

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 10:00 am

In person at FVRD Boardroom, 4th Floor, or by Zoom Conference Call

45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
2. CALL TO ORDER
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of February 13, 2025 be approved;

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

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - January 16, 2025

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of January 16, 2025 be adopted.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO
- Draft Bylaw No. 1769, 2025
- Budget Orientation and Navigation Tool
- Assets and Budget At Risk

- Financial Summaries

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025.

5.2 Service Area Establishment Bylaw Amendment – Requisition Increase 2025

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Kinga Al-Mubarak, Accountant
- Draft Bylaw No. 1770, 2025
- Draft Bylaw No. 1771, 2025

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

MOTION NO. 1

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Rexford Creek Storm Drainage Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1770, 2025.*

MOTION NO. 2

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area C Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2025.*

5.3 Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1757, 2024

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
- Draft Bylaw No. 1757, 2024

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board rescind third reading given to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1757, 2024;*

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give a new third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1757, 2024, as amended.*

6. REGIONAL SERVICES

6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

6.1.1 Abbotsford and Agassiz Air Quality Monitoring Stations - Licences of Occupation

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Elias Ross, Environmental Services Coordinator

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Licence of Occupation with the City of Abbotsford for the air quality monitoring station located at Mill Lake Park in Abbotsford;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Licence of Occupation with the District of Kent for the air quality monitoring station located at Centennial Park in Agassiz.

6.1.2 Invasive Weed Control Program Service Agreement

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Elias Ross, Environmental Services Coordinator

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a new service agreement with the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society for the management of invasive weeds related to the Fraser Valley Regional District's Invasive Weed Control Program.

6.2 INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

6.2.1 Grant Application Request for Support

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Kate Fenton, Planner I, Indigenous Relations
- Endorsement request from Boston Bar First Nation (January 30, 2025)

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board acknowledges and supports Boston Bar First Nation's application for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund Feasibility Study Grant for the Boston Bar Geothermal and Green Hydrogen Project, in partnership with the Fraser Valley Regional District.

AND THAT Boston Bar First Nation is the lead applicant on this project, and the Fraser Valley Regional District supports the application as the eligible local government with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District as a partner is absolved from any financial or administrative obligations to this project.

6.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

6.3.1 Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan Update

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Theresa Alexander, Planner I

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff, subject to not receiving

confirmation of funding from the Rural Transit Solutions Fund by the end of March 2025, to use Strategic Planning and Initiatives surplus funds to complete the Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan in lieu of receiving federal funding;

AND THAT the scope of the project be adjusted to also assess handyDART connections between the region's urban centres.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Quarterly Report Q4 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)

7.2 2025 Advocacy and LMLGA Resolutions

- Staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Samantha Piper, Manager of Communications

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to forward two resolutions to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference from April 29 – May 1, 2025;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to further develop an Advocacy Plan, following 14 issues in 2025.

RESOLUTION #1: Illegal dumping in rural areas clean-up funding

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia does not have a funding policy in place to offset costs associated to illegal dumping in rural areas of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the dumping/tipping fees, equipment, and fuel costs to clean-up the effects of abandoned vehicles, garbage, and litter unfairly places hardships on the efforts of dedicated volunteers and requires the backing of private donations to cover the costs associated with the clean-up work;

AND WHEREAS these sites are unsightly, negatively impact environmentally sensitive areas including waterways and natural spaces, posing a threat to public safety;

AND WHEREAS the sites are located on rural Crown land area, and can be directly associated with the impacts of low inventories of affordable housing in the Province of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the provincial government to take urgent steps to develop a policy to support a community-based funding model to support clean-up efforts on Crown lands undertaken by volunteers and organized interest groups.

RESOLUTION #2: Unmet Demands on Social and Community Infrastructure as a Result of Provincial Housing Targets

WHEREAS the mandate letters of the sitting provincial government include

- Growing the economy;
- Affordability;
- Strengthening healthcare; and
- Community safety

AND WHEREAS the Province has mandated accelerated and densified housing, placing historical and unmet demands on social and community infrastructure such as education, transit, social welfare and supportive housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the provincial government to focus on strengthening complete communities and make historically significant investments in schools, community mental health, and transit to accommodate growth.

8. **ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

9. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 Letter from Mayor Smith, District of Hope, to Honourable Niki Sharma, Attorney General of BC RE: Prolific Criminal Activity and the Justice System (January 13, 2025)

10. **REPORTS BY STAFF**

11. **REPORTS BY DIRECTORS**

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

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION

FVRD Board Room

ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Questions can be emailed to info@fvrd.ca before 1 pm, February 12, 2025. Alternatively, you may participate in public question period live on Zoom, by phone or computer using the Zoom information provided on the FVRD website.

13. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

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 with 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)(e) of the *Community Charter* - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district;

- Section 90(1)(l) of the *Community Charter* - discussions with regional officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual regional district report*].

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

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of February 13, 2025 be adjourned.