



# **FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
9:00 am  
FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

**Members Present:**

Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair  
Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission  
Director Ray Boucher, Electoral Area F  
Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford  
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Director Sharon Gaetz, City of Chilliwack  
Director Alec Niemi, Electoral Area C  
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A  
Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford  
Director John Van Laerhoven, District of Kent  
Director Wilfried Vicktor, District of Hope

**Staff Present:**

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services  
Suzanne Gresham, Director of Corporate Initiatives  
Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs  
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering and Community Services  
Stacey Barker, Deputy Director of Regional Programs  
Barry Penner, EA Special Projects  
Jennifer Kinneman, Manager of Corporate Affairs  
Sterling Chan, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure  
Jaime Schween, Manager of Corporate Administration  
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks  
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations  
Melissa Geddert, Planning Technician (*part*)  
Maggie Mazurkewich, Communications Assistant  
Amanda Molloy, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board  
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant Recording Secretary

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Staff was acknowledged for the newly renovated Boardroom and the more functional setup.

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

Moved By VICKTOR  
Seconded By BOUCHER

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 5, 2018 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting - July 10, 2018**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By VAN LAERHOVEN

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of July 10, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION**

**5.1 Regional District Fire Inspection of Public Used Facilities**

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer reported that the Office of the Fire Commissioner has recently notified UBCM that they are considering a change in legislation that would require Regional Districts to initiate a Fire Inspection Service. He noted that currently all municipalities are mandated with the responsibility of establishing and undertaking fire inspections of public used facilities. Mr. Gipps noted that staff has met with the Province regarding this issue stating that we agree with the concept, but not the delivery mechanism.

Discussion ensued regarding significant costs and challenges that would be placed on the Electoral Areas if this directive were to come into effect.

## 6. FINANCE

### 6.1 FVRD Purchasing Card Program – BMO Agreement

Moved By BOUCHER  
Seconded By FACIO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Regional District to enter into an agreement with BMO to provide up to \$250,000 in credit capacity for a Purchasing Card program with the understanding that the Regional District will be responsible for payment of all amounts charged;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute the agreement with BMO.

**CARRIED**

In response to a question if a rewards program is attached to the card, staff responded that our purchasing level is not sufficient to qualify for the rewards program.

## 7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### 7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#### 7.1.1 FVRD Regional Solid Waste Removal Bylaw No. 1495, 2018

Moved By ALEXIS  
Seconded By ROSS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as "*Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Solid Waste Removal Bylaw No. 1495, 2018*".

**CARRIED**

It was noted that effective January 1, 2019 Recycle BC will be now collecting candy wrappers and chip bags from the depots in Mission, and that they are proposing that these items be marketed as engineered fuel to be used for commercial purposes in lieu of coal as a pilot project. The lack of packing legislation was also highlighted. Further discussion took place, resulting in the following motion:

ALEXIS/GAETZ

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to set up a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to express concerns with Recycle BC's proposed pilot project to convert "other

flexible plastic packaging” (like candy wrappers and chip bags) into engineered fuel to be used as a coal substitute;

**AND THAT** staff bring back a report to the September Board meeting with respect to concerns with Recycle BC’s proposal.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.2 Air Quality and Wildfire Smoke in 2018**

The report dated September 5, 2018 from the Environmental Services Coordinator pertaining to regional air quality issues and wildfire smoke experienced during the summer of 2018 was provided for information. Comments regarding poor air quality effects on health, other than just respiratory impacts were expressed. Discussion ensued regarding air quality effects on overall health, pollution from the Key West Asphalt plant located on Hwy 1 between Agassiz and Hope. and the impact of air pollution on agricultural crops.

#### **7.2 REGIONAL PARKS**

No items.

#### **7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES**

##### **7.3.1 FVRD Regional Transit Expansion – Feasibility Study for Service between Mission and Kent**

The corporate report dated September 5, 2018 from the Planning Technician with respect to the feasibility study currently being undertaken by BC Transit for the expansion of transit service between Mission and Kent was provided for information.

#### **7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING**

No items.

#### **8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

None

#### **9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items were received for information:

- 9.1 Letter dated July 26, 2018 from Metro Vancouver regarding 'Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Land Use Designation Amendment Request from the Township of Langley - Williams Neighbourhood Plan'.
- 9.2 Letter dated August 22, 2018 from Regional District North Okanagan regarding 'Support for UBCM Resolution - Business Licensing'.

Mr. Gipps reported that the FVRD has been approached by the Province to participate in a pilot regulation to allow FVRD to regulate Electoral Area businesses through a licensing program.

## 10. REPORTS BY STAFF

Mr. Gipps noted that a Special Vote will be conducted to for the Board to consider giving three readings to the *FVRD Hatzic Prairie Water Supply and Distribution System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1491* and *FVRD Popkum Sewer Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1493, 2018*. The adopted bylaws will subsequently be forwarded to the September Board for adoption. The bylaws have to be submitted by October 1, 2018 to BC Assessment in order to meet the timeline for tax assessment for 2019.

## 11. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Gaetz reported on a recent incident where a homeless camp from Chilliwack River Valley was moved to a private property in Columbia Valley, without any consultation with the FVRD. Concerns were expressed that the Province, who has the necessary resources, are not taking responsibility on the homelessness issue and as a result the Regional Districts are left to deal with this matter. Following discussion, the following motion was put forward.

GAETZ/FACIO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to bring back a report to the September Board meeting on the recent incident where a homeless camp was relocated from Chilliwack River Valley in Electoral Area E to Columbia Valley in Electoral Area H without prior consultation with the Regional District;

**AND THAT** staff be directed to bring back a recommended course of action on the strategy or policy on how to engage with the Provincial government to ensure that such incidents do not recur again.

**CARRIED**

Director Alexis thanked staff for the recent expedient hearing of the Board of Variance.

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

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By BOUCHER

**THAT** the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 5, 2018 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 5, 2018 adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair