FBC Fraser Valley Update
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www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/_Library/Annual_Highlights/fbc_ubcm_update_2017-2018.pdf
www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/_Library/Resources_Image/fbc_annual_highlights_2017-2018_web.pdf

Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewardship Strategy

- On Oct. 24, Chilliwack MLA Laurie Throness presented a statement on Cultus Lake in the Legislature. In it, Throness referenced the fact that Cultus Lake is undergoing eutrophication, which harms the quality of the water, of aquatic habitat and ecosystems. He asked all partners to work together to take necessary action to conserve the health of Cultus Lake. Scroll to pg 5863 (statements) of the Hansard link, www.leg.bc.ca/content/hansard/41st3rd/20181024pm-Hansard-n167.pdf
- CLASS holds its next meeting Nov. 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Cultus Lake Community School, with FVRD director of engineering Tareq Islam as a guest speaker.

Fraser Valley Illegal Dumping Alliance – FVIDA

- FVIDA held a special meeting Nov. 16/18 to discuss plans for the 12th annual Fraser River Cleanup in March 2019. (See http://www.fraserriverkeeper.ca/FVIDA_events for past year's info.) The event has grown and is straining FVIDA volunteer efforts. Kevin Raffle from Woodtone Industries in Chilliwack will continue to oversee this event, however he has formed a committee with his co-workers, and will seek help from other FVIDA members to organize the event. The committee will further identify tasks and roles, and will meet again in January to begin executing plans for local gov't coordination, getting sponsors and volunteers.
- With funding through SwimDrinkFish Canada, Fraser Riverkeeper will engage someone for a one-year contract to facilitate the FVIDA committee, promote awareness of illegal dumping in the Fraser Valley, and develop other outreach strategies for engagement, awareness and education. The contractor will be named in December.
- City of Chilliwack rep Steve Clegg said the city's original public service ads from October to November (for Chilliwack's Waste Reduction Month) received a lot of positive feedback from citizens. The ads informed residents of the low tipping fees for waste items often found dumped illegally at remote sites (couches, appliances, renovation waste). The ads reached between 2,000 to 3000 people, and received about 300 online engagements at the time of the report. The ads also had the number and link to the RAPP line to report illegal dumping. Chilliwack will use the ad campaign next year, and it will run similar ads informing residents on what can be taken to the dump for free. See chilliwack.com/stopdumping

Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy – LMFMS

- **Orphan Dikes** – Identification orphan dikes in B.C. (more than 100 so far) that have no local authority responsible for operations and maintenance continues. This project will be of particular interest to local governments where these structures are located. For details contact FBC's Charlene Menezes at cmenezes@fraserbasin.bc.ca Orphan dikes were found at Frosst Creek adjacent to Lindell Beach at Cultus Lake, in Chilliwack River Valley, and by Norrish Creek.
- **Digital Elevation Model** – Funds have been secured to acquire new topographic and bathymetric data to fill data gaps and update the digital elevation model (DEM).
- **Seismic Vulnerability of Dikes** – Work continues on assessing seismic vulnerability of dikes and development of a seismic program. A contract with Sto:lo Research and Resource Management Centre (SRRMC) reviewed permitting processes for geotechnical investigations along dikes, and cultural site reviews of proposed borehole drill sites from Mission to Hope. An RFP is out this fall to select a contractor to conduct permitted geotechnical investigations and seismic assessment of the dikes.
- **Leadership Committee** – The second meeting of the committee was Sept. 5 focused on funding and governance as well as communications aspects of the Flood Strategy.

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