

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2024
10:00 am

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 Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A
Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Paul Horn, City of Mission
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford *(Zoom) (arrived at 10:03am)*
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope
Alt. Director Susan Spaeti, District of Kent

Regrets: Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent

Others Present: Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E
Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Stacey Barker, Deputy CAO/Director of Regional Services
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Adam Swartz, Manager of Information Technology, GIS & FDM
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
David Urban, Deputy Director of Regional Services
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Eli Ross, Environmental Services Coordinator
Melissa Geddert, Planner I *(Zoom)*
Theresa Alexander, Planner I *(Zoom)*
Kate Fenton, Planner I (Indigenous Relations) *(Zoom)*
Melanie Jones, Accountant *(Zoom)*
Kinga Williams, Accountant *(Zoom)*

Riley Smith, Planning Technician (*Zoom*)
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst II
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*recording secretary*)

No members of the public were present in person or online.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Lum provided introductory remarks recognizing the homeland of the 30 First Nations located within the Fraser Valley Regional District.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the open meeting to order at 10:00am.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By HORN

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of April 11, 2024 be approved;

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

CARRIED

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

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

Moved By POPOVE
Seconded By ADAMO

THAT the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of March 14, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Automatic Vehicle Location Technology Policy

Moved By ROSS
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board abolish the Automatic Vehicle Location Technology Policy.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

6.1 **Canada's New Forced Labour Act & Reporting Requirements**

The corporate report dated April 11, 2024 by Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO, was provided for information.

6.2 **2023 Grant Financial Accountability Reporting**

The corporate report dated April 11, 2024 by Kinga Williams and Melanie Jones, Accountants, was provided for information.

6.3 **Financial Plan 2024-2028 Amendment: April**

Moved By HORN
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1726, 2024 to include five Electoral Area Service Amendments and thirteen Regional Services amendments.

CARRIED

6.4 **UBCM - Excellence in Governance Award Application**

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By SPAETI

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support the application to UBCM's Excellence in Governance Award for the FVRD Financial Plan's public engagement and transparency.

CARRIED

7. REGIONAL SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1.1 Do-It-Yourself Indoor Air Cleaner Workshops

The corporate report dated April 11, 2024 by Elias Ross, Environmental Services Coordinator was provided for information. The Committee requested staff provide an example of the air cleaner at the April Board meeting.

7.2 INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

7.2.1 Provincial Land Management Legislative Updates related to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

The corporate report dated April 11, 2024 by Kate Fenton, Planner I, Indigenous Relations, was provided for information.

7.3 REGIONAL PARKS

7.3.1 Vancouver Soaring Association Seasonal Lease

Moved By ADAMO
Seconded By SMITH

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a five year agreement with the Vancouver Soaring Association for the purpose of a seasonal lease located at the Fraser Valley Regional Airpark in Hope.

CARRIED

7.4 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.4.1 Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan Update

The corporate report dated April 11, 2024 by Theresa Alexander, Planner I was provided for information.

7.4.2 Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1706. 2023 (Fraser Valley Future 2050)

Moved By ROSS
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receives the City of Abbotsford, City of Chilliwack, City of Mission, District of Hope, District of Kent, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, Metro Vancouver Regional District, Squamish-Lillooet

Regional District, Thompson Nicola Regional District and Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen resolutions to accept *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1706, 2023* in accordance with Section 436 of the Local Government Act;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board deem the *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1706, 2023* accepted in accordance with Section 436 of the Local Government Act;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1706, 2023*;

AND FINALLY THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1706, 2023*.

CARRIED

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Letter from Jeff Weightman, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food RE: A Presentation on Land Use Planning for Agriculture - Invitation (March 22, 2024)

Discussion ensued and the following motion was brought forward:

Moved By HORN
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board send an invitation to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to provide a presentation on land use planning for agriculture to a future meeting of the FVRD Board.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS BY STAFF

No items.

11. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Adamo: Clean up at Skagit River happened over the weekend that was started by a group of individuals in the Hope area. Thank you to those who came together and to Director Smith for participating.

Director Horn: City of Mission has been concerned about 92 unit affordable housing building that was not funded in the most recent community housing fund trench through BC housing. Request for support from Directors to help get building funded.

Director Smith: Thank you to Director Adamo for work at Skagit River clean up. Earth Day event taking place in Hope with Areas A and B.

Director Facio: Health and Wellness Fair taking place this Saturday from 10-2 at Memorial Hall in Harrison.

Director Dixon: Rotary Climate Fair taking place this weekend at the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre.

Director MacAhonic: Vedder River Clean up event is taking place at Thompson Regional Park on April 20.

Director Lum: Met with **Sts'ailes** to talk about furthering their relationship. Visited Director Smith to see exciting things happening in Hope.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

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

13. 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 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)(i) of the *Community Charter* - the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

The open meeting recessed at 10:24am.

14. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at 10:38am.

Discussion ensued regarding writing a letter to the Ministry of Housing and the following motion was brought forward:

Moved By HORN
Seconded By SIEMENS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Chair write a letter to the Minister of Housing asking for quicker resolution on housing matters, including issues of inter-Ministry planning, existing buildings used for affordable housing units, and encampments on Crown land.

CARRIED

15. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

No items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of April 11, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Fraser Valley Regional District Regional and Corporate Services Committee meeting of April 11, 2024 adjourned at 10:49am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Bill Dickey, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy