

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

Thursday, July 10, 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, *left at 10:30am*  
Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford, *arrived at 10:03am*  
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

**Regrets:** Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent  
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope

**Also Present:** Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F  
Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B (*Zoom*)

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Stacey Barker, Deputy CAO/Director of Regional Services  
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer  
David Urban, Manager of Integrated Planning & Engagement (*Zoom*)  
Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO  
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications  
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services  
Trina Douglas, Manager of Protective Services (*Zoom*)  
Kinga Williams, Accountant  
Trevor Lucy, Accountant  
Raphaella Gomes, Accounting Clerk III (*Zoom*)  
Kate Fenton, Planner I (Indigenous Relations)  
Carolynn Lane, Environmental Services Coordinator  
Riley Smith, Planner I  
Kim Nguyen, Environmental Services Technician (*Zoom*)  
Lucas Thompson, Network Analyst III  
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*Recording secretary*)

**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 10:02am.

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

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of July 10, 2025 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**

**4. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved By KLOOT  
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(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 10:04am.*

**5. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 10:32am.

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

No items.

**7. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Regional Industrial Lands Inventory Update**

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Riley Smith, Planner I, highlighting the ongoing work on the Regional Industrial Land Inventory within the regional district, set to be released early 2026.

Discussion ensued regarding the regional approach of the inventory data, and next steps of the project, which include engaging with member municipalities and reviewing draft results and preliminary findings.

**8. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

**8.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

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

**CARRIED**

**9. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

**9.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Indemnification Bylaw No. 1798, 2025**

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Indemnification Bylaw No. 1798, 2025*.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1797, 2025**

Discussion ensued seeking further clarity on the funding process, and staff noted if the bylaw is approved at the Board meeting, the next step will be to obtain municipal consent from all participating municipalities, followed by approval from the inspector

of municipalities. Discussion also ensued regarding the close working partnerships and concessions between member municipalities.

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By SIEMENS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1797, 2025, which establishes standard assessed property value as the method of taxation;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to bring the bylaw back every 5 years for its review of the taxation methodology.

**CARRIED**

## **10. FINANCE**

### **10.1 Treasury Update – 2025 Quarter 2**

The staff report dated July 10, 2025 by Trevor Lucy, Accountant, was provided for information.

## **11. REGIONAL SERVICES**

### **11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### **11.1.1 Launch of the Fraser Valley Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program**

Discussion ensued regarding where nurseries can take plastic plant pots and other plastic commercial waste in the region. Staff noted these products may be accepted by your local municipality, or can be taken to local depots.

### **11.2 INDIGENOUS RELATIONS**

#### **11.2.1 Indigenous Services Canada Referral - Shxw'ōwhámél First Nation's Ohamil 1 Proposed Addition to Reserve, Electoral Area B**

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By HORN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board respond to the referral from Indigenous Services Canada by providing the technical comments outlined in the staff report dated July 10, 2025, related to the addition of land at 58970 Laidlaw Road (PID: 005-036-861) and St Elmo Road (PID: 008-919-411) to Ohamil 1 Indian Reserve.

CARRIED

**11.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES**

**11.3.1 BC Transit 2025 Fare Review – Agassiz-Harrison, Hope and FVX Services**

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve Fare Option 3 for the Agassiz-Harrison and Hope transit services to be implemented on October 1, 2025,

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the phase-out of the existing DayPASS product and the current transfer policy, to be replaced with the implementation of DayPASS-on-Board and Fare Capping within the Agassiz-Harrison and Hope transit services,

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve Fare Option 3 for the Fraser Valley Express transit service to be implemented on October 1, 2025.

CARRIED

**12. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

**13. REPORTS BY STAFF**

No items.

**14. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Facio: invited everyone to attend the Harrison Festival of the Arts, beginning Friday, July 11, and the event is 10 days long.

Director MacAhonic: provided an update on advocacy efforts for the Chilliwack River Valley residents affected by the 2021 atmospheric river events, and reported a successful recent Area E Stakeholders meeting with increased attendance by community groups.

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

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

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of July 10, 2025 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Fraser Valley Regional District Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open meeting of July 10, 2025 adjourned at 11:13am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy