



**FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

10:00 am

In person - FVRD Boardroom, 4th Floor  
45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

**Members Present:** Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Chair  
Director Peter Adamo, Electoral Area B (*Zoom*)  
Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack  
Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack  
Director Paul Horn, City of Mission (*Zoom- departed at 10:33am*)  
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
Lauren Olynick, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Sam Piper, Manager of Communications  
Jennifer Kitsul, Building and Bylaw Clerk

**Others Present:** Cherry Tam, Fraser Basin Council, Regional Manager, Fraser Valley  
Terry Robert, Fraser Basin Council, Director of Community Resilience

**Also Present:** One member of the public in person

**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**

Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

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

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Intergovernmental Relations Committee Open Meeting of March 17, 2026 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**

#### 4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATION

##### 4.1 Fraser Basin Council - Illegal soil dumping discussion

Cherry Tam, Regional Manager, Fraser Valley provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- **FBC's mandate and vision**
- Key Roles
- Strategic Priorities
- Illegal Soil Dumping Issue (**FBC's Role, Proposed Working Group**)
- Proposed Objectives
- Proposed Outcomes (short, medium and long term)
- Potential Output Examples
- Potential Collaborators (local governments, provincial agencies, First Nations, community organizations, industry representatives and Enforcement partners)
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed working group including the composition and value of having provincial stakeholders and Metro Vancouver involved. Work to be linked to an advocacy strategy.

Moved by LUM  
Seconded by KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to work together with the Fraser Basin Council on the creation of a Regional Working Group regarding Illegal Soil Dumping on Agricultural Lands.

**CARRIED**

Moved by KLOOT  
Seconded by DIXON

**THAT** the agenda for the March 17, 2026 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee be amended to include a new item 7. Public Question Period For Items Relevant To The Agenda.

**CARRIED**

5. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Draft Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2025

Moved By DIXON  
Seconded By LUM

THAT the minutes of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee Open Meeting of November 19, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Long-Term Care Provincial Funding Delay

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal update, advising that the province has put a pause on further development of seven long-term care projects in the province, including two projects in Abbotsford and Chilliwack.

Discussion ensued regarding advocacy approaches and the importance of this item, resulting in the following motion being brought forward:

Moved By KLOOT  
Seconded By LUM

THAT staff be directed to explore options for utilizing Hospital District health care needs assessment funding to address provincial funding delays with respect to the Abbotsford and Chilliwack long-term care housing projects.

CARRIED

6.2 Advocacy Plan Update

Sam Piper, Manager of Communications provided an overview of the advocacy dashboard and sought feedback from the committee.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members regarding prioritization of initiatives and potential to remove/shelve items from the dashboard.

Discussion ensued with respect to the addition of an item to the advocacy dashboard resulting in the following motion:

Moved by KLOOT

Seconded by DIXON

**THAT** staff monitor the recent legal case with respect to Aboriginal title on fee simple lands and that this item be added to the advocacy dashboard.

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA**

Karen Virtue, President of the Yale Ratepayers Association asked a question regarding illegal soil dumping.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By ADAMO  
Seconded By DIXON

**THAT** the Intergovernmental Relations Committee Open Meeting of March 17, 2026 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting of March 17, 2026 adjourned at 11:14am.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Patricia Ross, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy