

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

10:00 am

FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present: 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 Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
Alternate Director Jeff Shields, City of Chilliwack
Director Al Stobbert, Electoral Area G
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope

Regrets: Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack

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
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Services
Beth Klein, Accountant
Robin Beukens, Planner II, Strategic Planning
Melissa Geddert, Planner I
Jamie Benton, Environmental Services Coordinator
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I
Kristen Kohuch, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board (*Recording Secretary*)
Deanne Bozek, Departmental Secretary – Regional Programs

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By ALEXIS

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of March 10, 2020 be approved;

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

CARRIED

3. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2020

Moved By STOBART

Seconded By ENGAR

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

CARRIED

4. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

The following item was received for information:

4.1 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Pandemic Preparedness

It was advised that staff are working on pandemic planning and that the intent of this item is to ensure sharing of accurate and correct information as directed from the Province and Fraser Health.

4.2 Sub-Regional Intergovernmental Working Groups Model for Indigenous Relations

Moved By RAYMOND
Seconded By STOBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Board take a supportive role in the development of sub-regional Intergovernmental Working Groups in partnership with Indigenous governments;

AND THAT the meetings of the Regional Indigenous Relations Committee (RIRC) continue to be held at the Call of the Chair, as needed, in support of issues raised from sub-regional Intergovernmental Working Groups;

AND FURTHER THAT current appointments from RIRC to external tables maintain the status quo until such time as RIRC meets again.

CARRIED

5. REGIONAL SERVICES

5.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The following item was received for information:

5.1.1 FVRD Waste Wise Outreach Update

5.2 REGIONAL PARKS

5.2.1 Gatehouse Coverage for Island 22 Regional Park and Dewdney Regional Park

Moved By STOBART
Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board remove overnight gatehouse coverage from Dewdney Regional Park to assist in maintaining the cost effectiveness of this service.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Updated Agreement with the Province for Elk-Thurston & Mt. Cheam Regional Trails and East Sector Lands Regional Park

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board enter into a 10 year Partnership Agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC for the continued operation and management of Elk-Thurston Regional Trail, Mt. Cheam Trail, and Harrison Recreation Site (East Sector Lands Regional Park).

CARRIED

5.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

5.3.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Long-Range Transportation Needs – Throne Speech and Provincial Budget

Moved By ROBB
Seconded By RAYMOND

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board by letter, under the signature of the Chair, request that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (responsible for TransLink) provide more information about the proposed "*Fraser Valley Integrated Transportation and Land Use Plan*";

THAT the letter reiterate the Board's position that the Province must expedite the widening of Highway 1 to support HOV/bus lanes as a means of improving the viability of transit, improving public safety and supporting the broader Fraser Valley and provincial economy;

AND THAT the Province work in collaboration with the Fraser Valley Regional District and member municipalities to ensure that Fraser Valley interests and requirements are fully reflected in the plan.

CARRIED

5.3.2 Regional Growth Strategy Update

A PowerPoint Presentation was provided from Robin Beukens, Planner II, which included the following highlights:

- The regional growth strategy as it relates to the timeline for population growth from 2020-2051;
- How the Local Government Act governs the regional growth strategy;
- The collaboration process between the Fraser Valley Regional District and other organizations and entities;
- Engagement, consultation, and public input; and,
- Implementation and goals.

The Committee asked how the regional growth strategies address health and education which are two areas significantly impacted by population growth.

Mr. Beukens responded that engagement will occur with Fraser Health as part of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, as well as school boards and the University of the Fraser Valley. Further more, health and education will be included in the subcategories of the main goals.

The Committee also asked how the regional growth strategy changes as new developments occur.

Mr. Beukens responded that staff will consider changing information as it impacts the regional growth strategy and amendments will be made where relevant.

6. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None.

7. REPORTS BY STAFF

None.

8. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Engar reported on an email update from the Forest Enhancement Society which receives funding from the provincial government to assist communities with using waste wood for chipping and commercial projects, noting this could be a good fire prevention measure. Director Raymond commented that when wood materials are taken from burn piles for business purposes BC Forestry requires a stumpage fee to be paid.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

The public was provided an opportunity to speak and no comments were given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By PRANGER

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of March 10, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of March 10, 2020 adjourned at 10:18 am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair