

REGIONAL INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 11, 2019
10:00 am
FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present: Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G, Chair
Director Brenda Falk, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair
Director Carol Hamilton, District of Mission
Councillor Duane Post, District of Kent
Councillor Michie Vidal, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H (*left at 10:32 a.m.*)

Commissioner David Renwick, Cultus Lake Park Board
John Fortoloczky, CAO, District of Hope

Regrets: Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Chris Crossman, Deputy CAO, City of Chilliwack
Madeline McDonald, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Wallace Mah, CAO, District of Kent
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy CAO, District of Mission
Tara-Lynn Kozma Perrin, Culture Coordinator, City of Abbotsford
Bonny Bryant, CAO, Cultus Lake Park Board
Agnes Rosicki, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations
Committee Observer Member

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – Indigenous Relations
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Tina Mooney, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant (*Recording Secretary*)

Also Present: Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie, Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō First Nation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stobbart called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By VIDAL
Seconded By ROBB

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional Indigenous Relations Committee Open Meeting of July 11, 2019 be approved;

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

CARRIED

The Agenda was varied by considering item 10 after item 2.

10. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FALK
Seconded By VIDAL

THAT the meeting be closed to the public except for senior staff and 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)(e) of the *Community Charter* - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district; and
- 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 10:02 a.m.

The Open Meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours (SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism)

Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours(SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism) provided a Halq'eméylem/Sxwōxwiyam lesson, teaching on language and the importance of sharing Stó:lō culture.

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting - April 11, 2019

Moved By FALK
Seconded By HAMILTON

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of April 11, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Community to Community Forums - April 17 and July 3, 2019 - Cheam First Nation, District of Kent, Sq'ewlets First Nation, Seabird Island Band, Stó:lo Tribal Council, Sts'ailes, and Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Director Falk and Councillor Vidal reported on their attendance at the Community to Community (C2C) Forums on April 17 and July 3, 2019. Some points of note are:

- The urgency to have sediment and gravel removed from the Fraser River was raised by the First Nation communities;
- First Nation communities are interested in greater involvement with the Fraser Basin Council;
- Proposal that minutes of the C2C forums be forwarded to the Regional Indigenous Relations Committee;
- District of Hope is also interested in starting the process to develop a C2C Forum in the Hope area;
- Important for First Nation communities to share with each other information on the positive things happening in their communities;
- Relevance of municipalities working together so as not to replicate efforts;
- Fraser Basin Council is holding a Flood Forum on October 8 and 9, 2019

The on-going issue with respect to the dredging of the Fraser River was brought up and it was reported that a regional approach to deal with this issue is needed.

5.2 Heritage Conservation Act Update

Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – Indigenous Relations reported that the changes to the Heritage Conservation Act have been passed as of May 30, 2019.

5.3 Funding Request for Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action Day for Rural Communities

Moved By ROBB
Seconded By VIDAL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the request for funding to support the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Call to Action Day to be held at Chawathil First Nation on October 30, 2019, in the amount of \$2,000, to match funds with the three other supporting agencies.

CARRIED

5.4 Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

The corporate report dated July 11, 2019 from the Policy Analyst – Indigenous Relations and the Executive Summary of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was provided for information.

6. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None

7. REPORTS BY STAFF

None

8. REPORT BY DIRECTORS

Director Hamilton reminded about the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Tim Hortons outlet situated on Leq'a mel First Nation land in Deroche on August 2, 2019.

Director Vidal reported apart from the C2C Forums, a quarterly Council to Council meeting is held with Sts'ailes First Nation and that the next meeting will be on September 7.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

12. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By POST
Seconded By HAMILTON

THAT the Regional Indigenous Relations Committee Open Meeting of July 11, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional Indigenous Relations Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Al Stobbart, Chair

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