

## Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
Fraser Valley Regional District Boardroom  
45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

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### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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FVARC Present: Councillor Brenda Falk, Vice-Chair, City of Abbotsford  
Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area "G"  
Councillor Samantha Piper – Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Director Alec Niemi, Electoral Area "C"  
Chris Crosman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, City of Chilliwack  
Jake Rudolph, Deputy City Manager, City of Abbotsford

Regrets: Director Sam Waddington, Chair, City of Chilliwack  
Director Jim Hinds – District of Mission  
Councillor Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent  
Director Wilfried Vicktor, District of Hope  
John Fortolozky, CAO, District of Hope  
Wallace Mah, CAO, District of Kent  
Commissioner David Renwick, Cultus Lake Park Board  
Alternate Director Robert Dufresne, Electoral Area "A"  
Bonny Bryant, Director of Park Operations, Cultus Lake Park Board  
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, City of Coquitlam, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal  
Relations Committee Observer Member  
Madeline McDonald, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Agnes Rosicki, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee  
Ron Poole, CAO, District of Mission

Staff Present: Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs  
Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations  
Tina Mooney, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)  
Chris Lee, Departmental Secretary

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs/FVARC called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS**

STOBBART/PIPER

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Meeting of December 6, 2017 be approved;

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

[FVARC 2017-21]

**CARRIED**

## **3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours(SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism) provided a Halq'eméylem/Sxwōxwiyam lesson, teaching on language and the importance of sharing Stó:lō culture and shared the story of Baby's Lake (Chilliwack Lake) from Coast Salish Mythology.

Vice-Chair Falk thanked Sonny McHalsie for his presentation.

## **4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

### **4.1 Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Meeting - September 7, 2017**

PIPER/STOBBART

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee meeting of September 7, 2017, be approved.

[FVARC 2017-22]

**CARRIED**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Interim Report of the Mission and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry**

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

### **5.2 Jumbo Glacier SCC Decision – Ktunaxa v MFLNRO**

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the differences in the Tsilhqot'in decision and the Jumbo Glacier SCC Decision. The Tsilhqot'in argument was land based but the argument in the Jumbo Glacier SCC Decision was freedom of religion. This could change how local governments move forward in terms of consultation.

### **5.3 FVRD and SXTA Community to Community Forum Updated**

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

It was noted that the date for the Community to Community Forum is confirmed for March 1, 2018 which will consist of a morning cultural tour, lunch and an afternoon of working with the facilitator to discuss how the relationship can move forward and work together in the future.

### **5.4 Semá:th (Sumas) Community-to-Community Forum**

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

The Community to Community Forum took place on October 17, 2017 and a Declaration of Title was filed in September 2017 and there are no immediate implications to the Fraser Valley Regional District. We will continue to move forward with the policy that was adopted which is engagement, communication, collaboration and promoting good working relationships.

### **5.5 FVARC Visioning Session Results**

The corporate report dated December 6, 2017, from Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations was provided for information.

Discussions ensued about the renewed purpose, structure and function of the committee which included:

- Participants were presented with how to move forward with inclusivity of membership, clarification of committee function, and reconciliation framework;
- The feedback included the importance of education, relationship building and being proactive in the committee's work;
- The draft vision will be presented to RACS and Board in December 2017;
- Option 2 which is a Collaborative Committee was the consensus on the new structure;
- Committee should focus on communication and group discussion and be more of an advisory panel to obtain feedback and promote change;
- Recommendations would be made but decisions making would still require Board approval;
- Issues could be raised by member municipalities and electoral areas and generate discussion;
- First nations participation was encouraged;
- It was noted that First Nations representation could be invited to participate but would be reminded that the committee is not a venue to discuss treaty but rather a place to share ideas and how to build better relationships;

- Concerns were expressed about the potential breakdown of information sharing if the purpose of the committee was relationship building only and all information including treaty discussions was not presented. Some items may be brought directly to Board and not FVARC which could pose a problem as the same information would not be disseminated to the committee which could cause confusion;
- The evolution of the committee could be that it is project based, operational relationship building committee where recommendations are brought to Board for approval; and
- The purpose of the change is not too isolate the committee but to generate discussion with first nations and moving those ideas to Board.

## **6. OTHER MATTERS**

None.

## **7. LATE ITEMS**

None.

## **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 District of Kent Community to Community Forum re: Fraser River Sediment Removal**

## **9. REPORTS BY STAFF**

Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations noted that the Cheam elections took place on November 29 and the only change was an addition of a new councillor and the updated information will be available on the Cedar Network.

## **10. REPORT BY DIRECTORS**

Director Niemi discussed the First Nations Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinics Pilot Project which helps first nations' access benefits they are entitled to and he would like to host a first nations' Chief Financial Officer's workshop to share the information and present the Cedar Network. Staff will meet to discuss next steps.

## **14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA**

None

## **15. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

NIEMI/STOBBART

**THAT** the FVARC meeting be closed to the public except for senior staff and Executive Assistant, for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes 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.

[FVARC 2017-23]

**CARRIED**

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## **16. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting was reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

## **17. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

None.

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

NIEMI/STOBBART

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of December 6, 2017 be adjourned.

[FVARC 2017-24]

**CARRIED**

The Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Councillor Brenda Falk, Vice-Chair