



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

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
9:00 am
FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present:

Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair
Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission
Director Ray Boucher, Electoral Area F
Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Sharon Gaetz, City of Chilliwack
Director Alec Niemi, Electoral Area C
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A
Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford
Director John Van Laerhoven, District of Kent
Director Wilfried Vicktor, District of Hope

Staff Present:

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services
Suzanne Gresham, Director of Corporate Initiatives
Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs
Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering and Community Services
Stacey Barker, Deputy Director of Regional Programs
Barry Penner, EA Special Projects
Jennifer Kinneman, Manager of Corporate Affairs
Sterling Chan, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Jaime Schween, Manager of Corporate Administration
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations
Melissa Geddert, Planning Technician (*part*)
Maggie Mazurkewich, Communications Assistant
Amanda Molloy, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Staff was acknowledged for the newly renovated Boardroom and the more functional setup.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved By VICKTOR
Seconded By BOUCHER

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 5, 2018 be approved;

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

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting - July 10, 2018

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By VAN LAERHOVEN

THAT the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of July 10, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Regional District Fire Inspection of Public Used Facilities

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer reported that the Office of the Fire Commissioner has recently notified UBCM that they are considering a change in legislation that would require Regional Districts to initiate a Fire Inspection Service. He noted that currently all municipalities are mandated with the responsibility of establishing and undertaking fire inspections of public used facilities. Mr. Gipps noted that staff has met with the Province regarding this issue stating that we agree with the concept, but not the delivery mechanism.

Discussion ensued regarding significant costs and challenges that would be placed on the Electoral Areas if this directive were to come into effect.

6. FINANCE

6.1 FVRD Purchasing Card Program – BMO Agreement

Moved By BOUCHER
Seconded By FACIO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Regional District to enter into an agreement with BMO to provide up to \$250,000 in credit capacity for a Purchasing Card program with the understanding that the Regional District will be responsible for payment of all amounts charged;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute the agreement with BMO.

CARRIED

In response to a question if a rewards program is attached to the card, staff responded that our purchasing level is not sufficient to qualify for the rewards program.

7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1.1 FVRD Regional Solid Waste Removal Bylaw No. 1495, 2018

Moved By ALEXIS
Seconded By ROSS

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as "*Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Solid Waste Removal Bylaw No. 1495, 2018*".

CARRIED

It was noted that effective January 1, 2019 Recycle BC will be now collecting candy wrappers and chip bags from the depots in Mission, and that they are proposing that these items be marketed as engineered fuel to be used for commercial purposes in lieu of coal as a pilot project. The lack of packing legislation was also highlighted. Further discussion took place, resulting in the following motion:

ALEXIS/GAETZ

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to set up a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to express concerns with Recycle BC's proposed pilot project to convert "other

flexible plastic packaging” (like candy wrappers and chip bags) into engineered fuel to be used as a coal substitute;

AND THAT staff bring back a report to the September Board meeting with respect to concerns with Recycle BC’s proposal.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Air Quality and Wildfire Smoke in 2018

The report dated September 5, 2018 from the Environmental Services Coordinator pertaining to regional air quality issues and wildfire smoke experienced during the summer of 2018 was provided for information. Comments regarding poor air quality effects on health, other than just respiratory impacts were expressed. Discussion ensued regarding air quality effects on overall health, pollution from the Key West Asphalt plant located on Hwy 1 between Agassiz and Hope. and the impact of air pollution on agricultural crops.

7.2 REGIONAL PARKS

No items.

7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

7.3.1 FVRD Regional Transit Expansion – Feasibility Study for Service between Mission and Kent

The corporate report dated September 5, 2018 from the Planning Technician with respect to the feasibility study currently being undertaken by BC Transit for the expansion of transit service between Mission and Kent was provided for information.

7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING

No items.

8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

None

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received for information:

- 9.1 Letter dated July 26, 2018 from Metro Vancouver regarding 'Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future Land Use Designation Amendment Request from the Township of Langley - Williams Neighbourhood Plan'.
- 9.2 Letter dated August 22, 2018 from Regional District North Okanagan regarding 'Support for UBCM Resolution - Business Licensing'.

Mr. Gipps reported that the FVRD has been approached by the Province to participate in a pilot regulation to allow FVRD to regulate Electoral Area businesses through a licensing program.

10. REPORTS BY STAFF

Mr. Gipps noted that a Special Vote will be conducted to for the Board to consider giving three readings to the *FVRD Hatzic Prairie Water Supply and Distribution System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1491* and *FVRD Popkum Sewer Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1493, 2018*. The adopted bylaws will subsequently be forwarded to the September Board for adoption. The bylaws have to be submitted by October 1, 2018 to BC Assessment in order to meet the timeline for tax assessment for 2019.

11. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Gaetz reported on a recent incident where a homeless camp from Chilliwack River Valley was moved to a private property in Columbia Valley, without any consultation with the FVRD. Concerns were expressed that the Province, who has the necessary resources, are not taking responsibility on the homelessness issue and as a result the Regional Districts are left to deal with this matter. Following discussion, the following motion was put forward.

GAETZ/FACIO

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to bring back a report to the September Board meeting on the recent incident where a homeless camp was relocated from Chilliwack River Valley in Electoral Area E to Columbia Valley in Electoral Area H without prior consultation with the Regional District;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring back a recommended course of action on the strategy or policy on how to engage with the Provincial government to ensure that such incidents do not recur again.

CARRIED

Director Alexis thanked staff for the recent expedient hearing of the Board of Variance.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By FACIO
Seconded By BOUCHER

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 5, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of September 5, 2018 adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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