

# FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2025  
( Following the FVRHD Board Meeting )  
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 Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B  
Director Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford  
Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G  
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F  
Alt. Director Mark Davies, City of Mission  
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H  
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Director Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford  
Director Jag Gill, City of Mission  
Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford  
Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack (Zoom)  
Director Patti MacAhonic, Electoral Area E  
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack  
Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent  
Director Nicole Read, City of Chilliwack  
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope  
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C  
Alt. Director Sam Walters, Electoral Area A (Zoom)

**Regrets:** Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford  
Director Patricia Driessen, City of Abbotsford  
Director Paul Horn, City of Mission  
Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A  
Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services/ Deputy CAO  
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering Services  
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer

David Urban, Deputy Director of Regional Services  
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO  
Katelyn Hipwell, Manager of Planning  
Bill Ozeroff, Manager of Building  
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications  
Melissa Geddert, Manager of Integrated Planning and Development  
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services  
Mike Friemark, Manager of Recreation (*Zoom*)  
Joel Niezen, Support Technician  
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*recording secretary*)

**Also Present:** Two members of the public attended in person, none online.

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Ross recognized the homeland of the 31 First Nation communities of the area now called the Fraser Valley Regional District.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04pm, noting some City of Abbotsford Directors are attending an event to celebrate the Abbotsford Canucks Calder Cup victory. Chair Ross congratulated Director Facio, who was recently awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his decades of service to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, serving six terms as councillor and four terms as mayor since he was first elected in 1993.

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

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of June 26, 2025 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**  
**All/Unweighted**

4. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2025

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of May 22, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

5. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee of the Whole Open Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2025

5.2 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025

5.3 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025

5.4 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee of the Whole Open Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2025

5.5 Draft Electoral Area Advocacy Committee Open Meeting Minutes - June 18, 2025

6. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

Background information and rationale for the motion was provided. Staff confirmed there will be a report that accompanies the draft bylaw, and will addresses concerns around how the service will be funded.

Moved By GILL  
Seconded By POPOVE

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**  
*All/Unweighted*

**7. FINANCE**

**7.1 2024 Fraser Valley Regional District Annual Report**

The staff report dated June 26, 2025 by Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO, was provided for information.

**7.2 Financial Plan 2025-2029 Amendment - June**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By SMITH

**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**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8. BYLAWS**

**8.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Cultus Lake Integrated Water Supply and Distribution System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1781, 2025**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By ADAMO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board rescind third reading for the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Cultus Lake Integrated Water Supply and Distribution System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1781, 2025*;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give a new third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Cultus Lake Integrated Water Supply and Distribution System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1781, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.2 Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Integrated Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1785, 2025**

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By DAVIES

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Integrated Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1785, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
***All/Unweighted***

**8.3 Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Sewer System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No 1786, 2025**

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Lake Sewer System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1786, 2025*;

**CARRIED**  
***All/Unweighted***

Moved By READ  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Lake Sewer System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1786, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
***All/Unweighted***

**8.4 Fraser Valley Regional District Parkview Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No 1787, 2025**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By BARKMAN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Parkview Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1787, 2025*;

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

Moved By LOEWEN  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Parkview Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1787, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**8.5     Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Integrated Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1792, 2025**

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Integrated Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1792, 2025;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By DAVIDSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Integrated Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1792, 2025.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

## 9. PERMITS

### 9.1 Development Variance Permit 2025-04 to reduce the required front setback to legitimize setback encroachment of an existing structure at 10405 Caryks Road, Electoral Area D

An opportunity for public comment was provided. No comments were made by the attending public and no written correspondence was received.

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By DAVIDSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board issue Development Variance Permit 2025-04 to reduce the required front setback from 7.6 metres to 6.1 metres at 10405 Caryks Road, Area D, subject to consideration of any comments or concerns raised by the public.

**CARRIED**  
**EAs/Unweighted**

### 9.2 Special Event Permit 2025-02 – Annual Around the Lake Trail Race, Electoral Area H

Moved By GIBSON  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the Class 1 Special Event Licence No. 2025-02 for the Around the Lake Trail Race to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, subject to the receipt of all required documentation necessary to complete the application;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board waive the requirement for a security fee;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize FVRD signatories to execute all instruments associated with the Special Event Licence No. 2025-02.

**CARRIED**  
**EAs/Unweighted**

## 10. CONTRACTS, COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

**10.1 Authorization for the discharge of 2 homes on 1 lot covenant from the property titles of 10393 and 10405 Caryks Road, Electoral Area D**

Moved By DICKY  
Seconded By BARKMAN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute all documents relating to the discharge of covenant CA5422285 from the titles of 10393 and 10405 Caryks Road, Electoral Area D.

**CARRIED**  
***All/Weighted***

**10.2 Hope & Area Recreation Centre Arena Equipment Replacements Contract Award**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By SMITH

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 resurfer 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**  
***All/Weighted***

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the following Consent Agenda items 11.1 to 11.5 be endorsed:

**11.1 EASC - JUNE 2025**

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$3,000 to Actively Creating an Exceptional Society, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C and G grant-in-aid budgets, to assist with upkeep and expansion of the Mother Earth Magic Food Forest Garden.



**11.2 EASC - JUNE 2025**

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to the Chilliwack River Valley Firefighters Society, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area E grant-in-aid budget, to assist with the cost of hosting a Mother's Day free pancake breakfast and an annual Christmas appreciation dinner.

**11.3 EASC - JUNE 2025**

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to the Cultus Lake Fire Department, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to assist with activities or items intended to show appreciation for the dedication and time of its members.

**11.4 EASC - JUNE 2025**

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to the Columbia Valley Fire Department, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to assist with activities or items intended to show appreciation for the dedication and time of its members.

**11.5 EASC - JUNE 2025**

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,000 to Cultus Lake Stewardship Society, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to assist with unfunded expenses.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12. OTHER MATTERS**

**12.1 Electoral Area Flood Infrastructure Policy Update and Gap Analysis**

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By DAVIDSON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the updated Electoral Area Flood Infrastructure Management Service Provision Policy.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.2 Infrastructure Canada's Rural Transit Needs Assessment Funding Formal Endorsement**

Moved By PRANGER  
Seconded By GILL

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board confirm that the Fraser Valley Regional District has the capacity and authority to undertake the Regional Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan (BC- 122474) project;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute and enter into an agreement to receive the Rural Transit Solutions Fund funding of \$50,000.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.3    2025 Update – FVRD Strategic Plan**

Moved By READ  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments and endorse the updated 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer on June 26, 2025.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

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

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By ADAMO

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

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.5    UBCM Meeting Request with the Minister of Agriculture and Food**

Moved By CASSEL  
Seconded By DAVIDSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to request a meeting at 2025 UBCM with the Minister of Agriculture and Food and the Agriculture Land Commission

for a status update on the creation of a cross-ministry task force as discussed at the 2024 UBCM Annual Convention.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.6 Notice of Motion brought forward by Director MacAhonic, Electoral Area E regarding request for meeting at 2025 UBCM Annual Conference**

Moved By BARKMAN  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District board direct staff to request a meeting at the 2025 UBCM Annual Conference with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness regarding impacts to Chilliwack River Valley residents impacted by the 2021 atmospheric river event.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.7 Notice of Motion brought forward by Director Davidson, Electoral Area F regarding request for meeting with Minister of Agriculture and Food at 2025 UBCM Annual Conference**

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By CASSEL

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to request a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Food to consider changes to the Agriculture Land Commission Act that would empower the Agriculture Land Commission to seize equipment actively engaged in soil deposit activities that contravene the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation, as part of the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.8 UBCM Resolution Sponsor**

Moved By READ  
Seconded By SMITH

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board appoint Director Adamo as the 2025 UBCM resolution sponsor for illegal dumping in rural areas clean up funding.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**12.9 Homelessness and Site C Housing Units**

Moved By PRANGER

Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct that no further action is required at this time for item 9, Site C – Surplus Housing, and can be removed from the Advocacy plan.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**13. MOTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE JUNE 26, 2025 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board appoint Director Horn as the 2025 UBCM resolution sponsor for unmet demands on social and community infrastructure as a result of provincial housing targets.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

Moved By ADAMO

Seconded By POPOVE

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Chair write a letter to and request a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Parks regarding Metro Vancouver's Burnaby incinerator operational certificate.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

Moved By PRANGER

Seconded By POPOVE

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to request a meeting as part of the 2025 UBCM Conference with Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities regarding a one-window service approach for local government.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**14. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 15.1 2025 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Monitoring Report
- 15.2 Area C Official Community Plan Update – Summary of Referral Responses Received Post First Reading
- 15.3 Servicing Feasibility Study for Lake Errock Neighbourhood Plan
- 15.4 2024 Fraser Valley Regional District Supplemental Financial Reporting (unaudited)

16. ITEMS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

- 16.1 Letter from Sylvia Pranger, Mayor, District of Kent to BC Transit RE North of Fraser Transit Service Expansion – 2025-26 Funding Cycle (June 11, 2025)
- 16.2 Letter from David Lepsoe, Mayor, Village of Chase to Honourable Lisa Beare RE Funding for Public Education (June 5, 2025)
- 16.3 Letter from Sylvia Pranger, Mayor, District of Kent RE Support for Option 3 - Fare Review for AGH and Hope Transit System (June 16, 2025)
- 16.4 Letter from Sylvia Pranger, Mayor, District of Kent RE Request to Investigate Regular Stop at the Community Recreation and Cultural Centre - Agassiz-Harrison Route 71 (June 16, 2025)

Director Pranger provided a brief rationale of the request to the FVRD, resulting in the following motion:

Moved By PRANGER  
Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to investigate feasibility of a transit stop at the Community Recreation and Cultural Centre in Agassiz, in anticipation of the new Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

- 16.5 Letter from Keri-Ann Austin, CAO, District of Coldstream RE Modernization of Wastewater Regulations - UBCM Resolution (June 17, 2025)

**17. REPORTS BY STAFF**

No items.

**18. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS**

Director Facio: announced the Village of Harrison Hot Springs will be celebrating Sasquatch Days on Saturday, June 28, and Canada Day celebrations on July 1, everyone is welcome to attend.

Director Pranger: reported attendance at the recent Fraser Basin Council Meeting and noted leadership changes within the council.

Director Smith: reported the District of Hope will be host Canada Day celebrations on July 1, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Director Gill: reported the City of Mission will host Canada Day celebrations, beginning with a pancake breakfast, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Director Adamo: reminded everyone the FVRD Canada Day celebrations will take over from the District of Hope in the evening of July 1 and include live concerts.

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

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

**20. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By GIBSON

**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 to 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)(g) of the *Community Charter* - litigation or potential litigation affecting 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(1)(i) of the *Community Charter*- the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- 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**  
**All/Unweighted**

*The open meeting recessed at 6:41pm.*

**21. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:55pm.

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

**6.2 2025 Bursary Awards – Hope Secondary and Boston Bar Elementary-Secondary Schools**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board award the 2025 Boston Bar Elementary-Secondary School bursary in the amount of \$1,000 to Logan Westerlund;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board award the 2025 Hope Secondary School bursary in the amount of \$1,000 to Keneun Deserranno.

**CARRIED**  
**All/Unweighted**

23. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By LOEWEN  
Seconded By KLOOT

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of June 26, 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board open meeting of June 26, 2025 adjourned at 8:55pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy