

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - BUDGET REVIEW
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 16, 2023

9:30 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 Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B
Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford
Director Jag Gill, City of Mission (Zoom)
Director Paul Horn, City of Mission (Zoom)
Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A
Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack
Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford
Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E (Zoom)
Director Bud Mercer, City of Chilliwack
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford (Zoom)
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

Regrets: Director Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford
Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford
Director, Dave Sidhu, City of Abbotsford

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Utilities
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning (Zoom)
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services (Zoom)
Beth Klein, Manager of Financial Operations

Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks (Zoom)
Trina Douglas, Manager of Protective Services (Zoom)
Mike Freimark, Assistant Manager of Recreation (Zoom)
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning (Zoom)
Yader Wong, Manager of Information Technology, GIS & FDM (Zoom)
Kinga Williams, Accountant
Melanie Jones, Accountant (Zoom)
Robin Beukens, Planner II (Zoom)
Joel Niezen, Support Technician
Keely Hill, Executive Assistant (*recording secretary*)

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Lum began the meeting by recognizing the homeland of the 30 First Nation communities of the area now called the Fraser Valley Regional District.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The open meeting was called to order at 9:31am.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By ADAMO

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of February 16, 2023 be approved;

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

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 FVRD 2023-2027 Financial Plan

Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO and Beth Klein, Manager of Financial Operations provided a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included Budget Presentation List, Budget Timeline, Budget Overview, Risks, Inflation Trend, Property Value & Taxes, Regional District Budgeting and Assets at Risk.

Ms. Lownsbrough highlighted Service 246 Combined E911 as a budget at risk, noting a predicted shortfall in 2022, resulting in a quicker depletion of the surplus budget, and a more pressing need for a new revenue source.

The following motions were brought forward:

Service Area 240 Search and Rescue

Comments were offered regarding the lack of provincial funding for this service area.

Moved by FACIO
Seconded by POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board include Service Area 240 Search and Rescue – Option 1: Staff Recommendation as part of the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED
DIRECTOR CASSEL OPPOSED

Service Area 255 Animal Control

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services provided an overview of the Animal Control services provided.

Moved by ROSS
Seconded by PRANGER

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board include Service Area 255 Animal Control – Option 1: Staff Recommendation as part of the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED
DIRECTOR CASSEL OPPOSED

Service Area 301 Regional Airpark

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services provided an overview of the Airpark located in Hope.

Discussion ensued and questions were raised regarding the current tenant, monthly rent price and landing fees.

Moved by SMITH
Seconded by ADAMO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board include Service Area 301 Regional Airpark – Option 1: Staff Recommendation as part of the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED
DIRECTOR CASSEL OPPOSED

Service Area 105 Regional Grants in Aid

Discussion ensued around the application and selection process for Regional Grants in Aid. The following motions were brought forward:

Moved by DAVIDSON
Seconded by GILL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board only support the application for the Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association.

DEFEATED
ALL DIRECTORS EXCEPT CASSEL, DAVIDSON, DIXON, KLOOT, MERCER AND PRANGER OPPOSED

Moved by HORN
Seconded by FACIO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board include Service Area 105 Regional Grants in Aid – Option 1: Staff Recommendation as part of the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED
DIRECTORS CASSEL, DAVIDSON, DIXON, KLOOT, MERCER AND PRANGER OPPOSED

Moved by PRANGER
Seconded by DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff review and make necessary revisions to the current Grant in Aid policy, and bring back to the Board for consideration.

CARRIED

Service Area 247 Regional Fire Dispatch

Moved by FACIO
Seconded by ROSS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board include Service Area 247 Regional Fire Dispatch – Option 1: Staff Recommendation as part of the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED
DIRECTOR CASSEL OPPOSED

Moved by MERCER
Seconded by ADAMO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to prepare the 2023-2027 FVRD Financial Plan for Public Consultation as presented within this report.

CARRIED
DIRECTOR CASSEL OPPOSED

5. ADDENDA/LATE ITEMS

No items.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

There were no members of the public present in person or on zoom. No written questions were received.

7. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By KLOOT

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)(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 council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

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CARRIED

8. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at 11:36am.

9. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

No items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By DAVIDSON

THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of February 16, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board Committee of the Whole Open Meeting of February 16, 2023 adjourned at 11:36am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy