

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT  
ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

1:30 pm

In person at FVRD Boardroom, 4th Floor, or by Zoom Conference Call  
45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

- Members Present:** Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D, Chair  
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H, Vice Chair  
Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B (*Zoom*)  
Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G  
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (*Zoom*)  
Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A  
Alt. Director Leanne Herrick, Electoral Area E  
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C
- Staff Present:** Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Stacey Barker, Deputy CAO/Director of Regional Services  
Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO  
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development  
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering Services  
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO (*Zoom*)  
Sterling Chan, Deputy Director of Engineering  
Katelyn Hipwell, Manager of Planning  
Dave Roblin, Manager of Operations  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications  
Melanie Jones, Accountant (*Zoom*)  
Amy Hsieh, Planner I (*Zoom*)  
Andrea Antifaeff, Planner II (*Zoom*)  
Darby Lewis, Planning Practicum Student (*Zoom*)  
Lucas Thompson, Network Analyst III  
Shayla Berthelet, Administrative Clerk
- Also Present:** 1 Member of public in person, 2 members of public on Zoom

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Dickey 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 1:31pm.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT ON REGIONAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

None.

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

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting of April 10, 2025 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**

5. **MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

5.1 **Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2025**

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting held March 13, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

6. **FINANCE**

6.1 **2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Deroche & District Community Association, Electoral Areas C and G**

Moved By CASSEL

Seconded By WAARDENBURG

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,000 to Deroche & District Community Association, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C and Electoral Area G grant-in-aid budgets, to assist with replacing the front access door, steps, and landing at the Deroche Community Hall.

CARRIED

**6.2     2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Post Creek Ratepayers Association, Electoral Area E**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By CASSEL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to the Post Creek Ratepayers Association, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area E grant-in-aid budget, to assist with costs of various continuing community preparedness projects.

CARRIED

**6.3     2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Cultus Lake Park Board Community Events and Engagement Committee, Electoral Area H**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to the Cultus Lake Park Community Events and Engagement Committee, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of the annual Cultus Lake Day event.

CARRIED

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

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**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

7. PLANNING, BUILDING INSPECTION AND BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1 Covenants for subdivision file 3320-20-2017-07445, 6 lot strata subdivision of 3636 Columbia Valley Road, Electoral Area H

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute all documents relating to subdivision file 3320-20-2017-07445, 6 lot strata subdivision of 3636 Columbia Valley Road, Electoral Area H.

CARRIED

7.2 Agricultural Land Commission Application for Fill at 10940 Stave Lake Road, Electoral Area F

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By CASSEL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refuse to forward the application for Placement of Fill at 10940 Stave Lake Road, Electoral Area F, to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED

7.3 Steward Logistics Inc. Towers Telecommunications Tower Referral at 58251 Laidlaw Road, Electoral Area B

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board respond to the referral from SLI Towers for the installation of a new telecommunications tower at 58251 Laidlaw Road, Area B with the following comments:

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

CARRIED

**7.4 Fraser Valley Regional District Repeal (Cultus Lake Sewer Connection and Regulations) Bylaw No. 1784, 2025**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Repeal (Cultus Lake Sewer Connection and Regulations) Bylaw No. 1784, 2025*.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Update on Proposed Harrison Rise Development at 43837 & 43873 Lougheed Highway, Area C**

The staff report dated April 10, 2025 by Katelyn Hipwell, Manager of Planning was provided for information.

**8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

**9. REPORTS BY STAFF**

No items.

**10. REPORTS BY ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS**

Director Johnson: Attended "Building Resilient Communities" workshop in Hope.

Director Waardenburg: Attended the Lions Fundraiser at the Deroche Hall, the ACES seed exchange in Area G, and a Bingo Fundraiser at the Harrison Mills Hall.

Director Dixon: Attended the clean up on Soowahlie land with many volunteers. Concerns are rising around homelessness in Area H, including theft and damages to property and land. Delivered FireSmart flyers to the community and began cleaning up debris in area to ensure fire safety. Road work and the Blue Creek project continue to take place. Summer planning meeting to take place with the RCMP and Cultus Lake Park Board and invitation to all to attend the Easter Egg Hunt at 11am on Saturday, April 12.

Director MacAhonic: Attended the Vedder River clean up with 114 volunteers and working on scheduling another stakeholder meeting. 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. Emergency Management team will be presenting on evacuation plan and FireSmart.

Director Cassel: Noted that the Sasquatch Lions raised over \$17,000 during their garage sale and auction and additional money was raised by the North Fraser Fire Department volunteers through a pancake breakfast. Attended a meeting with Fraser Nicola MLA Luck, along with Directors Davidson and Waardenburg and discussed a range of topics. Director Cassel noted that Leq'a:mel First Nation held their elections for Chief and Council and extended congratulations to the new Chief, Stacey Goulding.

Director Adamo: Presented to the Royal Canadian Legion Executive, Branch 228 in Hope, in search of a new recruit to participate in housing initiative. Participated in a driving tour with a local realtor to identify some potential development opportunities. Met with investment group from Alberta and some local land owners discussing potential trucked liquid waste solutions. Held a public hearing meeting regarding a past zoning issue and met with Chief Peters regarding possible solutions for the mining pit expansion.

Director Davidson: Noted that an incident occurred in Area F around an illegal dump site and looks forward to discussing this topic further at the upcoming Electoral Area Advocacy meeting. Open house taking place on April 23, 2025 for the development of the Hatzic Management Plan, hosted by Associated Engineering.

Director Dickey: Noted that the planning department held a public information meeting in Area D on a proposed large development in Popkum. The development is for approximately 265 units, and there were 100+ residents in attendance.

#### 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 DIXON  
Seconded By JOHNSON

**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)(g) of the *Community Charter* - litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district;
- 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.

RECESS

CARRIED

*The open meeting recessed at 1:58pm.*

**13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 2:34pm.

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

No items.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**THAT** the Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting of April 10, 2025 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Fraser Valley Regional Electoral Area Services Committee meeting of April 10, 2025 adjourned at 2:34pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Bill Dickey, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy