



FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 28, 2023
(Immediately following the FVRHD Board Meeting)
In person at FVRD Boardroom & by Zoom Conference Call

Members Present: Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair
Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair
Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B (*Zoom*)
Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G
Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (*Zoom*)
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H
Alt. Director Patricia Driessen, City of Abbotsford
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford
Director Jag Gill, City of Mission, *arrived at 4:38pm*
Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A
Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack
Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford (*Zoom*)
Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E
Director Bud Mercer, City of Chilliwack
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
Director Dave Sidhu, City of Abbotsford
Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

Regrets: Director Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford
Director Paul Horn, City of Mission
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services
Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer

Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Beth Klein, Manager of Financial Operations
Trina Douglas, Manager of Protective Services
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Hasib Nadvi, Manager of Planning
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications
Lucas Thompson, Network Analyst III

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Jason Lum began the meeting by recognizing the homeland of the 30 First Nation communities of the area now called the Fraser Valley Regional District.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The open meeting was called to order at 4:31pm.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS**

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of September 28, 2023 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

4. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By PRANGER
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)(k) of the *Community Charter* - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district 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;
- 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

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

The meeting was recessed at 4:31pm

5. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING AT 6PM

The open meeting reconvened at 6:18pm.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Project Update - Fraser Valley Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Program

Trent Folk, Project Director and Elena Farmer, Project Director provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Highway 1 improvement program. The presentation included: Integrated Planning Opportunity, Program Overview, Phase 3A (264th St. to Mt. Lehman Road), Phase 3B (Mt. Lehman Rd to Highway 11), Phase 4 (Highway 11 to Chilliwack), Ongoing Collaboration.

Discussion ensued regarding the projected timelines for completion.

6.2 Sunrise Expansion Program

Rikki Beaudet, Strategist, Community & Indigenous Engagement, Enbridge provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an Enbridge Regional Update. The presentation included: Natural Gas Transmission in BC, Economic Impacts to BC (2022), Environmental, Social and Governance Progress Dashboard, Goats on the Right-of-Way. The presentation also highlighted the Sunrise Expansion Program which included: Project Components, Pipeline Looping, Electric Compression, Proposed Scope within FVRD, Investigative Field Studies, Socio Economic and Gender Based Analysis, Local Engagement and Operations and Maintenance.

7. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2023

Moved By PRANGER
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of July 27, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee, Committee of the Whole Open Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2023

8.2 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2023

8.3 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2023

9. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

9.1 Declaration of Conditions of Employment (Form T2200) brought forward by Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F

Moved By DAVIDSON
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

THAT the request for Declarations of Conditions of Employment Form T2200 be referred back to staff.

DEFEATED
ALL DIRECTORS EXCEPT CASSEL AND WAARDENBURG OPPOSED

10. FINANCE

10.1 Asset Management Update

The corporate report dated September 14, 2023 by Melanie Jones, Accountant was provided for information.

Item 10.2 was moved to the end of the meeting.

10.3 2023 Grant-In-Aid Request – Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association, Electoral Area C

Moved By WAARDENBURG
Seconded By DICKEY

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refer the grant-in-aid request in the amount of \$4,000 to the Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association, funded from the 2023 Electoral Area C grant-in-aid budget, to support the Hemlock Emergency Lookout Program (H.E.L.P.) back to staff.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

10.4 2023 Grant-In-Aid Request – Streams Foundation, Chilliwack River Valley Clean-up Fund, Electoral Area E

Moved By MACAHONIC
Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to the Streams Foundation, funded from the Chilliwack River Valley Clean-up Fund, for their “Chilliwack River Valley Beautification” project.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11. BYLAWS

11.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691, 2023 to correct mapping, improve definitions, improve regulations, and address minor housekeeping matters.

Moved By DICKEY
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the public hearing report for *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 1691, 2023* held on August 23rd, 2023;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give third reading to the *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1691, 2023*.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

11.2 Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1692, 2023 to implement accessory dwelling units and secondary suites

Moved By DIXON
Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1692, 2023*.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

11.3 Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1716, 2023 for the Development of a Campground at 26793 Dogwood Valley Road, Electoral Area B

Moved By ADAMO
Seconded By DICKEY

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1716, 2023* (Bylaw 1716, 2023) to rezone 26793 Dogwood Valley Road to facilitate the development of a campground;

THAT *Bylaw No. 1716, 2023* be forwarded to Public Hearing;

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board delegate the holding and chairing of the Public Hearing for *Bylaw No. 1716, 2023* to Director Adamo, or in his absence to Director Dickey;

AND THAT the Chair of the Public Hearing be authorized to establish procedural rules for the conduct of the Public Hearing for *Bylaw No. 1716, 2023* in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

AND FURTHER THAT in the absence of both Director Adamo and Director Dickey, at the time of the Public Hearing for *Bylaw No. 1716, 2023*, the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Chair is delegated the authority to designate who shall preside over and Chair the Public Hearing;

AND FINALLY THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute all legal documents relating to *Bylaw No. 1716, 2023*.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

11.4 Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1713, 2023

Moved By ROSS
Seconded by DRIESSEN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1713, 2023*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.5 **Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Systems Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1718, 2023**

Moved By KLOOT
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1718, 2023.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By MACAHONIC

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1718, 2023.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

Moved By DIXON
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1718, 2023.

CARRIED
All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)

11.6 Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Sewer System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720, 2023

Moved By DIXON
Seconded By DICKEY

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Waste Water Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720, 2023*:

CARRIED
All/Weighted

Moved By DIXON
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Waste Water Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1720, 2023*.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

12. **CONTRACTS, COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS**

12.1 Covenants and Parcel Frontage Waiver – 2 Lot Subdivision at 12845 Sylvester Road, Electoral Area F

Moved By DAVIDSON
Seconded By CASSEL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the execution of legal documents for a two-lot subdivision at 12845 Sylvester Road, including the registration of Section 219 (Land Title Act) covenants to address riparian area protection, geohazard areas, and wildfire protection.

AND THAT in accordance with Section 512 (2) of the *Local Government Act*, a resolution be passed to exempt proposed Lot 1 from the statutory and *Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 1319, 2015* minimum parcel frontage requirements of 10% of the lot perimeter, provided the frontage for Lot 1 is not less than 60 meters.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

12.2 Boundary Adjustment (subdivision) at 38332 Nicomen Island Trunk Road, Electoral Area G

Moved By CASSEL
Seconded By SIDHU

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the execution of legal documents for a two lot boundary adjustment at 38332 Nicomen Island Trunk Road, including the registration of Section 219 (Land Title Act) covenants to address riparian area protection and building encroachments.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

12.3 Clean Farms Agricultural Plastics Regional Recycling Pilot Project

Moved By PRANGER
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board enter into a contract with CleanFarms to implement a 5-year agricultural plastics recycling program within the region.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

12.4 Electoral Areas Flood Protection Gap Analysis and Infrastructure Policy Framework

Moved By CASSEL
Seconded By SIDHU

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Board approve a sole-sourced purchasing agreement in an amount not to exceed \$216,000.00 with the selected proponent, Urban Systems Ltd., to assist in Electoral Areas Flood Protection Gap Analysis and Infrastructure Policy Framework;

AND THAT the FVRD Board authorize its signatories to execute a contract with Urban Systems Ltd. for these services, funded by a provincial grant received on January 23, 2023.

CARRIED
All/Weighted

13. OTHER MATTERS

13.1 Information Technology Planning

The corporate report dated September 14, 2023 by Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO was provided for information.

13.2 Dust Suppression Measures on Chehalls Forest Service Road (FSR) - Electoral Area C

The corporate report dated June 15, 2023 by Michael Neill, Planner II was provided for information.

13.3 Local Government Climate Action Program Reporting

The corporate report dated September 14, 2023 by Elias Ross, Environmental Services Coordinator was provided for information.

13.4 Placement of fill on Agricultural Land Reserve for non-farm use activity at 36041 Hartley Road, Electoral Area F

Moved By DAVIDSON
Seconded By CASSEL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refer the non-farm use application for the placement of fill at 36041 Hartley Road, Area F, back to staff.

AND THAT FVRD Board require the applicant to submit the supplementary information needed to address the information gaps outlined in the FVRD staff report dated September 14, 2023.

CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted

13.5 Proposed Waste Reduction Initiative Fund Program

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize staff to proceed with a two-year Waste Reduction Initiative Fund pilot program to provide funding to assist non-profit organizations in support of waste reduction and diversion projects within the region.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.6 Small Community Radon Monitoring Pilot Project

Discussion ensued highlighting the importance of radon monitoring, resulting in the following motion being brought forward:

Moved By KLOOT
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District purchase up to 300 radon test kits for distribution to residents throughout the region.

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District connect with public health to explore an opportunity to work together on a strong public awareness campaign for our region and investigate if potential funding opportunities are available for assistance for homeowners with pre-existing homes to install radon mitigation measures.

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a resolution for the 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Convention asking the Province to establish a funding program to help residents with costs of installing radon mitigation measures in their homes.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.7 **Solid Waste Management Plan Facility Authorization for Conscious Waste Solutions**

Moved By DIXON
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the inclusion of the Conscious Waste Solutions recycling facility as an approved municipal solid waste facility within the Fraser Valley Regional District's Solid Waste Management Plan.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.8 **2024-2027 Transit Improvement Program Initiatives (TIPs) and FVRD Transit Services Update**

Moved By POPOVE
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support the 2024/2025 expansion initiative to add two in-service trips of the Fraser Valley Express (FVX) to meet capacity challenges and customer demand between Chilliwack and the Lougheed Town Centre SkyTrain Station.

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board review and confirm the 2025/2026 FVX Transit service expansion priorities to ensure they align with ridership demand **and regional transit interests before consideration of next year's Transit Improvement Program** initiatives.

AND FURTHER THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support BC Transit undertaking detailed cost analysis and engagement for the North of Fraser initiative to expand transit service between the District of Kent and the City of Mission.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.9 Accessible Transit

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to make an application to **Infrastructure Canada's Rural Transit Solutions Fund planning stream to undergo a Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan** for the region.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.10 Rogers Telecommunications Facility- 30655 Trans Canada Hwy, Yale, Electoral Area B

Moved By ADAMO
Seconded By DRIESSEN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board respond to the referral from Rogers Communications for the installation of a new telecommunications facility at 30655 Trans Canada Highway in Yale, Area B, with the following comments:

1. The scope of the public consultation is satisfactory to the Fraser Valley Regional District.
2. Rogers Communications will provide documentation confirming that the consultation is complete.
3. Rogers Communications has provided information about the potential for other telecommunication companies to co-locate on the proposed tower.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.11 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Application

Moved By DICKEY
Seconded By CHAHAL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (2023 Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Fund), up to the maximum allowable, to allow Electoral Area fire departments meet BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

13.12 Kookipi Creek Wildfire

Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Wildfires, Freshet and Drought that took place this year. The presentation included: An outline of co-occurring incidents, BC Wildfire Services, Kookipi Creek Wildfire Timeline, Personnel Costs, Key Partners, Re-Entry Event, and Next Steps.

14. **ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

15. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 15.1 Letter to Minister Farnworth from Mayor Popove Re: The decision to alter the South Coast Highway Patrol's Service Model (August 15, 2023)
- 15.2 Email from John Roe, Veins of Life Watershed Society Re: Ensuring clean water for our fisheries, wildlife, and resident orcas in the Fraser River Watershed (August 22, 2023)
- 15.3 Letter to Premier Eby from Mayor Ward Stamer, District of Barriere Re: 2023 Wildfire Response - Request for 3rd Party Review (August 28, 2023)
- 15.4 Letter from B.C. Highway Patrol Chief Superintendent Holly Turton to Upper Fraser Valley Detachment Superintendent Davy Lee Re: Service Delivery Realignment Delay (August 31, 2023)
- 15.5 Letter to Mayor Paul Horn from Minister Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier re: Service delivery changes to RCMP's SCHP (September 21, 2023)

16. **REPORTS BY STAFF**

No items.

17. **REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS**

Director Facio: thanked all of the staff who worked in the Emergency Operations Centre during the Kookipi Creek Wildfire.

18. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA**

No questions were asked online or in person and no written correspondence was received.

The open meeting recessed at 8:03pm.

The open meeting reconvened at 9:25pm.

Item 10.2 was heard at this time.

10.2 **2024 Operational Support: Financial Impacts**

Moved By DAVIDSON
Seconded By GILL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to develop the financial plan with operational support as defined in this report as Option B at 12.6%.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted
DIRECTORS DICKEY, DIXON AND WAARDENBURG OPPOSED

19. **RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

19.1 **Declaration of Fire Protection Service Levels**

Moved By POPOVE
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board declare the Popkum Fire Department, the North Fraser Fire Department, and the Chilliwack River Valley Fire Department as *Interior Operations Fire Protection Service Level*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

19.2 **Reusable Food Packaging Pilot Project**

Moved By POPOVE
Seconded By SIDHU

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize staff to proceed with a one-year pilot project with Reusables and the City of Chilliwack under a partnering agreement subject to, and conditional upon, publishing a Notice to Contract about the proposed service prior to commencement of the pilot project.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

19.3 Financial Plan 2023-2027 Amendment: September

Moved By GILL
Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1697, 2023 to include two Electoral Area Service amendments and two Regional and Corporate Service amendments.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

19.4 Growing Communities Fund

Moved By SIEMENS
Seconded By MACAHONIC

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to allocate \$3.2M as described in Option 3 toward eligible projects in the Electoral Areas;

AND THAT any funds deem ineligible or unallocated by March 31, 2024, will be reallocated towards approved regional projects.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

Moved By ROSS
Seconded By MERCER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to allocate \$3.6M of the Growing Communities Fund, \$2M towards the CARE Centre, \$900,000 to Regional Parks and \$700,000 to Corporate Office Capital Improvements;

AND THAT any funds deemed ineligible by the Province of British Columbia, will be reallocated towards approved regional projects.

CARRIED

All/Unweighted

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By GIBSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of September 28, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of September 28, 2023 adjourned at 9:27pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy