

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
INAUGURAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
(Immediately following the FVRHD Board Meeting)
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 Dennis Adamson, Electoral Area B
Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission
Director Wendy Bales, Electoral Area C
Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford
Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H
Director Orion Engar, Electoral Area E
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Brenda Falk, City of Abbotsford
Director Carol Hamilton, District of Mission
Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack
Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford
Director Bud Mercer, City of Chilliwack
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 Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford
Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services
Jaime Reilly, Acting Director of Corporate Affairs

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services
Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
Suzanne Gresham, Director of Corporate Initiatives
Milly Marshall, Director of EA Special Projects
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Finance
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Park Operations
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Matthew Fang, Support Analyst
Tina Mooney, Executive Assistant
Amanda Molloy, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board (*Recording Secretary*)

1. CALL TO ORDER by Acting Chief Administrative Officer

The Open meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

2. ELECTION OF FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR by Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Regional District Board Chair.

Director Terry Raymond nominated Director Jason Lum. Ms. Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for a second and third time.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Kinneman declared Director Lum as the Board Chair, and he assumed the Chair.

3. ELECTION OF FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD VICE CHAIR by Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Regional District Board Vice Chair.

Director Sylvia Pranger nominated Director Patricia Ross. Ms. Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Board Vice Chair for a second and third time.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Kinneman declared Director Ross as the Board Vice Chair.

4. REMARKS BY FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR

Chair Lum provided remarks regarding the previous year's accomplishments and challenges.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Inaugural Meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board of November 26, 2019 be approved;

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

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Allison Colthorp, Executive Director - Tourism Chilliwack and Craig Nichols, Executive Director - Tourism Abbotsford

A presentation was given by representatives from the Fraser Valley Marketing Group Allison Colthorp, Executive Director of Tourism Chilliwack and Craig Nichols, Executive Director of Tourism Abbotsford. Ms. Colthorp explained the main objectives of the collaborative group, and the opportunities and challenges they face. Additional points discussed were:

- The Fraser Valley has been recognized by Destination BC through the collaboration of the six municipality tourism associations.

- The group has created an Experience Guide, with no business advertisements, with the goal of marketing all the area has to offer, from nature to local arts and culture.
- The group is currently collaborating with Flair Airlines out of the Abbotsford Airport to promote the Fraser Valley as a destination to cities less than a one hour flight away.
- The FVRD provided leadership in an Economic Impact Study within the metrics defined by the six tourism associations.

Discussions ensued regarding the results the Group collected from the Flair Airlines collaboration and its effectiveness. Mr. Nichols noted that a past collaboration with Tourism Abbotsford and Swoop Airlines resulted in increased traffic directly to the Tourism Abbotsford website from the Swoop Airlines website as potential visitors researched the area. Director Facio noted that Tourism Harrison has built a strong relationship with local First Nations to celebrate Sasquatch Days, as well as a local fishing charter has built a wheelchair ramp to board onto their fishing charter boats, and perhaps the Group can explore other ways to increase accessibility at attractions throughout the Fraser Valley.

7. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2019

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of October 22, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

8. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

The following items were received for information:

8.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee - November 14, 2019

8.2 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee - November 14, 2019

9. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Committee of the Whole Recommendations

Moved By STOBART

Seconded By ALEXIS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District endorse the recommendations adopted at the Committee of the Whole - Budget Review Meeting of November 26, 2019.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

9.2 Video Web Streaming of Regional and Corporate Services Committee meetings

Moved By ROSS

Seconded By BALES

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee approve the addition of video web streaming for Regional and Corporate Services Committee meetings.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

9.3 Video Web Streaming of Electoral Area Services Committee meetings

Moved By RAYMOND

Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee approve the addition of video web streaming for Electoral Area Services Committee meetings.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

10. FINANCE

No items.

11. BYLAWS

11.1 Electoral Area B Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1550, 2019

Moved By ADAMSON

Seconded By DAVIDSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1550, 2019*.

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

Moved By ADAMSON

Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1550, 2019*.

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

11.2 Deroche Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1551, 2019

Moved By STOBART

Seconded By ADAMSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1551, 2019*.

CARRIED

All/Unweighted

Moved By ADAMSON
Seconded By DAVIDSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1551, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.3 Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1552, 2019

Moved By ADAMSON
Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1552, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

Moved By DICKEY
Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1552, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.4 Chilliwack River Valley Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1536, 2019

Moved By ENGAR
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Chilliwack River Valley Fire Protection Service Area Administration Bylaw No. 1536, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

11.5 Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROBB

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

Moved By KLOOT
Seconded By SIEMENS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

Moved By ALEXIS
Seconded By STOBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019*.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted (2/3 Majority)

11.6 Hope Connector Transit System Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1555, 2019

Moved By ROBB

Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Hope Connector Transit System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1555, 2019*.

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

Moved By PRANGER

Seconded By STOBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Hope Connector Transit System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1555, 2019*.

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

12. PERMITS

12.1 Application for Development Variance Permit 2019-29 to reduce the interior side setback for an accessory building at 46594 Chilliwack Lake Road, Electoral Area "E"

Moved By ADAMSON

Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board issue Development Variance Permit 2019-29 for 46594 Chilliwack Lake Road, to reduce the side setback from 7.6 metres (25 feet) to 1.0 metres (3.3 feet), clear to sky, to authorize existing additions to an accessory building, subject to consideration of any comments or concerns raised by the public

**CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted**

Moved By LOEWEN
Seconded By CHAHAL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District authorize its signatories to execute all legal instruments associated with this application.

**CARRIED
All/Weighted**

13. CONTRACTS, COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

13.1 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FVRD and BC Parks on Cultus Lake North and South Sewer Systems

Moved By DIXON
Seconded By HAMILTON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FVRD and BC Parks with respect to the Cultus Lake North and South Sewer Systems.

**CARRIED
All/Weighted**

13.2 Development Servicing Covenant associated with the Subdivision Boundary Adjustment proposal for Lot 20 Thompson Road, Electoral Area "D" and 51995 Nevin Road City of Chilliwack

Moved By DICKY
Seconded By ADAMSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a development servicing covenant relating to Subdivision File 3320-20-2018-02238 – two lot boundary adjustment of Lot 20, Thompson Road, Electoral Area "D".

**CARRIED
All/Weighted**

13.3 Electoral Area Emergency Services Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment Proposal

Moved By RAYMOND

Seconded By ADAMSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board award RFP-19011 for the purchase of sixty sets of turn out gear (coats and pants) to Associated Fire Safety Group Inc. at a cost of \$138,492.00 plus applicable taxes over a three year period for Electoral Area Fire Department members.

**CARRIED
All/Weighted**

14. OTHER MATTERS

14.1 Nuisance Mosquito Control Program 2019 Year End Report

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the FVRD's Mosquito Control Program 2019 Year-End Report from Morrow BioScience Ltd., summarizing the nuisance mosquito larvae monitoring and control efforts from 2019.

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

14.2 Hemlock Valley Road Upgrades – Request for FVRD Support

Moved By SIEMENS

Seconded By FALK

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board indicate support for Sasquatch Mountain Resort in their pursuit of additional funding from Provincial and Federal levels of government for necessary paving upgrades to Hemlock Valley Road;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board recognize the importance of Hemlock Valley Road, the only access to the resort community of Hemlock Valley, as vital infrastructure intrinsically tied to the success of the local tourism economy.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

14.3 Electoral Area Connectivity – Connected Communities Initiative

Moved By ADAMSON

Seconded By DAVIDSON

THAT in view of the information surrounding the Ministry of Citizens' Services Connected Communities initiative made available through the 2019 UBCM Convention, the FVRD Board authorize up to \$50,000 for a cellular and internet connectivity assessment for Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, G and H;

AND THAT staff be directed to work with each individual Electoral Area Director to determine the funding model for their individual Electoral Areas.

CARRIED
EAs/Weighted

15. CONSENT AGENDA

15.1 CONSENT AGENDA - FULL BOARD

Moved By ROSS

Seconded By STOBART

THAT the following Consent Agenda items 15.1.1 to 15.1.10 be endorsed:

15.1.1 RACS-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the 2019 Job Creation Partnership Program Summary report; **AND THAT** staff submit a grant application to the Job Creation Partnership program for funding in 2020 in partnership with Ecoworks Landscape Services Inc.

15.1.2 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,550 to the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association, funded from the 2019 Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of training for new volunteer Board members to help them understand their roles and responsibilities.

15.1.3 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to the Deroche Elementary School PAC, funded from the 2019 Electoral Area "C" grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of field trips, hot lunches, community cultural celebrations, and a guest speaker on the topic of bullying.

15.1.4 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid to the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$500 to be funded from the 2019 Electoral Area "D" grant-in-aid budget to assist with the costs of the fire department's annual end of year service recognition event.

15.1.5 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid to the Popkum Ratepayers Association in the amount of \$650.49 to be funded from the 2019 Electoral Area "D" grant-in-aid budget to assist with the costs of purchasing a laptop for keeping meeting minutes.

15.1.6 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to the Hatzic Prairie Recreation Commission to assist with the costs of the electrical system for the Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, to be funded from the Electoral Area "F" grant-in-aid budget.

15.1.7 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to the Columbia Valley Volunteer Fire Department with the grant being funded from the Electoral Area "H" grant-in-aid budget and being

used to help fund membership activities in appreciation of the volunteer work and dedication that the members provide to their communities

15.1.8 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to the Cultus Lake Valley Volunteer Fire Department with the grant being funded from the Electoral Area "H" grant-in-aid budget and being used to help fund membership activities in appreciation of the volunteer work and dedication that the members provide to their communities.

15.1.9 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,000 to the Cultus Lake Community and Events Engagement Committee with the grant being funded from the Electoral Area "H" grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs of the annual community Christmas event.

15.1.10 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board accept the offer of \$42,400.00 for the construction and maintenance and operation of the Cultus Lakeside Trail, subdivision file 3320-20-2017-07445, 3636 Columbia Valley Road, Electoral Area "H".

**CARRIED
All/Unweighted**

15.2 CONSENT AGENDA - ELECTORAL AREAS

Moved By ADAMSON
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the following Consent Agenda item 15.2.1 be endorsed:

15.2.1 EASC-NOV 2019

THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee consider an Out of Mandate request regarding the preparation of a letter from the FVRD Board to the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat with respect to enforcement of regulation of cannabis edibles

**CARRIED
EAs/Unweighted**

16. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE (18.1 - 18.5)

The following items were received for information:

17.1 Fraser Basin Council - Fraser Valley Update, November 2019

17.2 Letter dated October 21, 2019 from Kootenay Boundary Regional District regarding 'Reallocation of BC Rural Dividend Funds'.

17.3 Letter dated October 24, 2019 from Township of Langley regarding 'Inter Municipal Ride-Hailing Business Licence'.

17.4 Letter dated November 12, 2019 from the City of Victoria regarding resolutions that did not make it onto the floor of the 2019 UBCM Convention.

17.5 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update - October 2019

18. REPORTS BY STAFF

None.

19. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS

Director Siemens congratulated the City of Chilliwack on the opening of the new South Rotary Trail and commented on how great the trail has been built.

Director Alexis noted the District of Mission is currently in the process reclassifying the municipality to the City of Mission, and is awaiting approval from the Province.

Director Facio noted the holiday light display and new outdoor synthetic ice rink is now open in downtown Harrison Hot Springs and encouraged the Board to attend.

Director Adamson reported the FVRD Library Board recently passed their annual budget, and also noted on current events happening at the different libraries.

Director Dixon noted the Christmas at Cultus Lake event is taking place this weekend, November 29th to 30th, and encouraged the Board to attend.

Director Bales reported Area C hosted the annual Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival event on November 16th and 17th, and noted the festival committee is considering increasing the length of the festival to accommodate days with inclement weather.

Director Raymond congratulated Director Robb and the District of Hope on receiving the 2019 Rural BC Community Award, presented by BC Rural Health Network.

Director Pranger noted the CP Holiday Train will be stopping in Agassiz on December 16th to raise donations for the local food bank.

20. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None.

21. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By PRANGER

Seconded By ADAMSON

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(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* - personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district;
- Section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* - labour relations or other employee relations;
- 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;
- Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter* - litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district;
- Section 90(1)(h) of the *Community Charter* - an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the regional district;
- 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 both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;
- Section 90(2)(d) of the *Community Charter* - a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public must be excluded from the meeting; and
- 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
All/Unweighted

The open meeting recessed at 7:58pm.

22. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at 9:55pm.

23. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None.

24. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Inaugural Meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board of November 26, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED
All/Unweighted

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy