



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

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

10:00 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 Pam Alexis, District of Mission
Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford
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

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer
Jaime Reilly, Acting Director of Corporate Affairs/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 and Recreation
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Beth Klein, Accountant
Robin Beukens, Planner II, Strategic Planning
Melissa Geddert, Planner 1, Planner I, Strategic Planning
Hafsa Salihue, Environmental Services Technician
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I
Amanda Molloy, Executive Assistant
Kristen Kohuch, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant (*Recording Secretary*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of January 22, 2020 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 Elizabeth Melnick and Judy Bird - Elizabeth's Wildlife Center

Judy Bird, Board member of the Elizabeth Wildlife Centre gave a presentation, providing a brief overview of the services of Elizabeth Wildlife Centre, noting that the function of the Centre is to rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned wild birds and small mammals. It was noted that this non-profit organization was founded in 1999 by Elizabeth Melnick, a registered nurse and licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Ms. Bird emphasized the importance of wildlife education and provided statistics on call volume, staffing, and admissions of wildlife. She reported that an Annual Open House is held and also on-going community engagement and public education. She reported that this is a free service provided and used by citizens of the Abbotsford as well as emergency departments, animal caretakers and residents in the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland region. She also outlined funding requirements for the Centre.

Ms. Bird and Ms. Melnick extended an invitation for the Committee to tour the Centre.

Chair Lum acknowledged the work carried out by the Elizabeth Wildlife Centre and thanked them for their services.

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

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

Moved By STOBART
Seconded By ROSS

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

CARRIED

5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1571, 2020

Moved By BRAUN
Seconded By POPOVE

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. 1571, 2020*

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

6.1 2020-21 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership Renewal

Moved By ENGAR
Seconded By ROBB

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to renew the Regional District's Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2020-2021 membership at a rate of \$59,195.

Concerns were raised regarding the significant increase in membership fees for FCM, resulting in the following amended motion:

Moved by ALEXIS
Seconded by BRAUN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to renew the Regional District's Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2020-2021 membership at a rate of \$59,195.

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to FCM requesting them to provide a clarification for the increased membership fees for the FVRD for 2020-21.

CARRIED

6.2 Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1570, 2020

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1570, 2020*.

CARRIED

6.3 ITT 19004 – Purchase of Three Mid-Size Trucks (Regional Parks)

Moved By ENGAR
Seconded By STOBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional Board award “Tender No. 19004 FVRD Midsize Pickup Trucks” to Steve Marshall Ford Lincoln Ltd. of Nanaimo, BC at a cost of \$122,141.60 including applicable taxes.

CARRIED

7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1.1 Invasive Weed Control Program 2019 Summary

Moved By ENGAR
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to draft a letter to the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting them to continue providing the FVRD with funding to help cover costs associated with the FVRD’s ongoing invasive weed control efforts within Provincial road rights-of-way not treated by the Province.

CARRIED

It was reported that University of Fraser Valley students have been involved in an innovative study with respect to the correlation of soil and weeds and this research could perhaps be helpful to assist with the eradication of weeds. It was also proposed that member municipalities send a letter to the Province in support of this funding request.

7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

No items.

7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.3.1 FVRD Clean Economy Resource Guide and Globe 2020 update

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the "*Clean Economy in the Fraser Valley: Resource Guide*" document;

AND THAT a formal invitation to the February 11, 2020 "*Fraser Valley Spotlight Session*" at GLOBE Forum 2020 be extended to the Fraser Valley Regional District Board members and mayors and council members of the Fraser Valley Regional District's member municipalities.

CARRIED

7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING

7.4.1 Outdoor Recreation Planning Update

Moved By RAYMOND

Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board invite Destination BC to present to the Board about both of their Destination Development Strategies related to the Fraser Valley and Gold Rush Trail.

CARRIED

It was noted that an online survey has been posted on the FVRD website and the expectation is to gain important feedback.

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None

9. REPORTS BY STAFF

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting CAO reported on two staffing changes, firstly, Kristen Kohuch has joined the FVRD as the new Executive Assistant to the CAO and Board and secondly, Robin Beukens, formerly from Planning has moved to Strategic Planning to assist with strategic initiatives.

10. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Engar thanked staff for handling the situation during the recent State of Local Emergency at Baker Trails, Chilliwack Lake Road in Electoral Area E.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

12. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROSS

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)(d) of the *Community Charter* - the security of the property of the regional district; and
- Section 90(1)(j) of the *Community Charter* - information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

The Open Meeting recessed at 10:47 a.m.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Open Meeting reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

14. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ALEXIS

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of January 22 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of January 22, 2020 adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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Director Jason Lum, Chair