

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

10:00 am

FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present: Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Sandy Blue, City of Abbotsford (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D (*via Zoom conference call – arrived at 10:10 am*)
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A (*via Zoom conference call*)
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope (*via Zoom conference call*)

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer (*via Zoom conference call*)
Kristy Hodson, Acting Director of Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer (*via Zoom conference call*)
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration/Corporate Officer (*via Zoom conference call*)
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
Suzanne Gresham, Director of Corporate Initiatives (*via Zoom conference call – arrived at 10:28 am*)
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning (*via Zoom conference call*)
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks and Recreation (*via Zoom conference call*)
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning (*via Zoom conference call*)
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services (*via Zoom conference call*)

Trina Douglas, Manager of Contracted Services (*via Zoom conference call*)
Kristen Kohuch, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board (*Recording Secretary*)
Tyler Davis, Network Analyst II

Also Present: Dr. Ron van Wyk (*with respect to item 4.3.1*) (*via Zoom conference call – left at 10:38 am*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By RAYMOND
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 9, 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 - May 12, 2020

Moved By ROBB
Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of May 12, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REGIONAL SERVICES

4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4.1.1 2020 Floodwater Mosquito Control Update

The report of Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services dated June 9, 2020 was provided for information.

4.2 REGIONAL PARKS

4.2.1 Vedder River Campground Bank Erosion

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services provided a presentation on the bank erosion at Vedder River Campground ("VRC") which occurred on the Vedder River due to spring freshet. Ms. Barker's presentation highlighted the following points:

- Impacts to the Vedder Greenway which includes Vedder Rotary Loop Trail;
- Safety and maintenance measures undertaken by the City of Chilliwack concerning the bank erosion along the Greenway;
- Completed erosion control plans including an environmental assessment, regulatory permitting work, and design engineering; and,
- Construction of a rip rap to a portion of the bank where erosion impacted 50 metres of land in length overall with 20 metres of land lost.

The Committee asked if the Province will be providing money to alleviate the costs associated with resolving this.

Ms. Barker answered that the City of Chilliwack have submitted an application to have the work covered by provincial emergency funds but have not receive a response yet. Discussion ensued regarding seasonal river movement patterns near the VRC. The Board thanked FVRD Staff, City of Chilliwack, and all other partners involved who responded to this situation and assisted with stabilizing the bank.

4.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

4.3.1 2020 Homelessness Survey Preliminary Information

The Committee expressed concerns for increases to Homeless populations in the Fraser Valley, thanking Dr. Ron van Wyk for providing in-depth preliminary information, and expressed that the group looks forward to the presentation of the full report at the upcoming Board Meeting on June 23.

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board forward a copy of the final 2020 Fraser Valley Regional District Homelessness Survey to federal and provincial ministers responsible for the broad range of issues relating to homelessness;

AND THAT the report's findings, in consultation with local government partners and service providers, be assessed in order to identify steps necessary to move forward on addressing homelessness in the region.

CARRIED

4.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING

4.4.1 Addressing COVID-19 in Regional and Community Parks and Trails

The report of David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning dated June 9, 2020 was provided for information.

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Emergency Operations Centre Update

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering Services provided a verbal update on the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) which included information about Evacuation Alerts issued for 20 properties in Electoral Area C and 18 properties in Electoral Area G which were issued on June 1 and rescinded on June 8.

The Committee thanked staff for all the work completed in the EOC.

5.2 North Fraser Harrison Mills Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 2019

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By STOBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider adopting the bylaw cited at *North Fraser Harrison Mills Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1545, 2019*.

CARRIED

6. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None.

7. REPORTS BY STAFF

Ms. Kinneman announced a new Director of Finance, Kelly Lownsborough will commence her position with the FVRD on June 15, highlighting her past experience. Ms. Kinneman thanked Ms. Hodson for filling the position of Acting Director of Finance.

Ms. Kinneman also highlighted an electric vehicle charging station project that is currently underway in the FVRD parking lot. It was noted that upon completion, there will be an additional eight level II charging stations, and two DC fast charging stations.

8. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Facio thanked staff for their recent work during COVID-19 and in the Emergency Operations Centre.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

The public was provided an opportunity to provide questions by email, and call-in during the meeting; no emails or calls were received.

10. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By POPOVE

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)(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 the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed at 10:49 am.

11. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:54 am.

12. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ENGAR

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 9, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 9, 2020 was adjourned at 10:55 am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair