FRASER VALLEY ABORIGINAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
10:00 a.m.
FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present: Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G, Chair
Councillor Brenda Falk, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair
Director Sam Waddington, City of Chilliwack
Director Alec Niemi, Electoral Area C
Director Wilfried Vicktor, District of Hope
Director Jim Hinds, District of Mission
Councillor Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
Councillor Samantha Piper, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, City of Coquitlam, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee Observer Member *(arrv. 10:30 a.m.)*

Regrets: Chris Crosman, Deputy CAO, City of Chilliwack
Jake Rudolph, Deputy City Manager, City of Abbotsford
John Fortolozky, CAO, District of Hope
Wallace Mah, CAO, District of Kent
Commissioner David Renwick, Cultus Lake Park Board
Bonny Bryant, CAO, Cultus Lake Park Board
Madeline McDonald, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Ron Poole, CAO, District of Mission
Marino Piombini, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

Staff Present: Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs/FVARC Administrator
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Jennifer Kinneman, Manager of Corporate Affairs
Jaime Schween, Manager of Corporate Administration
Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations
Amanda Molloy, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board
Tina Mooney, Executive Assistant
Chris Lee, Recording Secretary

No members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Barclay Pitkethly, FVARC Administrator called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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2. ELECTION of FVARC Chair

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Chair for 2018.

Director Niemi nominated Director Stobbart. Director Stobbart accepted the nomination.

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations a second and third time. With no other nominations, the FVARC Administrator declared Director Stobbart as Chair of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee for the year 2018.

Director Stobbart assumed the Chair.

3. ELECTION of FVARC Vice-Chair

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Vice-Chair for 2018.

Director Waddington nominated Councillor Falk. Councillor Falk accepted the nomination.

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations a second and third time. With no other nominations, the FVARC Administrator declared Councillor Falk as Vice Chair of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee for the year 2018.

Councillor Falk assumed the Vice Chair.

Chair Stobbart thanked the Committee and staff for their work and efforts in making progress on building relationships with First Nations.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved by Director HINDS
Seconded by Councillor PIPER

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of February 20, 2018 be approved;

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

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5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours (SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism)

The FVARC Administrator welcomed back Naxaxalhts'i, Hon.LL.D.UVic (Albert 'Sonny' McHalsie) Historian/Cultural Advisor, Stó:lō Management Centre Narrator/Tour Guide, Bad Rock Tours (SRRMC/Stó:lō Tourism) to the meeting. Mr. McHalsie provided a Halq'eméylem/Sxwōxwiyam lesson, teaching on language and the importance of sharing Stó:lō culture and shared the story of *The Abandoned Boy.*

Director Stobbart thanked Sonny McHalsie for his enlightening presentation.

6. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting - December 6, 2017

Moved by Director WADDINGTON
Seconded by Councillor FALK

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

CARRIED

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Councillor PRANGER
Seconded by Director WADDINGTON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the following appointments:

7.1 In-SHUCK-ch Table Representatives

Councillor Falk

7.2 Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Table Representative

Director Stobbart

7.3 Katzie Table Representative

Councillor Falk

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7.4 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee (Observer Member)

Councillor Falk

Councillor Bonita Zarrillo arrived at the meeting (10:30 a.m.).

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2018 Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Proposed Meeting Schedule

The FVARC Administrator noted that more meetings or workshops may be scheduled as issues arise.

Moved by Councillor FALK
Seconded by Councillor PRANGER

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee hold meetings on May 10, 2018 and September 18, 2018.

CARRIED

8.2 First Nations Relations Work Plan for 2018

Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – First Nations provided a brief update on the First Nations Work Plan for 2018. She reported that the Work Plan and programs are projected in a 3-year outlook, progressively building capacity and function toward 5 Strategic Objectives. She provided a brief summary of the following Objectives:

- *Policy*
  - Will include development of a MOU with SXTA;
  - Continue to work on building a Reconciliation Plan for FVRD;
  - Develop a Terms of Reference for implementing a re-configured Regional Indigenous Relations Committee (RIRC).

- *Resources*
  - Key resource initiative is CEDAR Network – Phase II

- *Reporting*
  - Regular reporting and communications will continue through the Regional and Corporate Services Committee (RACS), the Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) and the FVRD Board;
  - FVRD Connections eNewsletter will continue to be published on a weekly basis with Board-in-Brief published externally to First Nations;
  - Continue to monitor all regional Treaty negotiations and active tables.

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- *Relationships*
  - Establishing and maintaining meaningful, collaborative relationships with First Nations is of central importance – work to be done by all staff, management and elected officials;
  - The FVRD SXTA C2C Forum will be key opportunity for regional relationship building.

- *Learning*
  - Professional development courses will be offered and other learning opportunities to local government staff and elected officials;
  - The #IndigenousReads FVRD reading and discussion group will continue to meet quarterly;
  - Under the *FVRD Learns* program participants will have the opportunity to work towards a Specialization Certificate in Indigenous/Settler Relations;
  - Staff will seek partnerships with First Nations to provide additional learning opportunities regarding archaeological artifact identification and cultural protocols awareness.

Members noted that the CEDAR Network has been a well utilized resource and staff was commended on their work on this initiative.

8.3 CEDAR Network Phase II Planning

Jessica Morrison provided a brief update on the CEDAR Network, noting that Phase II work will fall under three categories:

- Enhancement of existing features
- Addition of new features
- Addition of new data

A request was made for staff to make a presentation on the CEDAR Network at the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee meeting.

Opportunity to have knowledge base links to the CEDAR Network site was also proposed.

Jessica Morrison requested members to inform her should they encounter any outdated information on the site.

9. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None

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10. REPORTS BY STAFF

None

11. REPORT BY DIRECTORS

Director Hinds reported that the District of Mission has brought forward their Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan and as part of the process are redoing the information signs in Heritage Park. They are currently working with the local First Nations in developing the signage. He also noted that the School Board now has a curriculum within the School District in elementary schools on First Nations heritage events.

Director Waddington reported that Chilliwack installed new signage along the Highway One corridor last year and they are currently in discussion with First Nations regarding inclusion of the indigenous piece to some of the signage.

Councillor Piper, who is the Chair for the Education and Awareness Committee for the BC Road Safety Strategy and also Chair of the Provincial Working Group on Aboriginal Road Safety team reported that the Committee is looking to engage with First Nations directly to create education and awareness on road safety and the hope is that some communities will come forward to want to implement some road safety improvements in their communities.

Discussion ensued regarding road safety in aboriginal communities. It was noted that having transit accessible to the aboriginal communities in remote areas would be extremely valuable.

In response as to whether the Regional District have a formal policy on signage, the Manager of Corporate Affairs reported that staff are currently working with individual Electoral Area directors individually to see what kind of supplementary messaging is required for their areas and that it has been a long process working with MoTI to get signage in place.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

13. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Pranger
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the meeting be closed to the public except for senior staff and 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:

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- 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.

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The Open Meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m.

14 RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Open Meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

15 RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None

16 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by NIEMI
Seconded by PIPER

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Minutes of February 20, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Al Stobbart, Chair

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