



FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 27, 2025

(Immediately 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 Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford (*Zoom*)  
Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F  
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H  
Director Patricia Driessen, City of Abbotsford  
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Director Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford  
Director Jag Gill, City of Mission  
Director Paul Horn, City of Mission  
Director Diane Johnson, Electoral Area A (*Zoom*)  
Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford (*Zoom*)  
Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack  
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 Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford  
Director Victor Smith, District of Hope  
Alt. Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G  
Director Mel Waardenburg, Electoral Area C

**Regrets:** Director Cory Cassel, Electoral Area G

**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  
Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development  
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer

Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO  
David Urban, Deputy Director of Regional Services  
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
Adam Swartz, Manager of Information Technology, GIS & FDM  
Katelyn Hipwell, Manager of Planning  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications (*Zoom*)  
Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management  
Lance Lilley, Manager of Environmental Services  
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I  
Amanda Molloy, Administrative Manager (*recording secretary*)

**Also Present:** Three members of the were present in person, and two members of the public were present online.

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer recognized the homeland of the 31 First Nation communities of the area now called the Fraser Valley Regional District.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The open meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

**3. ELECTION OF FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR by Chief Administrative Officer**

Jennifer Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Regional District Board Chair.

Director Leo Facio nominated Director Patricia Ross. Director Ross accepted the nomination. Jennifer Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for a second and third time. There being no further nominations, Jennifer Kinneman declared Director Ross acclaimed as the Board Chair, and she assumed the Chair.

**4. ELECTION OF FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD VICE CHAIR by Chief Administrative Officer**

Jennifer Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Regional District Board Vice Chair.

Director Leo Facio nominated Director Chris Kloot. Director Kloot accepted the nomination. Jennifer Kinneman called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for a second and third time. There being no further nominations, Jennifer Kinneman declared Director Kloot acclaimed as the Vice Chair.

5. **REMARKS BY FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR**

Chair Ross thanked the board for re-electing her as Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board, and highlighted the accomplishments and challenges the Board faced this past year. Director Ross also congratulated Director Kloot on his appointment as Vice Chair.

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

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By SIEMENS

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of November 27, 2025 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

7. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 **CN Rail 101 and Railway Grinding Operations 101**

A delegation was provided by CN Rail's Tyler Banick, Manager, Public Affairs and Shannon Emberly, Senior Manager Engineering, Technical Operations. The presentation highlighted **information on CN Rail's vast network and technological innovations**, and explained the annual rail grinding process that all areas of track are subject to throughout the summer months.

Discussion ensued regarding track inspection processes and determining factors and risks of rail grinding in the summer months when the conditions are quite dry.

8. **BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

8.1 **Draft Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2025**

Moved By PRANGER  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of October 23, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

8.2 Special Vote for BC Assessment Gathering and Transmission Pipeline Cost Review

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2025

9.2 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee Open Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2025

9.3 Draft Intergovernmental Relations Committee Open Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2025

10. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

10.1 Update to Regional and Corporate Services Committee Terms of Reference

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the updated draft Terms of Reference for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

11. FINANCE

11.1 Treasury Update – October 31, 2025

The staff report dated November 27, 2025 by Trevor Lucy, Accountant, was provided for information.

11.2 Financial Plan 2025 – 2029 Amendment - November

Moved By READ  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare for the Board's consideration amendments to the Fraser Valley Regional District Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025 to include three additional amendments.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

11.3 2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Hemlock Valley Homeowner Association, Electoral Area C

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By STOBART

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to the Hemlock Valley Homeowner's Association, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C grant-in-aid budget, to assist with costs related to community building and engagement, as well as the HELP program.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

11.4 2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Cultus Lake Park Community Events & Engagement Committee, Electoral Area H

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By DRIESSEN

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,000 to the Cultus Lake Park Community Events & Engagement Committee, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to assist with costs related to running a Christmas event for the community.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1728, 2024 and Fraser Valley Regional District Cultus Lake Park Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1791, 2025 for Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing Requirements

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By DIXON

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1728, 2024;*

CARRIED  
*EAs/Unweighted*

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Cultus Lake Park Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1791, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
*EAs/Unweighted*

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

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt 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.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**12.3 Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B Garbage Collection Regulations and Fees Establishment Bylaw No. 1800, 2025**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B Garbage Collection Regulations and Fees Establishment Bylaw No. 1800, 2025*;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By BARKMAN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B Garbage Collection Regulations and Fees Establishment Bylaw No. 1800, 2025*;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By SIEMENS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B Garbage Collection Regulations and Fees Establishment Bylaw No. 1800, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted (2/3 votes cast)*

**12.4 FVRD Electoral Area Soil Deposit Bylaw No. 1802, 2025**

Discussion ensued regarding the implications of delaying the bylaw further and the unintended consequences of moving the bylaw forward.

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By ADAMO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give third reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area Soil Deposit Bylaw No. 1802, 2025*.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

(Directors Johnson, Dickey, Dixon, MacAhonic, Gibson, Kloot, Popove, Pranger, Siemens, Smith  
OPPOSED)

**12.5 Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Integrated Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1804, 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. 1804, 2025*;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By STOBART  
Seconded By SMITH

**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. 1804, 2025*.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

12.6 Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2025

Moved By POPOVE  
Seconded By READ

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2025;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By READ  
Seconded By WAARDENBURG

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum Street Lighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1805, 2025.*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

12.7 Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum West Storm Drainage Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2025

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By BARKMAN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give first reading to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum West Storm Drainage Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2025;*

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give second and third readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Popkum West Storm Drainage Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1806, 2025.*

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

13. OTHER MATTERS

13.1 Agricultural Land Commission application for Non-Adhering Residential Use at 11425 Hodgkin Road, Electoral Area C

Moved By WAARDENBURG  
Seconded By STOBART

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board forward the application for a Non-Adhering Residential Use at 11425 Hodgkin Road, Electoral Area C, to the Agricultural Land Commission;

**AND THAT** the Agricultural Land Commission consider the FVRD staff report, dated November 13, 2025, under file number 3015-20 2025-10.

CARRIED  
*EAs/Unweighted*

13.2 Site Specific Exemption 2025-01 to reduce the Fraser River floodplain setback for 27384 Yurkin Road, Electoral Area B

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By DICKEY

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board issue Site Specific Exemption 2025-01 to reduce the floodplain setback from 60 metres to the safe building envelope identified on the 3rd and 4th terraces of the property at 27384 Yurkin Road, Dogwood Valley, as defined in Figure 2. of the *Geotechnical Hazard Assessment prepared by Statlu Environmental Consulting Ltd. (Sept 15, 2025)* subject to the registration of a restrictive covenant on the property title relating to the setback exemption;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District authorize its signatories to execute all documents relating to Site Specific Exemption Application 2025-01.

CARRIED  
*EAs/Unweighted*

13.3 Update to Hazard Acceptability Thresholds for Development Approvals

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board adopt the Hazard Acceptability Thresholds for Development Approvals which are revised to clarify how suites and other accessory dwelling units are categorized.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

13.4 2026 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Grant for FireSmart Activities and Fuel Management Activities Endorsement Request

Moved By READ  
Seconded By MACAHONIC

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse a grant application to the 2026 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, Allocation-based Funding stream, for FireSmart activities up to \$600,000, and confirm that the FVRD will provide overall management of the grant if the application is approved;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse a grant application to the 2026 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, Application-based Funding stream, for Fuel Management activities up to \$100,000, and confirm that the FVRD will provide overall management of the grant if the application is approved, subject to the approval of the Allocation-based Funding grant.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

13.5 City of Abbotsford OCP Update - Regional Context Statement Acceptance

Moved By SIEMENS  
Seconded By GIBSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board, in accordance with Section 866 (1) of the *Local Government Act*, formally accept the City of Abbotsford's Regional Context Statement as part of the adoption and implementation of the *Fraser Valley Future 2050* Regional Growth Strategy.

CARRIED  
*All/Unweighted*

13.6 2026-2029 Transit Improvement Program Initiatives and Service Updates

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By DRIESSEN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support the 2026/2027 North of Fraser expansion initiative that will add a new transit service between the District of Kent and the City of Mission;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board invite the Ministry of Transportation & Transit to provide an update on the 264 Street Mobility Hub as it relates to the Fraser Valley Express;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to further engage BC Transit, municipal partners, Ministry of Transportation & Transit and TransLink on the future expansion trajectory for the Fraser Valley Express to ensure consistent and predictable growth at a pace that will meet transit demand and fiscal responsibility.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Discussion ensued resulting in the following motion:

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By FACIO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to engage with BC transit regarding expanding service levels of the existing 701 bus route, and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

**13.7 Supplementary Resolution for Funding Application to Strategic Priorities Fund**

Moved By READ  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District provide overall grant management and support any cost overruns associated with the recent funding application to the Union of BC Municipalities' Strategic Priorities Fund for energy upgrades to the Hope and Area Recreation Centre.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

14. **MOTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a resolution for the 2026 UBCM convention on the topic of BC Highway Patrol services.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By HORN  
Seconded By SMITH

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to write a letter to UBCM, MLA George Anderson and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs regarding Bill M 216-2025, Professional Reliance Act, requesting that the process be paused until consultation with municipalities and professionals takes place.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By GIBSON  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a resolution for the 2026 UBCM convention on the topic of preserving and prioritizing industrial lands.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

Moved By DAVIDSON  
Seconded By ADAMO

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare a resolution for the 2026 UBCM convention on the topic of legislative changes to enable provincial enforcement officers to seize equipment used in illegal dumping activities.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

15. **ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

16. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

16.1 Quarterly Update (Q3) July 1 - September 30, 2025

16.2 Staff presentation regarding Telecommunications Tower Policy (Presented at the November 13, 2025 EASC meeting)

17. ITEMS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 Letter from Sylvia Pranger, Mayor District of Kent RE Request to Postpone Implementation of BC Assessment's Proposed Pipeline Valuation Model (October 29, 2025)

17.2 Letter from Mayor Smith, District of Hope RE: Request to postpone upcoming changes to BC Assessment Transmission Pipeline Valuation (October 31, 2025)

17.3 Letter from Ken Popove, Mayor, City of Chilliwack RE Request to postpone upcoming changes to BC Assessment Transmission Pipeline Valuation (November 12, 2025)

17.4 Letter from Fred Talen, Mayor, Village of Harrison Hot Springs RE Request to postpone upcoming Pipeline Valuation Changes (November 21, 2025)

17.5 Letter from Brenda Roden, Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District RE Request to postpone Upcoming Changes to BC Assessment Transmission Pipeline Valuation (October 23, 2025)

17.6 Email from Honourable Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children and Family Development RE Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month (October 31, 2025)

17.7 Letter from George A.G. Anderson MLA - Nanaimo - Lantzville RE Working Together, the Professional Reliance Act (November 14, 2025)

18. REPORTS BY STAFF

No items.

19. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS

Director Facio invited everyone to attend the annual Harrison Lights on the Lake festivities throughout the month of December.

Director Smith reported a fantastic turnout from the community to support the District's bid to HGTV to win a community makeover.

Director Gill invited everyone to attend the Candlelight Parade in Mission on Saturday, December 6.

Director Pranger invited everyone to attend the annual CP Holiday Train event, stopping in Agassiz on Friday, December 19, and asked attendees to bring a non-perishable food donation.

Director Horn invited everyone to attend the canine Santa Paws event at Bosley's pet store in Mission on Saturday, December 6.

Director MacAhonic congratulated the Chilliwack Search and Rescue team for winning the 2025 Defender Award and thanked them for their service.

Director Adamo invited everyone to attend the Yale Ratepayers annual Christmas fair and fundraiser on Sunday, November 30 from 10am – 4pm.

## 20. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

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

## 21. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By PRANGER

**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)(c) of the *Community Charter* - labour relations or other employee relations;
- Section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district;
- 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 district 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(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* - the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations
  - (i) 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,
  - (ii) between the regional district and another local government or between another local government and a third party, or
  - (iii) between the regional district and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party;

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

*The open meeting recessed at 8:24pm.*

**22. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open meeting reconvened at 9:02pm.

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

No items.

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By DRIESSEN

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of November 27, 2025 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**  
*All/Unweighted*

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board open meeting of November 27, 2025 adjourned at 9:02pm.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy