

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
9:00 am
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 Pam Alexis, District of Mission
Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
Director Orion Engar, Electoral Area E
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope
Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G (*arrived 9:03 a.m.*)
Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent (*arrived 9:06 a.m.*)

Staff Present:

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning
Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services
Janice Mikuska, Human Resources Manager
Pam Loat, Legislative Coordinator
Melissa Geddert, Planning Technician
Tyler Davies, Network Analyst I
Deanna Bozek, Departmental Secretary – Regional Programs
Geoffrey Genge, Student (Outdoor Recreation Planning)
Anton Metalnikov, Student (Strategic Planning)
Tina Mooney, 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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of May 8, 2019 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 - April 9, 2019

Moved By ROSS
Seconded By DICKEY

THAT the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of April 9, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

5.1 FVRD Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019

Staff was commended on the great job done in emergency services.

Moved By ROSS
Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019*.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

No Items.

7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1.1 Animal Control Shelter Lease

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ALEXIS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a lease agreement for the continued use of the City of Chilliwack's Animal Control Shelter located at 44860 Wolfe Road in Chilliwack, in the amount of \$40,000 annually for a term of 5 years.

CARRIED

The City of Chilliwack was thanked for allowing the continued use of their Animal Control Shelter for FVRD's animal control services.

7.1.2 FVRD Animal Control Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1527, 2019

Moved By POPOVE
Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Animal Control Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1527, 2019*.

CARRIED

7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

7.2.1 Island 22 Regional Park - Bike Skills Park Upgrades

The report dated May 8, 2019 from the Manager of Park Operations on the *Island 22 Regional Park – Bike Skills Park Upgrades* was provided for information. In response to a question raised regarding safety procedures, staff reported that safety information in terms of safe riding is posted in the park and that proactive and regular maintenance of the park undertaken.

7.3 **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES**

7.3.1 **BC Transit Update and Service Expansion Planning 2020-21**

Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning provided a presentation on *Transit Service Update and Expansion Planning 2020-2022*, highlighting the 2018 ridership for transit Routes 66 (Fraser Valley Express), Route 11 (Chilliwack-Agassiz-Harrison Hot Springs and Route 22 (Hope to Agassiz). She reported on the initiatives undertaken for these routes in 2018 and 2019 initiatives. She also highlighted on the proposed initiatives for 2020-2022, noting that the expansion as proposed by BC Transit may require additional subsidy from taxpayers.

Ms. Stewart concluded that the initiatives will be formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding between the FVRD and BC Transit to initiate the work and that the deadline for final commitment is June 28, 2019.

Discussion ensued and there was general consensus for increased transit services. Question arose as to cost implications for municipal participants in the service and it was proposed that more detailed information be provided at the upcoming Board meeting.

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By BRAUN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board confirm support in principle for the 2020/2021 expansion initiative to extend the Fraser Valley Express service to TransLink's Lougheed Sky Train station at an annual net cost of \$494,000 subject to further discussions with BC Transit and service area participants regarding timing, costing and service levels;

AND THAT BC Transit and the FVRD undertake more detailed costing analysis relating to the potential 2021-2022 service expansions to:

- North Fraser Valley: subject to public engagement and local government support, implement transit service on the north side of the Fraser River between the District of Kent and District of Mission.
- Agassiz-Harrison and Hope: subject to municipal approval, improve and expand regional services in the eastern Fraser Valley based on items identified in the Transit Future Action Plan.
- Cultus Lake: year-round service subject to local government support.

CARRIED

7.3.2 UBCM Resolution Re: Provincial Response to Homeless Camps on Crown Lands

It was noted that there has been considerable interest in this matter with respect to homeless camps on Crown lands. It was also noted that it is critical in discussions with the Province that emphasis on public safety be stressed. Staff was thanked for spearheading this important issue.

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board forward a resolution on the need for a provincial strategy to address rural homelessness and encampments on Crown land to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration at its September 2019 convention.

CARRIED

7.3.3 Bill 18 – 2018 Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2018 – Housing Needs Reports

The report dated May 8, 2019 from the Planning Technician pertaining to the enactment of *Bill 18 – Local Government Statutes Amendment Act* requiring the preparation of Housing Needs Reports was provided for information.

7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING

No Items.

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None

9. REPORTS BY STAFF

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer introduced Deanna Bozek, Departmental Secretary – Regional Programs, and two summer students - Geoffrey Genge, Student (Outdoor Recreation Planning) and Anton Metalnikov, Student (Strategic Planning).

10. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

None

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

12. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROSS

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(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.

CARRIED

The Open Meeting recessed at 9:33 a.m.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Open Meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

14. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By STOBART
Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of May 8, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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