenousReads FVRD reading and discussion group will continue to meet quarterly in 2018, exploring Indigenous authors and topics, and the program will host an Orange Shirt Day Lunch and Learn on September 28th.

Under the *FVRD Learns* program (peer-to-peer professional development curriculum), participants will now have the opportunity to work toward a Specialization Certificate in Indigenous/Settler Relations, the details of which are provided in Attachment 2.

In 2018, the program will continue to seek out and develop Reciprocal Learning opportunities, including additional guest speakers and training, and the development of sessions taught by local government staff for First Nations. This may involve topics such as planning and development, Local Government 101, air quality and environment, emergency management, parks management, etc. Staff will seek partnerships with First Nations organizational counterparts to provide additional learning opportunities regarding archaeological artifact identification for operations staff, and cultural protocols awareness.

COST

CEDAR Network Phase II is allocated in the 2018 FVARC budget. Detailed costs associated with Phase II development of CEDAR Network will be brought forward for approval once finalized.

CONCLUSION

The First Nations Relations Work plan for 2018 will stay focussed on the core objectives, maintaining existing services, and building out into new support areas for the Regional District and its member municipalities.

COMMENTS BY:

Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning

Reviewed and supported

Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs

Reviewed and supported

Mike Veenbaas, Chief Financial Officer

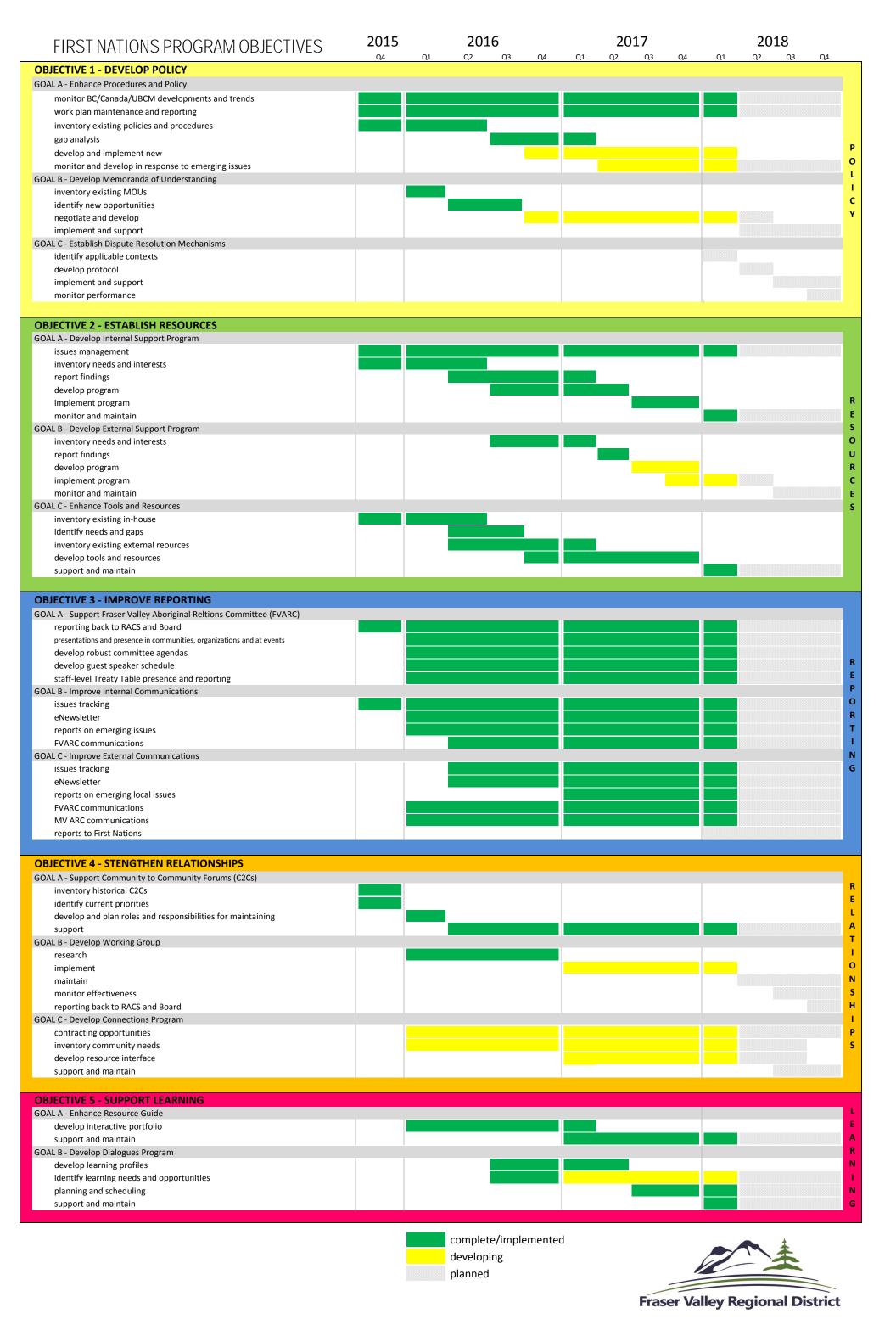
No further financial comments

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Not available for comment

Attachments

- 1. 3- Year Work Plan
- 2. FVRD Learns outline of Indigenous/Settler courses



FVRD Learns Professional Development Curriculum Fraser Valley Regional District

Indigenous/Settler Topics

FN 101 - Intro to Indigenous/Settler Relations
First Nations in the Fraser Valley: organizational constructs,
historical context, Treaty negotiation framework

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implicit bias and other forms of discrimination

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Indigenous/Settler Relations Specialization

Earning the Certificate

Earn the FVRD Learns Indigenous/Settler Relations Specialization Certificate by taking courses at your own pace. Each course will be offered once a year (or more frequently dependant on demand). To earn the Certificate, complete:

- 2 100-level courses
- 2 200-level courses
- 1 300-level course

If you have previously attended a course, or participated in a TRC Calls to Action: Looking Deeper staff session, those sessions are applicable as credit toward to the Indigenous/Settler Relations Specialization Certificate.



FVRD Learns

Professional Development Curriculum













CORPORATE REPORT

To: Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee From: Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations Date: 2018-02-20 File No: 3400-01

Subject: CEDAR Network Phase II Planning

INTENT

This report updates the development of Phase II of the CEDAR Network site. Staff are not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information to the committee should members want more clarification or to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy Support Healthy & Sustainable Community Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services Support Environmental Stewardship

BACKGROUND

The CEDAR (Community Electronic Data and Resources) Network is the FVRD's online First Nation Resource Guide. The site is a web-based, interactive tool with the capacity for enhanced searches, dynamic mapping, and user-driven data editing. Additionally, the platform is designed to allow for selective and incremental enhancements, without interruption to users.

The site was developed in 2016 and the beta version was launched in 2017. Development has been planned in 2 main phases, with smaller-scale incremental enhancements and upgrades to follow asneeded.

DISCUSSION

Discussions with staff, management, elected officials and First Nations over the past year have identified opportunities to add to the resource and build an even more effective tool.

Initial plans for Phase II were generic in nature, and have evolved somewhat. The work planned for 2018 will be driven mostly by specific user feedback.

Phase II work falls generally under three categories; enhancement of existing features, addition of new features, and new data to be included.

Enhancement of Existing Features

Administrative data input improvements

Administrative panel data summary/statistics

Hovering pop-ups to provide definitions of common terms (i.e. Tribal Council, held-in-common, etc.)

Home page interface adjustments

Facebook page link for each organization

"Suggest an edit" button more prominent

"Developing Land Code" indicator

Search by additional data types (i.e. person name, reserve name, etc.)

Map page user interface adjustments

New Features

FVRD #IndigenousReads Library catalogue and self-checkout system

Standard pronunciation and "next level" audio pronunciation guides

Addition of Knowledge Base page (course videos and presentations)

Addition of "ask someone" feature

Addition of FAQ Page

Search acronyms function on Knowledge base page

Save map view to PDF for portability

Automation of data updates (i.e. election results, population data)

Addition of photo upload options (i.e. band office photos)

New ways for users to search and interact with map data

New Data

New map data layers

Expanded business and economic venture data

Additional contracts and service agreements

COST

\$20,000 has been allocated in the 2018 Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee (FVARC) budget toward the CEDAR Network Phase II development.

CONCLUSION

Staff will be finalizing Phase II upgrades and features, and securing a consultant to complete the work in Q₃ and Q₄ of 2018.

COMMENTS BY:

Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning

Reviewed and supported

Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs

This is an important tool for local government staff and elected officials. As the FVRD continues to enhance the product, the goal is to launch the program to a wider user group including local first nations.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Not available for comment.