

**FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT  
ELECTORAL AREA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 14, 2025

12:30 pm

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 Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B  
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E  
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F (*Zoom*)

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Stacey Barker, Deputy CAO/Director of Regional Services  
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications

**Others Present:** Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G (*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**

Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 12:31pm

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

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Open Meeting of April 14, 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 Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2025

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Open Meeting of January 27, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Options for determining Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Chair

Moved By ADAMO

**THAT** the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee provide an option for determining the committee Chair:

**OPTION 2:** Automatic committee Chair membership linked to the Electoral Area Services Committee Chair

FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECONDER

Moved By DAVIDSON

**THAT** the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee provide an option for determining the committee Chair:

**OPTION 1:** No changes to the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference

FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECONDER

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By DICKY

**THAT** the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee provide an option for determining the committee Chair:

**OPTION 3:** Election for committee Chair amongst committee members

DEFEATED

ALL DIRECTORS OPPOSED

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee direct staff to bring forward updates to the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference to provide that the Chair of the Electoral Area Services Committee shall be the Chair of the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee.

CARRIED  
DIRECTOR DAVIDSON OPPOSED

**5.2 Process for booking UBCM meetings with Ministry staff**

Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted: Location of 2025 UBCM Convention and UBCM meeting requests process and deadlines.

Discussion ensued around the process, collaboration and preparation to take place before meetings.

**5.3 Opportunities for Collaboration**

Chair Ross provided a verbal update highlighting a meeting that took place with Metro Vancouver. There are opportunities to collaborate together and find solutions for illegal dumping and flood resiliency.

**5.4 Advocacy Plan Update**

Sam Piper, Manager of Communications shared a verbal report highlighting each of the items on the FVRD Board Advocacy Plan dashboard. The dashboard included the following information: Topic, Strategic Plan Alignment, Action and the Outcome. The following topics were discussed:

1. Management of Fire Risk on Crown Land
2. Resolution on Disaster Financial Assistance

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to request a meeting in Victoria with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to make them more familiar with the situation of the residents in the Chilliwack River

Valley and ask the Ministry to rescind their decision around Disaster Funding and follow their published policy.

CARRIED

3. Truck Liquid Waste- Electoral Areas

Moved By DICKY  
Seconded By ADAMO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to request meetings with Ministers on the topic of Trucked Liquid Waste.

CARRIED

4. Provincial Funding Program for Radon Mitigation

5. Provincial Service Level Expectations to Prioritize Customer Service

6. Policing

7. Illegal Dumping in Rural Areas Clean-up Funding (added Illegal Soil Deposit)

8. Unmet Demands on Social and Community Infrastructure as a Result of Provincial Housing Targets

9. Illegal soil deposit

Moved By DICKY  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee refer the item of legislative amendments allowing for provincial agencies and local governments to seize property of illegal fill activities back to the Electoral Area Services Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

10. Protection, preservation and optimization of industrial lands

11. Provincial insurance program for victims of climate related events who are ineligible for Disaster Financial Assistance

12. **Expanded and updated process associated with BC Assessment's property assessment program to ensure that all housing is being adequately assessed and taxed**

- 13. Implementation of a 911 call answer levy on cellular devices
- 14. Development of provincial bill 44 and the requirements for a housing needs assessment
- 15. Legislative amendments allowing for provincial access to private property to undertake recovery works following weather related events such as the 2021 atmospheric river event
- 16. Equitable approach to shelter bed locations
- 17. Food security crisis

The following motion was brought forward:

Moved By MACAHONIC  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** a new item be added to the Advocacy plan Dashboard regarding Homelessness asking the government to treat the homeless situation as an emergency and leverage available resources.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By DAVIDSON

**THAT** the Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Open Meeting of April 14, 2025 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Electoral Area Advocacy Committee meeting of April 14, 2025 adjourned at 2:20pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

Corporate Officer/Deputy

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