



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

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

9:00 am

FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

- Members Present:     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 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  
                              Alternate Director Michie Vidal, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
- Regrets:                 Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair  
                              Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
- Staff Present:         Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
                              Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer  
                              Suzanne Gresham, Director of Corporate Initiatives  
                              Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services  
                              Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
                              Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Park Operations  
                              Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services  
                              Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations  
                              Jamie Benton, Environmental Services Coordinator  
                              Micha Gutmanis, Environmental Services Coordinator  
                              Meghan Jackson, Parks Technician  
                              Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I  
                              Tina Mooney, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board  
                              Chris Lee, Executive Assistant, (*Recording Secretary*)
- Also Present:         Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H  
                              Dave Casey, Vice President, Chilliwack Search and Rescue  
                              Jer Plesman, Vice President, Chlliwack Search and Rescue  
                              Doug Fraser, Vice President, Chilliwack Search and Rescue  
                              Tracey Heron, Search Manager, Chilliwack Search and Rescue

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved By PRANGER  
Seconded By ALEXIS

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of July 9, 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 Chilliwack Search and Rescue**

Dave Casey, Jer Plesman, Doug Fraser and Tracey Heron from the Chilliwack Search and Rescue (CSAR) spoke to their PowerPoint presentation regarding CSAR services, vision and mission statement and providing information on core values, members, primary operation areas and resources. They also provided CSAR statistics (call volumes) for 2018 and 2019 to date. It was noted that CSAR also provide presentations to schools and community organizations about their services. The delegation also spoke to their funding sources and the challenges faced by the organization.

The Committee expressed appreciation to CSAR for the services they provided.

**4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 Draft Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting - June 11, 2019**

Moved By ROBB  
Seconded By RAYMOND

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

**CARRIED**

**5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION**

**5.1 FVRD Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 2019**

Moved By POPOVE  
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 Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 2019*.

**CARRIED**

In response to questions raised regarding a fine of \$500 for dog causing death, staff advised that the maximum fine that can be imposed is \$500 under the regulations of the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*.

## 6. FINANCE

No items.

## 7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### 7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#### 7.1.1 FVRD's Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions for 2018

Moved By BRAUN  
Seconded By ENGAR

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board accept the 2018 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Report for the Fraser Valley Regional District;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to report back with a recommendation for specifically allocating the accumulated annual carbon tax refunds towards a cost-effective efficiency upgrade project(s) that will offer significant carbon footprint reductions to the FVRD buildings and/or operations.

**CARRIED**

Staff was commended for the informative report and it was requested that this report be also sent to member municipalities. It was also proposed that a one-pager or infographics, highlighting the initiatives undertaken by the regional district to reduce energy and emissions from their operations be prepared for ease of public consumption.

### 7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

No items.

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

#### **7.3.1 Future Rail Transit in the Fraser Valley**

Comments were offered regarding the proposal submitted by South Fraser Community Rail with respect to the *Community Rail South of the Fraser on the InterUrban Corridor*.

It was noted that although the FVRD recognized the efficiency and effectiveness of rapid transit, the Committee was in agreement that the primary priority should focus on the widening of Highway 1 to address congestion issues that are increasing economic, social and public safety costs throughout the Fraser Valley.

Staff was also commended on the comprehensive report provided.

Moved By BRAUN  
Seconded By ALEXIS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board remain focused on its priority of strongly encouraging the province to expedite the widening of Highway 1 to support HOV/bus lanes as a means of improving the viability of transit, improving public safety and supporting the broader Fraser Valley economy;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board request that TransLink directly engage the Fraser Valley Regional District, member municipalities, BC Transit and the province on those aspects of the *Transport 2050* Plan that consider inter-regional linkages and policies that may impact this Region.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **7.4.1 FVRD's Regional Trail Network Group**

Moved By POPOVE  
Seconded By VIDAL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board expand the scope of its Trail Network Group to a regional scale to ensure representation from organizations involved in the maintenance and/or management of trails within the entire geographic area.

**CARRIED**

## **8. OTHERS MATTERS**

No items.

**9. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

**10. REPORTS BY STAFF**

None

**11. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Raymond reported that he and the Acting CAO attended a ceremony in Lytton for the presentation of a contract to a local company to lay fibre optics from Boston Bar to Lillooet for expanded broadband, funding to be provided by the provincial and federal governments.

He also regrettably advised on the passing of past Alternate Director for Electoral Area A, Robert Dufresne.

Director Pranger spoke to the Mayors' race event taking place at the Agassiz Speedway this weekend.

Director Engar acknowledged the City of Chilliwack for initiating efforts to reduce the flow of single use plastic items in Chilliwack.

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

None

**13. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By RAYMOND  
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)(g) of the *Community Charter* - litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district.

**CARRIED**

The Open Meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m.

**14. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The Open Meeting reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

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

None

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By STOBART  
Seconded By VIDAL

**THAT** the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of July 9, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Vice Chair