

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

Thursday, May 15, 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, *arrived at 10:02am*
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

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
David Urban, Manager of Integrated Planning & Engagement
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks
Melissa Geddert, Manager of Integrated Planning and Engagement
Carolynn Pegura, Environmental Services Coordinator
Riley Smith, Planner I (*Zoom*)
Theresa Alexander, Planner I (*Zoom*)
Raphaella Gomes, Payroll/Accounting Clerk III (*Zoom*)
Kinga Al-Mubarak, Accountant
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*Recording secretary*)
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst II

Also Present: Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A

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 May 15, 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 - April 10, 2025

Moved By PRANGER
Seconded By KLOOT

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

CARRIED

5. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Board and Committee Procedures Bylaw No. 1772, 2025

Moved By PRANGER
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Board and Committee Procedures Bylaw No. 1772, 2025.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

6.1 2024 Grant Financial Accountability Reporting

The staff report dated May 15, 2025 by Kinga Al-Mubarak, Accountant was provided for information.

6.2 2024 Forced Labour Reporting

Moved By HORN
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve and attest to the Forced Labour Report and submit to the Federal Government by May 31, 2025.

CARRIED

7. REGIONAL SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1.1 Proposed Car Seat Recycling Pilot Program

Discussion ensued around how the program came to be, communication between municipalities and anticipated start date of the program.

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By HORN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize staff to proceed with a two-year pilot project for the collection and recycling of child car seats.

CARRIED

7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

7.2.1 Parks and Trails Strategic Plan - Project Initiation

Moved By MACAHONIC
Seconded By CASSEL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support the initiation of an update to the Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Parks Strategic Plan 2014-2024.

CARRIED

7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.3.1 BC Transit 2025-2026 Expansion Funding

Discussion ensued regarding how many times a similar request has been submitted to BC Transit and advocacy efforts to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

The staff report dated May 15, 2025 by Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning was provided for information.

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 Letter from Huck Galbraith, Mayor, City of Enderby to MLA David Williams RE Bill 7 - 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act (April 23, 2025)

9.2 Letter from Mayor Leroy Dekens, Village of Telkwa to Premier Eby RE Reset of Pacific Northern Gas (April 29, 2025)

10. REPORTS BY STAFF

No items.

11. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director MacAhonic: Thanked the community and first responders for their successful search efforts for community member.

Director Horn: Reported that the Queen of Sidney ferry caught fire and re-mustered advocacy efforts for abandoned derelict vessels in major water ways have begun. Fraser Health announced \$18M investment in the City of Mission emergency room.

Director Facio: Invited everyone to the Seabird Island ceremony Saturday May 17 at 11:00am.

Director Smith: Reported that clean up took place at two homeless camps filling up four bins.

Chair Ross: Congratulated Director Horn on his appointment to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Board.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

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

13. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By KLOOT

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

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CARRIED

The open meeting recessed at 10:18am.

14. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at 10:28am.

15. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

No items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By KLOOT
Seconded By POPOVE

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of May 15, 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Fraser Valley Regional District Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open meeting of May 15 2025 adjourned at 10:28am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy