



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

Tuesday, October 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 Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford  
Director Carol Hamilton, District of Mission  
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
Director Orion Engar, Electoral Area E  
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A  
Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G  
Alternate Director Michie Vidal, Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Alternate Director Jeff Shields, City of Chilliwack  
Alternate Director Susan Spaeti, District of Kent

Regrets: Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission  
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack  
Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent  
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope  
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  
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration/Corporate Officer  
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services  
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning  
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services  
Tarina Colledge, Emergency Management Specialist  
Marina Richter, Policy Analyst – Environmental Services  
Micha Gutmanis, Environmental Services Coordinator  
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations  
Melissa Geddert, Planner 1, Strategic Planning  
Meghan Jackson, Parks Technician  
Tyler Davis, Network Analyst I  
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 9:01 a.m.

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

Moved By RAYMOND  
Seconded By DICKEY

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

**3.1 'LOVE OUR AIR' - Air Quality Education Program**

Micha Gutmanis, Environmental Services Coordinator provided a presentation on '*Love Our Air*', an air quality education program. This interactive program has been utilized as a teacher's resource guide and used in classroom workshops in elementary and secondary schools. Feedback on this successful program has been very positive.

Chair Lum reported that at the recent UBCM Conference, Honourable Mentions were award to the FVRD for the *Love Our Air* Education Program and the Fraser Valley Food Recovery Project, a partnership with FoodMesh. Staff was commended for their work on these two initiatives.

**4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2019**

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By STOBART

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 10, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION**

No items.

**6. FINANCE**

No items.

## 7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### 7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#### 7.1.1 Revised BC Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation

The report dated October 8, 2019 from the Environmental Policy Analyst pertaining to the new BC Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation that came in effect on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was provided for information.

#### 7.1.2 Energy Management Assessment Pilot

Moved By ENGAR  
Seconded By SHIELDS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to participate in BC Hydro's Energy Management Assessment Pilot program;

**AND THAT** Fraser Valley Regional use the Energy Management Assessment data for the development of a corporate Strategic Energy Management Plan with an aim to increase energy efficiency, reduce fuel costs, and lower greenhouse gas emissions of its corporate buildings.

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

No Items.

### 7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

#### 7.3.1 Chilliwack and Region Transit Future Action Plan Public Engagement Report

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By VIDAL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the BC Transit Public Engagement Summary which outlines the public engagement process for the Chilliwack and Region Transit Future Action Plan;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District share the findings with the Agassiz-Harrison Route 11 and Hope-Agassiz Route 22 partners and participating First Nations for feedback;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District, in partnership with BC Transit, engage with the City of Abbotsford and District of

Mission to obtain feedback on future transit goals as they relate to inter-regional connections and regional systems integration to ensure consistency between the respective Future Action Plans.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that the Open Houses were well attended. Staff and BC Transit's significant work on the planning process for the Chilliwack and Region Transit Future Action Plan and the municipalities' investment in transit were acknowledged.

**7.3.2 Fraser Valley Regional District Clean Economy Study – Phase Two Initiative**

Moved By STOBART  
Seconded By ENGAR

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support the proposed work plan for phase two of the Fraser Valley Regional District clean economy initiative;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District engage the economic development agencies of Fraser Valley Regional District member municipalities and other key stakeholders for the purpose of:

- These agencies and stakeholders directing the development of, and participating in, a Fraser Valley-specific event at the Globe Forum 2020;
- Determining and prioritizing clean economy opportunities that align best with the region's strengths and stakeholder interest to present at the Forum.

**CARRIED**

The topic of biomass being considered as renewable energy was discussed, resulting in the following motion being put forward:

ROSS/SHIELDS

**THAT** staff be directed to work with the Wastewise, Environmental Stewardship & Zero Waste Working Group to bring back a report on the issue of biomass for the Board's information.

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING**

### **7.4.1 BC Wildfire Service's Fraser Unit Crew Volunteer Trail Work**

Moved By ENGAR  
Seconded By VIDAL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board send a letter to the BC Wildfire Service thanking them for the recent volunteer trail work completed on the Experience the Fraser's Canyon to Coast Trail near Stave Lake and in Sumas Mountain Regional Park.

**CARRIED**

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

None

## **9. REPORTS BY STAFF**

None

## **10. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Raymond reported that with the assistance of Electoral Area "B" Director Adamson they able to secure some funds to revitalize the On Lee Family cemetery. He also reported on his attendance at the Japanese Canadian Mosaics Unveiling Celebration and the ceremonial launch at Honour Ranch in Ashcroft.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA**

None

## **12. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By SHIELDS

**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(2)(e) of the *Community Charter* - a review of a proposed final performance audit report for the purpose of providing comments to the auditor

general on a proposed report under section 23(2) of the *Auditor General for Local Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

The Open meeting recessed at 9:29 a.m.

**13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

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

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

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By SHIELDS

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

**CARRIED**

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair