

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

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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 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 Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope
Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G

Regrets: Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford
Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration/Corporate Officer
Suzanne Gresham, Director of Corporate Initiatives
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks
Janice Mikuska, Manager of Human Resources
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations
Micha Gutmanis, Environmental Services Coordinator
Melissa Geddert, Planning Technician (Strategic Planning)
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I
Deanne Bozek, Departmental Secretary, Regional Services
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Also Present: Rick Green, South Fraser Community Rail (*as per item 3.1*)
Britt Gardner (*as per item 3.1*)
Lee Lockwood (*as per item 3.1*)
Roy Mufford (*as per item 3.1*)
John Vissers (*as per item 3.1*)

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 ALEXIS

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 11, 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

3.1 Rick Green, South Fraser Community Rail

Rick Green of South Fraser Community Rail gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation relating to *Community Rail South of the Fraser on the InterUrban Corridor*, highlighting the worsening traffic congestion on Highway #1 and the costs and environmental impact resulting from this 'bottleneck'. He outlined the proposal for a hydrogen-powered light rail from Surrey to Chilliwack and highlighted on the benefits of this proposition, emphasizing that the population is growing exponentially in the Fraser Valley and we need transportation to support this growth.

Mr. Green requested the Committee's support to approach BC Transit Board to obtain their support on this initiative and to request them to hold public engagement meetings between Surrey and Chilliwack to gauge the support of the public. He added that ideally it would be beneficial also to get TransLink on board on this initiative.

DICKEY/ROBB

THAT the proposal provided by South Fraser Community Rail with respect to *Community Rail South of the Fraser on the InterUrban Corridor* be referred to staff to report back for further discussion at an upcoming Board meeting.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting - May 8, 2019

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By STOBART

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

CARRIED

5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

No Items.

6. FINANCE

No Items.

7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

No Items.

7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

7.2.1 Updated FVRD Parks Closure Policy

Moved By RAYMOND
Seconded By ALEXIS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the updated *Parks Closure Policy*.

CARRIED

7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.3.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Clean Economy Study

It was reported that staff will provide a presentation on the *Fraser Valley Regional District Clean Economy Study* at the upcoming June Board meeting.

Moved By ROBB
Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the *Fraser Valley Regional District Clean Economy Study*;

AND THAT staff be directed to create a companion resource guide for local governments, First Nations and stakeholders to serve as a tool to support clean economy opportunities.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Proposed UBCM Resolution - Provincial Response to Homeless Camps on Crown Lands

It was noted that the handling of addictions when dealing with the homelessness issue is critical and this should be emphasized to the Province.

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;

AND THAT the resolution shall be as follows:

RURAL HOMELESSNESS: CROWN LAND ENCAMPMENTS

WHEREAS Homelessness is a challenge facing both urban and rural communities;

AND WHEREAS electoral areas have the least ability to address homelessness, in that they are by their very nature remote from health, social, police and other services and the minimal tax bases cannot support the hard and soft infrastructure required to address homelessness;

AND WHEREAS the province's response to homeless encampments on Crown land has been inconsistent or ad-hoc in nature, sometimes relocating encampments without taking into account impacts on rural communities and regional district resources;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the province of British Columbia through its newly established Office of Homelessness Coordination within the Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Social Development develop a rural homelessness strategy to address what is clearly a gap in the province's response to homelessness.

CARRIED

7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING

No Items.

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

9. REPORTS BY STAFF

None

10. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Facio reported that Sasquatch Days will be taking place at the Harrison Hot Springs this coming weekend and extended invitation to all to attend.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

12. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By PRANGER

Seconded By ALEXIS

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.

CARRIED

The Open Meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Open Meeting reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

14. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By ALEXIS

Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 11, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair