

# FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024

(Immediately following the FVRHD Board Meeting)

In person at FVRD Boardroom & by Zoom Conference Call

**Members Present:**

- Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair
- Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair
- Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B
- Director Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford
- Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G
- Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (Zoom)
- Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
- Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H (Zoom)
- Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
- Director Jag Gill, City of Mission (Zoom)
- Director Paul Horn, City of Mission
- 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 Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
- Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
- Director Nicole Read, City of Chilliwack
- Director Dave Sidhu, City of Abbotsford (Zoom)
- Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford
- Director Victor Smith, District of Hope
- Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

**Regrets:**

- Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford
- Director Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford

**Staff Present:**

- Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
- Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services / CFO (Zoom)
- Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
- Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
- Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering
- Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer
- Hasib Nadvi, Deputy Director of Planning and Development
- Sam Piper, Manager of Communications

Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO  
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services  
Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management  
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks (Zoom)  
Joel Niezen, Support Technician  
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*recording secretary*)

**Also Present:** Two members of the public, one in person and one via zoom

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Jason Lum recognized 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 6:05pm.

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

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By READ

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items, including withdrawal of Item 9.1, for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of March 21, 2024 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 Emergency Management Plan (2024)**

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management that highlighted the Hazard Report and Emergency Management Plan.

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By READ

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the attached Emergency Management Plan.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

5. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - February 29, 2024

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By SIEMENS

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of February 29, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Draft Emergency Management Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - February 29, 2024

6.2 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2024

6.3 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2024

7. FINANCE

7.1 2023 Grant-in-Aid Request – Indigenous Culture Camp at Tsek Hot Springs, Electoral Area C

Moved By WAARDENBURG  
Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,500, funded from the 2024 Electoral Area C grant-in-aid budget, to assist with the cost of holding an Indigenous Youth Camp and Coming of Age Ceremony at Tsek Hot Springs in Electoral Area C.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

## 8. BYLAWS

### 8.1 2023 Financial Plan Amendments

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1725, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By JOHNSON  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1725, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1725, 2024.*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)*

### 8.2 Fraser Valley Regional District 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1726, 2024

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2024–2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1726, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By LOEWEN  
Seconded By READ

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2024–2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1726, 2024*;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By POPOVE  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2024–2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1726, 2024*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)*

**8.3 Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1714, 2023**

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1714, 2023*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.4 Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum West Storm Drainage Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1715, 2023**

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum West Storm Drainage Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1715, 2023*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

8.5 Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1729, 2024

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By FACIO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board rescind first, second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1729, 2024*;

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1729, 2024*;

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By READ  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1729, 2024*.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

8.6 Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Water System Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1730, 2024

Moved By JOHNSON  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Water System Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1730, 2024*;

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

8.7 Fraser Valley Regional District Area A Garbage Disposal Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1731, 2024

Moved By JOHNSON  
Seconded By ADAMO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Area A Garbage Disposal Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1731, 2024*;

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

8.8 Fraser Valley Regional District Yale and District Community Use Facility Operation and Maintenance Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1732, 2024

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By CASSEL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Yale and District Community Use Facility Operation and Maintenance Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1732, 2024*;

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

8.9 Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 2024

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1733, 2024*.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

8.10 Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Areas E and H Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1734, 2024

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Areas E and H Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1734, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.11 Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Sewer System Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1735, 2024**

Moved By JOHNSON  
Seconded By BARKMAN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Sewer System Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1735, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.12 Fraser Valley Regional District South Cultus Lake Sewage Treatment Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1736, 2024**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District South Cultus Lake Sewage Treatment Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1736, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.13 Fraser Valley Regional District Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1737, 2024**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By ROSS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1737, 2024;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.14 Fraser Valley Regional District Dogwood Water System Local Service Area Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1738, 2024**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Dogwood Valley Water System Local Service Area Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1738, 2024*;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.15 Fraser Valley Regional District Public Notice Bylaw No. 1741, 2024**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Public Notice Bylaw No. 1741, 2024*;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By POPOVE  
Seconded By ROSS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Public Notice Bylaw No. 1741, 2024*;

**AND THAT** staff be directed to draft a Public Notice Policy for the Board's consideration.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.16 Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Systems Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1742, 2024**

Moved By LOEWEN  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1742, 2024*;

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1742, 2024;*

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By ROSS  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Regulations, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1742, 2024.*

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)*

8.17 Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Sewer System Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1744, 2024

Moved By JOHNSON  
Seconded By ADAMO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Sewer System Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1744, 2024;*

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By DICKY  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Sewer System Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1744, 2024;*

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted*

Moved By PRANGER  
Seconded By GILL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Bend Sewer System Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1744, 2024*.

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)*

9. PERMITS

9.1 Development Variance Permit 2024-01 to increase the maximum size of an accessory structure at 52655 Yale Road, Electoral Area D

This item was withdrawn.

10. CONTRACTS, COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

10.1 New Floodwater Mosquito Control Services Contract

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a new Services Agreement with Morrow BioScience for contracted services related to the Fraser Valley Regional District's Floodwater Mosquito Control Program.

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted*

10.2 Airpark Hangar Agreement

Moved By SMITH  
Seconded By ADAMO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a five-year agreement with Fred von Hardenberg for the purpose of a hangar land lease located at the Fraser Valley Regional Airpark in Hope.

CARRIED  
*All/Weighted*

**10.3 Village of Harrison Hot Springs Boat Launch Agreement**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a three year agreement with the Village of Harrison Hot Springs for the purpose of **continuing operations and management of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs' boat launch.**

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted*

**10.4 Lease Extension – Chilliwack River Valley Fire Hall**

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board enter into an agreement to modify its existing land lease on a portion of 48685 Chilliwack Lake Road in Electoral Area E, owned by the Chilliwack Fish & Game Protective Association, to allow for an expansion of the leased area and an extension of the term for a further 25 years, to account for future growth of the Chilliwack River Valley Fire Hall.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Weighted*

**11. OTHER MATTERS**

**11.1 Club Child After-School Daycare Program**

The corporate report dated March 14, 2024 by Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services, was provided for information.

**11.2 Hazard Report – Electoral Areas**

The corporate report dated February 29, 2024 by Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management, was provided for information.

**11.3 Frontage Waiver – 2 Lot Subdivision of 11871 McGimpsey Road, Electoral Area C**

Moved By WAARDENBURG  
Seconded By DICKY

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board exempt the proposed two-lot subdivision of 11871 McGimpsey Road, Electoral Area C from the minimum highway frontage requirements of Section 512 of the Local Government Act and the FVRD Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw, provided that frontage for the proposed Lots 1 and 2 are not less than 52m.

CARRIED  
*EAs/Unweighted*

**11.4 Agricultural Land Commission Application for Non-Farm Use at 8670 Sylvester Road, Electoral Area G**

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board forward the application for a Non-Farm Use at 8670 Sylvester Road, Electoral Area G, to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED  
*EAs/Unweighted*

**11.5 Building Bylaw, and BC Building Code Contraventions at 11383 Farms Road, Electoral Area F**

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By CASSEL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to file a Notice in the Land Title Office in accordance with Section 57 of the Community Charter respecting contraventions of *Fraser Valley Regional District Building Bylaw No. 1188, 2013* and the *BC Building Code* at 11383 Farms Road, Electoral Area F, Fraser Valley Regional District, British Columbia, legally known as: PARCEL "A" (EXPLANATORY PLAN 13103) LOT 2 PLAN 4334 AND OF LOT 3 PLAN 3212 SOUTH EAST QUARTER SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP 18 NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT, PID (008-038-554).

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

**11.6 Building Bylaw, and BC Building Code Contraventions at 12790 Stave Lake Road, Electoral Area F**

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to file a Notice in the Land Title Office in accordance with Section 57 of the Community Charter with respect to contraventions of *Fraser Valley Regional District Building Bylaw No. 1188, 2013* and the *BC Building Code*, at 12790 Stave Lake Road, Electoral Area F, Fraser Valley Regional District, British Columbia, legally known as: NORTH WEST QUARTER SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 18 EXCEPT: PART SUBDIVIDED BY PLAN 32097 SECONDLY: PART SUBDIVIDED BY PLAN 33864, NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT (PID: 004-713-371).

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

11.7 **Support for AdvantageHOPE's Municipal Regional & District Tax Program Renewal**

Discussion ensued on the impacts the program may have on short term rentals properties.

Moved By SMITH  
Seconded By READ

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board provide a letter of support to AdvantageHOPE for their renewal of the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program within the Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Areas A, B, and D from 2024 to 2029;

**AND THAT** staff be directed to ask to participate on AdvantageHOPE's Tourism Advisory Committee.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

12. **ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

13. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

13.1 **Letter from Aimee Watson, Chair, Regional District of Central Kootenay to Premier Eby, Minister Ma and Minister Hetman RE: Supplemental Feedback on EDMA and Regulations for Local Authorities**

13.2 **Letter from Brant Felker, Manager, Gas Tax Program Services, UBCM RE: Update on the Canada Community Building Fund Renewal (March 6, 2024)**

13.3 **Letter from Travous Quibell, Mayor, District of Hudson's Hope to The Honourable David Eby re: Support for Bill-34 (March 7, 2024)**

13.4 Letter from Brad Sperling, Chair, Peace River Regional District re: Province of BC - Proposed Land Act Amendments (March 12, 2024)

14. REPORTS BY STAFF

No items.

15. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS

Director Horn recognized the work done by the Hatzic Watershed Stewardship Team and the FVRD Directors and Staff involved, and noted the recent funding received.

Director Cassel also recognized the work done by the Hatzic Watershed Stewardship Team, especially for the Nicomen Island project.

Director Adamo reported recently touring Area B with MLA Jackie Tegart and discussing challenges throughout the area. Director Adamo also recognized the work of the Lower Cascade Flood Mitigation program team and reported an upcoming meeting with the selected contractor.

Director Smith reported recently meeting with MLA Jackie Tegart and touring Othello Tunnels Provincial Park and downtown Hope, and discussing future opportunities and challenges throughout the District.

Chair Lum acknowledged the recent announcement of funding from the Province for the BC Flood Strategy, which the Board has been awaiting, and listed a few highlights as well as components still missing from the plan.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

Jackie Tegart, MLA for Fraser-Nicola, attended and thanked the board for their work.

17. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By ROSS

**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)(g) of the *Community Charter* - litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

*All/Unweighted*

*The meeting recessed at 6:54pm.*

**18. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 7:38pm.

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

No items.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By POPOVE

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of March 21, 2024 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board open meeting of March 21, 2024 adjourned at 7:38pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy