

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

Thursday, June 5, 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 (*arrived at 10:03am*)
Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope (*arrived at 10:02am*)
Alt. Director Susan Spaeti, District of Kent
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

Regrets: Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent

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, Deputy Director of Regional Services
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
Mike Freimark, Manager of Recreation (*Zoom*)
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications
Kyler Garza, Communications and Engagement Officer
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks
Melissa Geddert, Manager of Integrated Planning and Engagement
Riley Smith, Planner I (*Zoom*)
Theresa Alexander, Planner I (*Zoom*)
Melanie Jones, Assistant Controller
Kinga Al-Mubarak, Accountant
Joel Niezen, Network Analyst I
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*Recording secretary*)

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 open meeting to order at 10:01am.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By SMITH

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 5, 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 - May 15, 2025

Moved By KLOOT
Seconded By MACAHONIC

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

CARRIED

Items 6.1 and 7.1.1 were heard at this time.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Financial Plan 2025-2029 Amendment - June

Moved By MACAHONIC
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025 to include an additional Electoral Area Service Amendment.

CARRIED

7. REGIONAL SERVICES

7.1 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.1.1 2025 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Monitoring Report

Discussion ensued regarding the current greenhouse gas inventory concluding, and the possible implementation of new targets consistent with provincial and national standards. Staff noted the results from the inventory will lead into a subsequent planning process for Climate Action Plan planning process, set to begin late 2025.

Item 5.1 was heard at this time.

5. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

5.1 Motion brought forward from Director Horn, City of Mission regarding animal control service area

Discussion ensued about review of the current funding methodology.

Moved By HORN
Seconded By

WHEREAS the sub-regional animal control service's proportional shared model was established based on the number of animal licences per community, but the usership data collected since the facility began operating in 2016, has shown disproportionate usage, resulting in some communities paying more than their fair share;

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to bring forward amendment to the FVRD's sub-regional animal control service area bylaw to reflect an equitable converted assessment funding methodology.

CARRIED

8. OTHER MATTERS

8.1 Hope & Area Recreation Centre Arena Equipment Replacements Contract Award

Moved By SMITH
Seconded By SPAETI

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into an agreement with Engo Equipment Sales Inc. for the supply and delivery of one new electric ice resurfacer for the Hope & Area Recreation Centre in the amount of \$164,777.00 (excluding taxes);

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into an agreement with CIMCO Refrigeration for the supply and installation of one outdoor natural gas desiccant dehumidifier system in the amount of \$176,886.83 (excluding taxes).

CARRIED

9. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

**10.1 Letter from Wallace Mah, CAO, District of Kent to Jennifer Kinneman, CAO, FVRD
RE: Building Inspection Services (March 28, 2025)**

Moved By SPAETI
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support the District of Kent's request to provide building inspection services to Cheam First Nation.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS BY STAFF

No items.

12. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director MacAhonic reported ongoing efforts are being made to advocate for the residents of the Chilliwack River Valley who were affected by the 2021 Atmospheric River event. Director

MacAhonic received a letter back from the Ministry regarding the unhoused situation in Electoral Area E., and on June 22, Director MacAhonic will be speaking at the Goldcorp Centre for Performing Arts as part of a larger production on climate disaster stories.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

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

14. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By CASSEL

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)(b) of the *Community Charter* - personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a regional award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the regional district on condition of anonymity;
- Section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* - labour relations or other employee relations;
- 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(1)(l) of the *Community Charter* - discussions with regional officers and employees respecting regional objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual regional report*];
- 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.

CARRIED

The open meeting recessed at 10:13am.

15. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting reconvened 11:00am.

16. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

No items.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By CASSEL

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of June 5, 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Fraser Valley Regional District Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open meeting of June 5, 2025 adjourned at 11:00am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy