

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGIONAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2025  
10:00 am

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 Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G
  - Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
  - Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
  - Director Paul Horn, City of Mission
  - Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E
  - Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
  - Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent
  - Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford (*Zoom*)
  - Director Victor Smith, District of Hope
  - Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C
- Staff Present:**
- Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer
  - Stacey Barker, Deputy CAO/Director of Regional Services
  - Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO
  - Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
  - Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer
  - David Urban, Manager of Integrated Planning & Engagement
  - Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
  - Sam Piper, Manager of Communications
  - Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
  - Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
  - Adam Swartz, Manager of Information Technology, GIS & FDM
  - Melissa Geddert, Acting Manager of Integrated Planning and Engagement
  - Riley Smith, Planner I
  - Shayla Berthelet, Administrative Clerk
  - Lucas Thompson, Network Analyst III
  - Melanie Jones, Accountant (*Zoom*)
  - Kim Nguyen, Environmental Services Technician (*Zoom*)
- Also Present:**
- Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A
  - Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (*Zoom*)
  - Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H (*Zoom*)

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Ross provided introductory remarks recognizing the homeland of the 31 First Nations located within the Fraser Valley Regional District.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By CASSEL

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of April 10, 2025 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 13, 2025**

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of March 13, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. FINANCE**

**5.1 Financial Plan 2025-2029 Amendment – April**

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw

No. 1769, 2025 to include nineteen Electoral Area Service Amendments and twelve Regional Service Amendments.

CARRIED

6. REGIONAL SERVICES

6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

6.1.1 Regional Zero-Emissions Mobility Strategy

The corporate report dated April 10, 2025 by Elias Ross, Environmental Service Coordinator was provided for information.

6.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

6.2.1 2025 Regional Economic Review and Related Initiatives

Riley Smith, Planner I provided a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included: Regional Economic Review, Business Counts, Commuter Flow, Global Exports, Strategic Planning Initiatives, Regional Commercial Real Estate Market Overview, and Regional Industrial Lands Inventory overview.

The corporate report dated April 10, 2025 by Riley Smith, Planner I was provided for information.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Social Media Policy – Update

Discussion ensued regarding the various social media platforms the FVRD is currently using and plans to “X” (formerly known as Twitter) moving forward.

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the *Social Media Policy*.

CARRIED

Further discussion ensued and the following motion was brought forward:

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a report including recommendations on social media platforms that provide the best message integrity and civic engagement value at a future board meeting.

**CARRIED**

**7.2     Media Relations Policy – Update**

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed procedure for the FVRD spokesperson, and times when the Electoral Area Services Committee Chair would act as spokesperson.

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By POPOVE

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the *Media Relations Policy*.

**CARRIED**

**8.     ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

**9.     REPORTS BY STAFF**

No items.

**10.    REPORTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Pranger: Thanked the Chilliwack Plowing Society for hosting their annual event and congratulated Director Popove on winning the plow match.

Director Horn: The City of Mission will be participating in the 2026 Provincial Budget Consultation and noted that the window to register as an active participant is open until tomorrow at 2pm. In person consultation will be taking place in Surrey, BC and there is also the option to write in.

Director MacAhonic: Expressed various concerns in Electoral Area E: safety of residents, theft, trespassing, damages to land, and noted that a meeting will be taking place with the Acting Superintendent of the RCMP. There are now 7 homeless camps in the area.

**11.    PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA**

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

**12.    RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By SMITH

**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)(d) of the *Community Charter* - the security of the property of the regional district;
- Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public;
- 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.

**RECESS**

**CARRIED**

*The open meeting recessed at 11:06am.*

**13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 12:15pm.

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

No items.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of April 10, 2025 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Fraser Valley Regional District Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open meeting of April 10, 2025 adjourned at 12:15pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy