

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 27, 2025
(Immediately following the FVRHD Board Meeting)
In person at FVRD Boardroom, 4th Floor, or by Zoom Conference Call
45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Members Present: Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Chair

Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack, Vice Chair

Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B Director Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H

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

Alt. Director Leanne Herrick, Electoral Area E Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent Director Nicole Read, City of Chilliwack Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford Director Victor Smith, District of Hope Alt. Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G

Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C, (arrived at 6:26pm)

Regrets: Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G

Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E

Staff Present: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO

Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

Stacey Barker, Deputy CAO/Director of Regional Services Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering Services

Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
David Urban, Deputy Director of Regional Services
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks
Katelyn Hipwell, Manager of Planning
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications
Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst II
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (recording secretary)

Also Present: One member of the public in person, none online.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Ross recognized the homeland of the 31 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 6:07pm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO Seconded By CHAHAL

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of February 27, 2025 be approved, with the removal of items 7.1 and 9.2;

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

CARRIED All/Unweighted

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 <u>Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition</u>

Mariah Mund, Resilience Lead of the Emergency Planning Secretariat, and Deborah Carlson, Staff Lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law, gave a presentation concerning building a multi-beneficial flood management plan throughout the Fraser Valley. Historical flooding data was provided, as well as recent efforts and strategies that are starting to take shape between the Province and local municipalities. The presenters suggested using a resident-first approach to ensuring the growing

populations in the floodplain are protected, and infrastructure is updated appropriately as determined by flood risk, including considering how our communities and services are interconnected and interdependent.

Comments were offered by Directors regarding the existing watershed tables in different stages of their work, and how those groups may come together in the future to share and learn from each other.

5. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

5.1 <u>Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - January 30, 2025</u>

Moved By PRANGER Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of January 30, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

- 6. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING
 - 6.1 <u>Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes February 13, 2025</u>
 - 6.2 <u>Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes February 13, 2025</u>
- 7. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
 - 7.1 Item withdrawn.
- 8. FINANCE
 - 8.1 <u>Grant-in-Aid Request McConnell Creek Farmers Institute, Electoral Area F</u>

Moved By DAVIDSON Seconded By SMITH

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$7,500 to McConnell Creek Farmers Institute, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area F grant-in-aid budget, to assist with the cost of capital improvements to the community hall, as well as repair and maintenance costs.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

8.2 <u>Grant-in-Aid Request – Hemlock Valley Homeowner's Association, Electoral Area</u> <u>C</u>

Moved By WAARDENBURG Seconded By ADAMO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C grant-in-aid budget, to assist with costs of upcoming community events.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

9. BYLAWS

9.1 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025</u>

Moved By LUM Seconded By DRIESSEN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025;*

CARRIED All/Weighted

Moved By KLOOT Seconded By SIEMENS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025;*

CARRIED All/Weighted

Moved By FACIO Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025.*

CARRIED All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)

- 9.2 Item withdrawn.
- 9.3 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment</u> <u>Bylaw No. 1757, 2024</u>

Moved By DAVIDSON Seconded By CHAHAL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board rescind third reading given to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1757, 2024;*

CARRIED All/Unweighted

Moved By HORN Seconded By LUM

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give a new third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1757, 2024.*

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

9.4 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District Yale and District Community Use Facility Operation and Maintenance Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1758, 2024</u>

Moved By ADAMO Seconded By READ

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. 1758, 2024.*

CARRIED All/Unweighted

9.5 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Areas E and H Community Parks Service</u> <u>Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1759, 2024</u>

Moved By DIXON Seconded By DICKEY

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. 1759, 2024.*

CARRIED All/Unweighted

9.6 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1763, 2024</u>

Moved By ADAMO Seconded By READ

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. 1763, 2024.*

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

9.7 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District Water Supply Systems Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1765, 2025</u>

Moved By KLOOT Seconded By DIXON

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. 1765, 2025;*

CARRIED All/Weighted

Moved By LUM Seconded By SIEMENS

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. 1765, 2025;*

CARRIED All/Weighted

Moved By FACIO Seconded By DRIESSEN

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. 1765, 2025.*

CARRIED All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)

9.8 <u>Fraser Valley Regional District Sewer Systems Regulation, Fees and Charges Establishment Bylaw No. 1768, 2025</u>

Moved By READ Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Sewer Systems Regulations, Fees and Charges Establishment Bylaw No. 1768, 2025;

CARRIED All/Weighted

Moved By LOEWEN Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sewer Systems Regulations, Fees and Charges Establishment Bylaw No.1768, 2025;*

CARRIED All/Weighted

Moved By DIXON Seconded By BARKMAN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Sewer Systems Regulations, Fees and Charges Establishment Bylaw No.1768, 2025.*

CARRIED All/Weighted (2/3 Votes Cast)

9.9 <u>Service Area Establishment Bylaw Amendment – Requisition Increase 2025</u>

Moved By CHAHAL Seconded By STOBBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Rexford Creek Storm Drainage Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1770, 2025;

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

Moved By HORN Seconded By PRANGER **THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Rexford Creek Storm Drainage Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1770, 2025.*

CARRIED All/Unweighted

Moved By KLOOT Seconded By LOEWEN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area C Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2025;

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

Moved By SIEMENS Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area C Community Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1771, 2025.*

CARRIED All/Unweighted

10. PERMITS

10.1 <u>Development Variance Permit 2025-01 to reduce setbacks at 46090 Lougheed</u> <u>Hwy, Electoral Area C</u>

Alternate Director Stobbart declared a conflict of interest as he is a member on the **Board of Directors for the Sts'ailes** Development Corporation and excused himself from voting and discussion on this item at 6:33pm.

The Chair provided an opportunity for public comment with respect to Item 10.1. No comments were offered.

Moved By WAARDENBURG Seconded By ADAMO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board issue Development Variance Permit 2025-01 to reduce interior lot line setbacks to up to 0.0 metres for the placement of water treatment and fire suppression systems at 46090 Lougheed Hwy, Electoral Area C, subject to the registration of an easement to secure access to the Licenced Area, and subject to the consideration of any comments or concerns raised from the public.

CARRIED *EAs/Unweighted*

Alternate Director Stobbart rejoined the meeting at 6:34pm.

10.2 <u>Temporary Use Permit Application for the storage of recreational vehicles at</u> 38482 Bell Road, Electoral Area G

Moved By DICKEY Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refuse Temporary Use Permit application 2024-01 for the outdoor storage of recreational vehicles at 38482 Bell Road, Area G.

CARRIED *EAs/Unweighted*

11. CONTRACTS, COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

11.1 <u>Invasive Weed Control Program Service Agreement</u>

Moved By PRANGER Seconded By GILL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a new service agreement with the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society for the management of invasive weeds related to the Fraser Valley Regional District's Invasive Weed Control Program.

CARRIED *All/Weighted*

11.2 <u>Chaumox Landfill Operation Contract Extension</u>

Moved By STOBBART Seconded By ADAMO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the sole-sourced purchase valued up to \$372,510 with the Boston Bar Area A Landfill Society for the 2024 and 2025 operation of the Chaumox Landfill;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a contract with the Boston Bar Area A Landfill Society for the amount of \$372,510 for the 2024 and 2025 operation of the Chaumox Landfill.

CARRIED All/Weighted

11.3 <u>Proposed Earthquake Early Warning Station at the Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Hall</u>

Moved By JOHNSON Seconded By DRIESSEN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct its signatories to enter into a licence agreement with Natural Resources Canada for the installation of an Earthquake Early Warning station at the Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Hall.

CARRIED All/Weighted

11.4 <u>Abbotsford and Agassiz Air Quality Monitoring Stations - Licences of Occupation</u>

Moved By FACIO Seconded By GIBSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Licence of Occupation with the City of Abbotsford for the air quality monitoring station located at Mill Lake Park in Abbotsford:

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Licence of Occupation with the District of Kent for the air quality monitoring station located at Centennial Park in Agassiz.

CARRIED All/Weighted

11.5 Covenants relating to the subdivision of land at 41523 Nicomen Island Trunk Road, Electoral Area G

Moved By STOBBART Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute all legal documents relating to subdivision file 3320-20 2023-03664 at 41523 Nicomen Island Trunk Road, Electoral Area G.

All/Unweighted

12. OTHER MATTERS

12.1 <u>BC Transit Fare Review Initiative</u>

The staff report dated February 27, 2025 by Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning, was provided for information.

12.2 <u>BC Air Access Program – Funding Application</u>

Moved By READ Seconded By GILL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support an application under the British Columbia Air Access Program – Major Projects for \$150,000.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

12.3 <u>Boston Bar First Nation's Grant Application Request for Support</u>

Discussion ensued regarding the partnership in this project. Staff noted Boston Bar First Nation is not able to apply for this funding on their own, and required a partnership with local government to qualify, and the FVRD will participate through an advisory role only.

Moved By JOHNSON Seconded By LUM

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board acknowledges and supports Boston Bar First Nation's application for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund Feasibility Study Grant for the Boston Bar Geothermal and Green Hydrogen Project, in partnership with the Fraser Valley Regional District.

AND THAT Boston Bar First Nation is the lead applicant on this project, and the Fraser Valley Regional District supports the application as the eligible local government with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District as a partner is absolved from any financial or administrative obligations to this project.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

12.4 <u>Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan Update</u>

Moved By FACIO Seconded By HORN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff, subject to not receiving confirmation of funding from the Rural Transit Solutions Fund by the end of March 2025, to use Strategic Planning and Initiatives surplus funds to complete the Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan in lieu of receiving federal funding;

AND THAT the scope of the project be adjusted to also assess handyDART connections between the region's urban centres.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

12.5 Quarterly Report Q4 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)

The Quarterly Report Q4 was provided for information.

12.6 <u>2025 Advocacy and LMLGA Resolutions</u>

Moved By KLOOT Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to forward two resolutions to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference from April 29 – May 1, 2025;

RESOLUTION #1: Illegal dumping in rural areas clean-up funding

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia does not have a funding policy in place to offset costs associated to illegal dumping in rural areas of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the dumping/tipping fees, equipment, and fuel costs to clean-up the effects of abandoned vehicles, garbage, and litter unfairly places hardships on the efforts of dedicated volunteers and requires the backing of private donations to cover the costs associated with the clean-up work;

AND WHEREAS these sites are unsightly, negatively impact environmentally sensitive areas including waterways and natural spaces, posing a threat to public safety; AND WHEREAS the sites are located on rural Crown land area, and can be directly associated with the impacts of low inventories of affordable housing in the Province of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the provincial government to take urgent steps to develop a policy to support a community-based funding model to support clean-up efforts on Crown lands undertaken by volunteers and organized interest groups.

RESOLUTION #2: <u>Unmet Demands on Social and Community Infrastructure as a Result of Provincial Housing Targets</u>

WHEREAS the mandate letters of the sitting provincial government include

- Growing the economy;
- Affordability;
- Strengthening healthcare; and
- Community safety

AND WHEREAS the Province has mandated accelerated and densified housing, placing historical and unmet demands on social and community infrastructure such as education, transit, social welfare and supportive housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the provincial government to focus on strengthening complete communities and make historically significant investments in schools, community mental health, and transit to accommodate growth.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

A question was raised regarding the time frame and next steps for the issues listed within the staff report that were not forwarded to the LMLGA for consideration. Staff noted next steps will include contacting the relevant ministries to discuss these issues and research potential outcomes before submitting formal requests and resolutions.

Staff also noted that with legislature back in session, these meetings may be further delayed or difficult to secure, and the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee may need to create different advocacy approaches.

Moved By HORN Seconded By GILL

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to further develop an Advocacy Plan, following 14 issues in 2025.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

Comments were offered from municipal **Directors in support of the City of Chilliwack's** resolution.

Moved By POPOVE Seconded By READ

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board submit a letter of support to LMLGA regarding the resolution put forward from the City of Chilliwack concerning Equitable Distribution of Shelter Beds.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

12.7 <u>Electoral Area Flood Infrastructure Policy Update and Gap Analysis</u>

The staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering and Utilities, was provided for information.

12.8 <u>Framework for Consideration of Soil-Related Development Applications and Referrals</u>

Moved By ADAMO Seconded By WAARDENBURG

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to apply the Framework for Consideration of Soil Related Development Applications and Referrals as a guide in the review and assessment of applications involving soil deposit.

Discussion ensued resulting in the following motion being brought forward:

Moved By DAVIDSON Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refer the Framework for Consideration of Soil Related Development Applications and Referrals back to staff.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

12.9 <u>Major Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendments to facilitate the</u> redevelopment of 52285, 52375, 52425, 52445 Yale Road, Electoral Area D, into a residential subdivision with commercial and multifamily land uses

Vice Chair Kloot declared a conflict of interest as a family member owned one of the subject properties and he was involved in the transaction, he excused himself from discussion and voting on this topic at 7:15pm.

Moved By DICKEY Seconded By WAARDENBURG

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to host a public information meeting to present and review the redevelopment proposal for 52285, 52375, 52425, 52445 Yale Road, Electoral Area D prior to consideration of any readings of *Fraser Valley Regional District Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1767, 2025 and Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 1766, 2025, in accordance with*

Section 4.6 of the *Fraser Valley Regional District Development Procedures Bylaw No.* 1377, 2016.

CARRIED *EAs/Unweighted*

Vice Chair Kloot rejoined the meeting at 7:16pm.

12.10 <u>Steward Logistics Inc. (SLI) Towers Telecommunications Tower Referral at 53294</u> <u>Yale Road, Electoral Area D</u>

Moved By DICKEY Seconded By JOHNSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board respond to the referral from Steward Logistics Inc. Towers for the installation of a new telecommunications tower at 53294 Yale Road, Area D with the following comments:

- 1. The scope of the public consultation is satisfactory to the Fraser Valley Regional District.
- 2. Steward Logistics Inc. Towers will provide documentation confirming the consultation is complete.
- 3. Steward Logistics Inc. Towers has provided information about the potential for other telecommunications companies to co-locate on the proposed tower.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

12.11 <u>Temporary changes to liquor licensing at Sasquatch Inn, Electoral Area C</u>

Moved By HORN Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the application received January 15, 2025 for a temporary change to the liquor license for the Sasquatch Inn Ltd (46001 Lougheed Highway, Electoral Area C) with the following comments: The Board has no objection to the planned event and requested change to the Liquor Licence, subject to the following items being addressed:

- 1. Temporary provisions for vehicular parking to ensure the requirements identified in the current local *Zoning* for the property are being followed (one parking spot per three seats provided for patron use), as outlined in the *Zoning Bylaw No. 1638, 2021*.
- 2. Temporary provisions for the existing facilities will be adequate for the proposed increased occupant load pursuant to the Provincial Sewerage Regulation.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

Moved By LUM Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District board direct staff to prepare a report on streamlining processes for issuing temporary changes to liquor licencing.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

12.12 <u>Lounge Area Endorsement Liquor License Application - Chestnut Springs Cidery,</u> 1331 Janovick Road, Electoral Area H

Moved By DIXON Seconded By BARKMAN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse the application received November 18, 2024 for a Lounge Area Endorsement License for Chestnut Springs Cidery at 1331 Janovick Road in Electoral Area H with the following comments: The Board has no objection to the Lounge Area Endorsement Liquor License, subject to Provincial *Agricultural Land Commission Act* regulations.

CARRIED All/Unweighted

12.13 <u>Development Permits Issued in 2024 by the Director of Planning & Development</u>

The staff report dated February 13, 2025 by K.C. Brennan, Planning Assistant, was provided for information.

12.14 Preliminary Interpretation of a Large Landslide Complex at Boston Bar

The staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Katelyn Hipwell, Manager of Planning, was provided for information.

12.15 Evacuation Route Guide – Electoral Area E

The staff report dated February 13, 2025 by Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management, and Area E Evacuation Guide, were provided for information.

13. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 <u>Letter from Mayor Smith, District of Hope, to Honourable Niki Sharma, Attorney General of BC RE: Prolific Criminal Activity and the Justice System (January 13, 2025)</u>

15. REPORTS BY STAFF

No items.

16. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS

No items.

17. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

One question was submitted via email by Mike Armstrong in regards to item 11.1. The question requested funding for the Nature Trust of BC, and staff provided information on this topic.

18. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO Seconded By DRIESSEN

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)(c) of the *Community Charter* labour relations or other employee relations:
- Section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district;
- Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter* litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district;
- Section 90(1)(I) of the *Community Charter* discussions with regional district officers and employees respecting regional objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 *[annual regional district report]*.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

The open meeting recessed at 7:21pm.

19. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at 8:04pm.

20. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

No items.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of February 27, 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED *All/Unweighted*

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board open meeting of February 27, 2025 adjourned at 8:05pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:	
Director Patricia Ross, Chair	Corporate Officer/Deputy