

# FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2023

4:45pm

In person at FVRD Boardroom & by Zoom Conference Call

**Members Present:**

- Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair
- Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B (Zoom)
- Director Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford
- Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G
- Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (Zoom) *(arrived at 4:46pm)*
- Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
- Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H
- Alternate Director Patricia Driessen, City of Abbotsford
- Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
- Director Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford
- Director Jag Gill, City of Mission
- Director Paul Horn, City of Mission *(arrived at 5:39pm)*
- Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A
- Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack
- Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford
- Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E
- Director Bud Mercer, City of Chilliwack
- Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
- Alternate Director Nicole Read, City of Chilliwack
- Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford *(arrived at 4:48pm)*
- Director Victor Smith, District of Hope
- Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

**Regrets:**

- Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford
- Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
- Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair
- Director, Dave Sidhu, City of Abbotsford

**Staff Present:**

- Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
- Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
- Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development (Zoom)
- Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services
- Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
- Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer

David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning  
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks (Zoom)  
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services (Zoom)  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications (Zoom)  
Beth Klein, Manager of Financial Operations  
Hasib Nadvi, Manager of Planning  
Yader Wong, Manager of Information Technology, GIS & FDM (Zoom)  
Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management  
Deanne Bozek, Protective Services Specialist (Zoom)  
Trina Douglas, Manager of Protective Services (Zoom)  
Joel Niezen, IT Support Technician  
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*recording secretary*)

**Also Present:**

Stephen Thatcher, Vice President, Operations, E-Comm 9-1-1  
Julie de Decker, Director, Operations Relationship Management, E-Comm 9-1-1  
Three members of the public (via zoom)

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Jason Lum started 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 4:45pm.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of February 23, 2023 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

#### 4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

##### 4.1 Upcoming changes to E-Comm 9-1-1

Welcoming remarks and introduction of the presenters was provided.

A presentation was given by Stephen Thatcher, Vice President, Operations and Julie de Decker, Director, Operations Relationship Management, highlighting the following points:

- An overview of the E-Comm Standard of Service and response times, which had shown a dip in 2021 due to a compound of many factors including the BC head dome event, a severe forest fire season, limited paramedics and employees available in the BC Ambulance sector, and the following BC atmospheric river event.
- A brief review of the current services and coverage throughout the province.
- A summary of where the next generation of E-Comm 9-1-1 services are going, and what can/will be offered, as well as an estimated deadline of when old infrastructure will cease services.

Discussion ensued regarding the history of the E-Comm standards of service, which was inherited from the Vancouver Police Department, as well as the current funding and billing structure of these services. Mr. Thatcher recommended the Board **continue reviewing and implementing the requirements to join the “NG9-1-1”** services that will take effect in March 2025. There was also discussion around potential funding sources and continued work between E-Comm 9-1-1 and the Province to ensure increased cell coverage will be available in all Electoral Areas to support this new infrastructure.

*The open meeting recessed at 5:49pm.*

*The open meeting reconvened at 6:20pm.*

#### 5. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

##### 5.1 Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2023

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By FACIO

**THAT** the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of January 26, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

- 6.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023
- 6.2 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023
- 6.3 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023
- 6.4 Draft Chair and Mayors Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023
- 6.5 Draft Board of Variance Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2023

7. MOTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

7.1 FVRD 2023-2027 Financial Plan

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By MERCER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to prepare the 2023-2027 FVRD Financial Plan for Public Consultation as presented within the report dated February 16, 2023.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*  
DIRECTOR CASSEL OPPOSED

8. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

8.1 Prohibition of Fireworks (Comments by Directors Cory Cassel & Mel Waardenburg)

Comments were offered asking staff if this would affect bylaw enforcement capacity and workload. Staff noted these components would be available in the forthcoming report.

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a report on the implementation of a bylaw prohibiting the sale and discharge of fireworks in Electoral Areas C and G.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

9. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

9.1 Chair and Mayor's Committee

Discussion ensued regarding the key initiatives of the group and how Electoral Areas may be represented at these meetings.

Moved By SMITH  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the Terms of Reference of the Chair and Mayors Committee.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

9.2 FVRD Privacy Breach Policy

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By MERCER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse and adopt the draft FVRD Privacy Breach Policy.

Comments were raised regarding the complexity of the policy and a request for the Board to refer this item back to the Electoral Area Services Committee for further discussion was brought forward:

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refer item 9.2 FVRD Privacy Breach Policy to the Electoral Area Services Committee for further review.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

10. FINANCE

10.1 2023 Grant-in-Aid Application – Deroche & District Community Association.  
Electoral Areas C and G

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,000 to the Deroche & District Community Association, funded \$4,000 from the 2023 Electoral Area G grant-in-aid budget and \$2,000 from the 2023 Electoral Area C grant-in-aid budget, to offset the cost of replacing linoleum flooring in the Annex Area of the Deroche Community Hall.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**10.2     2023 Grant-in-Aid Application – Lake Errock Community Association (LECA),  
Electoral Area C**

Moved By WAARDENBURG  
Seconded By CASSEL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,452 to the Lake Errock Community Association ("LECA"), funded from the 2023 Electoral Area C grant-in-aid budget, to assist in purchasing a water meter and to offset the cost of monthly water testing for the 2023 year.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Director Waardenburg noted that this will be the final Grant-in-aid for this program as in will be funded by the Ministry of Environment in the future.

**11.     BYLAWS**

**11.1     Fraser Valley Regional District Dewdney Community Water System Service Area  
Amendment Bylaw No. 1684, 2022**

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Dewdney Community Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1684, 2022*,

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

## 11.2 Electoral Areas E and H Bylaw Update Project

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By GILL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaws cited as:

- *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1656, 2022;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Fire Dispatch Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1657, 2022; and*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Mosquito Control Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1658, 2022.*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By SMITH  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaws cited as:

- *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1656, 2022;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Fire Dispatch Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1657, 2022; and*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Mosquito Control Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1658, 2022.*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

## 11.3 Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1648, 2022 to rezone four privately owned properties adjacent to Coquihalla River Provincial Park, Electoral Area B

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1648, 2022* to rezone four privately owned properties adjacent to Coquihalla River Provincial Park in Area B from Park 2 (P-2) to Rural 5 (R-5) to correct a historical zoning error

**CARRIED**  
*EAs/Unweighted*

11.4 Zoning and Official Community Plan Amendment to Facilitate a 3 Lot Subdivision at 12845 Sylvester Road, Electoral Area F

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By DICKY

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board not give any readings to *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1673, 2022* and *Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1674, 2022*, and that the applications be refused.

CARRIED  
*EAs/Unweighted*

12. OTHER MATTERS

12.1 2023 LMLGA Resolution

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve and forward one resolution to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference from May 3-5, 2023:

*Illegal dumping on agricultural lands*

**WHEREAS** the Province of British Columbia amended the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* in 2018 under Bill 52;

**AND WHEREAS** these changes included new prohibitions for dumping waste and other damaging substances on farmland, with significant penalties and new tools for enforcement;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to follow through on these changes and invest more resources in prosecuting offenders who unlawfully deposit waste on agricultural lands.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

12.2 Policy to Capture Funds for FVRD Community Parks and Trails through Development Applications

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By MERCER



**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to create a policy to capture and utilize funds, collected through alternative cash-in-lieu contributions at the time of development applications, and used toward community parks and trail connectivity;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to bring a scoping report on the utilization of development cost charges and community amenity contributions for park and other community amenity purposes.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.3     Crown Land Transportation Use Application Referral at Sunshine Valley, Electoral Area B**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board (FVRD) respond to the Crown land application referral by the Province of British Columbia regarding the Crown tenure for the proposed transportation use application with the Corporate Report dated February 2, 2023.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**13.     ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

**14.     ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items were provided for information:

**14.1     Outdoor Recreation Management Plan Update**

Comments were offered noting some Electoral Areas may have concerns with the increase in tourism. Staff noted a full report will be brought to the Regional and Corporate Services Committee and Electoral Area Services Committee in April 2023 to further address those concerns.

**14.2     Invasive Weed Control Program 2022 Year-End Summary**

**14.3     Development Permits Issued in 2022 by the Director of Planning & Development**

**14.4     Electoral Area Fire Department - 2022 Statistics**

14.5 Letter from Barbara Roden, TNRD Board Chair re Recycle BC- Packaging and Printed Paper Product, Extended Producer Responsibility Draft Stewardship Plan (January 16, 2023)

14.6 Letter from Mark Parker, Chair, RDBN re 2022 Emergency Support Services Program Guide (January 18, 2023)

15. REPORTS BY STAFF

Jennifer Kinneman, CAO introduced new FVRD Manager of Communications, Samantha Piper.

16. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS

Director Facio reported that the **Variety Children's Concert sponsored by Tourism Harrison** raised \$5,000.00 in the community, including a \$1,000.00 donation from the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department.

Director Dixon thanked the Board for supporting the draft resolution on the illegal dumping on agricultural lands that will be submitted to the LMLGA this year.

Director Johnson reported attendance at Kanaka Bar First Nation to discuss a process to create emergency management in the area and connect service providers, as well as an invitation to attend the landfill and land society meeting coming up on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Director Horn reported he is honoured to now have a seat at the BC Transit table representing the Fraser Valley. Director Horn also reported that the Hatzic Lake Watershed Table met again and the group has received a letter from Minister Mah who requested an invitation to attend a meeting, and there is intent to host a tour for the Provincial officials in the spring. In addition, the City of Mission received a response from the local fuel companies regarding pricing concerns, and met with the owners to discuss their processes.

Director MacAhonic reported attendance at a second stake holder meeting for rural homelessness in the Chilliwack River Valley, as well as meeting with MLA Paddon to follow up on discussions with the BC Housing Minister. Director MacAhonic also reported meeting with the Chilliwack Fish and Game Club who have applied for a grant to obtain larger generators for emergency services in the community as well as touring the Ford Center correctional facility.

Director Adamo reported meeting with the Yale Ratepayers to discuss their plans for the summer, as well as meeting with RCMP Staff Sgt. Dwayne Farlin to discuss new programs that will address various concerns throughout Area B. Director Adamo also reported meetings with Laidlaw representatives to discuss new ratepayers association and the GM of the Cascade Lower Mainland Forestry Commission and David Urban to discuss future logging sites and legacy programs to be done in the coming years. Also noted was the successful Sunshine Valley Winter Festival and fundraiser for the volunteer fire department which raised \$3,300.00.

Director Waardenburg wished to congratulate **Sts'ailes** First Nation on breaking ground and site preparation for a new medical clinic in the area.

Director Gill reported attendance at the recent Fraser Basin Council meeting as representative of the FVRD. Director Gill also reported an upcoming event by Tourism Mission on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. **The event will recognize and “shine a light” on local businesses and first responders.**

Director Cassel noted that he will be emceeing the Shine Bright event in Mission.

**17. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA**

No questions were asked online or in person and no written correspondence was received.

**18. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By PRANGER

**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 to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

- Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- Section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* - the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality 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**  
*All/Unweighted*

The open meeting recessed at 7:09pm.

**19. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 7:34pm.

**20. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

No items.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By GIBSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of February 23, 2023 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of February 23, 2023 adjourned at 7:34pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy