

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

Thursday, February 13, 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 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

Regrets: Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission
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
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks and Recreation
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Jamie Benton, Environmental Services Coordinator
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations
Beth Klein, Accountant
Robin Beukens, Planner II, Strategic Planning
Emilee Chamberland, Practicum Student, Outdoor Recreation Planning
Erin Patrick, WildSafeBC FVRD Coordinator
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I
Kristen Kohuch, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board (*Recording Secretary*)
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By RAYMOND

Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of February 13, 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 WildSafeBC Program

Erin Patrick, WildSafeBC FVRD Coordinator provided a presentation about the organization's 2019 season review, including the following:

- The increase in wildlife activity in communities demonstrated by call volume;
- The success of program activities such as garbage tagging and public education in reducing wildlife and human conflicts;
- Changes in funding; and,
- The growth of WildSafeBC social media.

Ms. Patrick thanked the FVRD for their continued support of the program. It was clarified that a portion of the WildSafe BC program is funded both by the FVRD and the BC Conservation Officer Service. The Committee thanked Ms. Patrick for her work in the region.

3.1.1 WildSafeBC 2019 - A Year in Review

The "WildSafe BC 2019 - A Year in Review" report was provided for information.

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2020

Moved By POPOVE

Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of January 22, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

5.1 2020 Christmas Closure of FVRD Corporate Offices

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By ROBB

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the closure of the FVRD Corporate Offices to the public on December 29, 30 and 31, 2020.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

6.1 Sub-Regional Parks Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1582, 2020

Moved By RAYMOND

Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Parks Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1582, 2020*.

It was confirmed that this bylaw concerns the maintenance and operation of parks in Abbotsford and Sumas Mountain area and so the funds cannot be transferred to another service area.

CARRIED

6.2 2020 Financial Plan – proposed changes from Electoral Area Services Committee

Discussion ensued regarding the apportionment of the corporate restructure funding allocation. Clarification was provided by staff.

Moved By DICKY

Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee direct staff to amend the draft 2020 Financial Plan for the following items as supported by the Electoral Area Services Committee:

- Change the corporate restructure funding allocation to be 75% funded by Regional Administration and 25% funded by Electoral Area Administration;
- Remove the proposed Procurement and Risk Specialist position.

**CARRIED
DIRECTOR BRAUN OPPOSED**

7. REGIONAL SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1.1 FVRD Solid Waste Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw

Moved By ROSS

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 Solid Waste Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1583, 2020*";

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board repeal "*Fraser Valley Regional District Solid Waste Management Rates, Fees, and Charges Bylaw No. 0327, 1999*".

CARRIED

7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

No items.

7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.3.1 Draft Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy

Concerns were expressed regarding the current status of the Regional Growth Strategy update. It was noted that Dr. Lenore Newman, Director of the Food and Agricultural Institute, University of the Fraser Valley, gave an informative presentation at the GLOBE 2020 Forum which was very relevant to this Agenda Item. Staff were directed to invite Dr. Newman to give a presentation to the Board.

Moved By POPOVE
Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the draft *Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy* referred to the Fraser Valley Regional District for review and comment;

AND THAT feedback include a request to Metro Vancouver to engage with Fraser Valley Regional District and municipal staff and elected officials on any recommendations that may directly impact this region or its member municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District continue to develop an industrial lands inventory as part of the Regional Growth Strategy monitoring program.

CARRIED

7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING

No items.

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None.

9. REPORTS BY STAFF

Ms. Kinneman introduced Emilee Chamberland, a UFV practicum student who will be working with the FVRD outdoor recreation planning team.

Ms. Kinneman also announced Chris Lee's retirement from the FVRD, thanking her for 14 years of service to the organization.

10. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

None.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of February 13, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting of February 13, 2020 adjourned at 10:55 am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair