



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

Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
9:00 am

FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

**Members Present:**

Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair  
Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair  
Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission  
Director Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford  
Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
Director Orion Engar, Electoral Area E  
Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack  
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A  
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope  
Alternate Director Susan Spaeti, District of Kent  
Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G

**Regrets:**

Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent

**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  
Stacey Barker, Deputy Director of Regional Programs  
Jennifer Kinneman, Manager of Corporate Affairs  
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration  
Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks  
David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning  
Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations  
Marina Richter, Environmental Services Coordinator  
Jamie Benton, Environmental Services Coordinator  
Micha Gutmanis, Environmental Services Coordinator  
Matthew Fang, Network Analyst I  
Maggie Mazurkewich, Executive Assistant to CAO  
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Also Present:**

Christopher Bush, President, Catalyst Agri-Innovations Society (*as per item 3.1*)  
Stephanie Hooker, AdvantageHOPE (*as per item 3.2*)  
Brent Graham, Manager, Government Relations and Public Policy, Fortis, BC (*as per item 3.4*)

Neal Pobran, Senior Manager, Community and Indigenous Relations, Fortis BC (*as per item 3.4*)  
Darin Wong, Community and Indigenous Relations Manager, Lower Mainland, Fortis BC (*as per item 3.4*)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved By DICKEY  
Seconded By FACIO

**THAT** the delegation from Fortis, BC (item 3.4) be added to the Agenda and that the agenda be varied to hear item 3.4 prior to item 3.3;

**AND THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of December 11, 2018 be approved, as amended;

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

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Christopher Bush, President, Catalyst Agri-Innovations Society and Mateo Ocejo of Net Zero Waste**

Christopher Bush, President of the Catalyst Agri-Innovations Society reported that the majority and highest concentration of agricultural activities in BC reside in the Fraser Valley and spoke to the ability for stakeholders to convert agricultural waste into opportunities. He noted there is an opportunity for the FVRD to access up to \$20 million from the *Provincial Organics Infrastructure Program*.

Mr. Bush also provided a book to the FVRD entitled '*The Solution Revolution: How Business, Government, and Social Enterprises are teaming up to Solve Society's Toughest Problems*' by William D. Eggers & Paul MacMillan

Christopher Bush was acknowledged for his passion in finding solutions to agriculture waste and the following motion was put forward:

ROSS/FACIO

**THAT** staff be directed to prepare a report for the Board's information at the January 23, 2019 Board meeting with respect to the proposed submission of an application to the B.C. Ministry of Environment Organics Infrastructure Program for a proposed Fraser Valley Organics Conversion Initiative.

**CARRIED**

### **3.2 Stephanie Hooker, AdvantageHOPE**

Stephanie Hooker from AdvantageHOPE provided a presentation *entitled 'Hope, Cascades and Canyons – Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) – Five Year Tourism Strategy Development'*, providing an overview of tourism objectives, guiding principles, tourism vision and mission, strengths to leverage, priority strategies, primary target markets, funding tools and terms of reference. Ms. Hooker reported that the Hope, Cascades and Canyons is a tourism marketing collective spanning Bridal Falls, Hope, Yale, Boston Bar (Areas A, B, D and E of FVRD) and Manning Park. Ms. Hooker reported that AdvantageHOPE has been working with accommodators and tour operators to form a tourism advisory committee.

Ms. Hooker reported that 54 communities/areas in BC have accessed the MRDT, including Chilliwack and Abbotsford. The MRDT funds are returned to the 'eligible entity' to be managed locally and invested in destination marketing programs that will support business growth.

Ms. Hooker advised that the District of Hope has provided a letter of support to AdvantageHOPE for the collection of MRDT in their region and is now seeking a similar letter and a motion of support from the FVRD for the collection of MRDT in Areas A, B, D and E.

Questions were raised and comments were provided from EA Directors as to whether there is any advantage of the MRDT to their specific areas. It was proposed that the affected Electoral Areas meet together to discuss further on this topic before a decision is made.

*Item 3.4 was dealt with at this point.*

### **3.4 FortisBC**

Brent Graham, Manager, Government Relations and Public Policy, Neal Proban, Senior Manager, Community and Indigenous Relations and Darin Wong, Community and Indigenous Relations Manager, Lower Mainland of Fortis, BC provided a joint presentation with respect to the shortage of natural gas following the Enbridge-owned natural gas pipeline rupture near Prince George. They indicated that they are looking for support from all of their stakeholders to reduce usage of natural gas in their facilities and to promote the conservation message.

They also reported on Fortis's system preservation plan and indicated that their next steps include ongoing conservation, vulnerable infrastructure (facilities that need to be kept on) and communications collaboration with stakeholders.

Questions were raised regarding rate increase, future preventive measures, and the amount of gas going south of the border. It was noted that in terms of conservation, the FVRD has been doing their part challenging staff to conserve energy and upgrading equipment to reduce energy.

### **3.3 Job Creation Partnership Program - Summary Highlights**

David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreational Planning delivered a presentation, providing a summary of 2018 Job Creation Partnership Program (JCP) for Experience the Fraser and Regional Parks. Mr. Urban reported that in 2015 and 2016, Ecoworks Landscape Services Inc. in partnership with the Fraser Valley Regional District were successful in receiving grants through the Job Creation Partnership (JCP) Program. He noted that this year \$482,000 in provincial funding was received to continue this work, totaling \$1.1 million of grants received for this Program. A key aspect of this program was to provide employment and job skills training for unemployed workers.

Mr. Urban provided a visual presentation on the projects undertaken through the JCP Program.

Staff and the JCP participants were commended on the great work accomplished and the benefits of these projects to the community was highlighted.

## **4. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

### **4.1 Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting - October 11, 2018**

Moved By FACIO

Seconded By ALEXIS

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of October 11, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

In response to a question raised regarding the status of the YMCA project discussed at the RACS meeting in October, staff reported that they will be in discussion with YMCA in January and that a policy will be developed and brought forward for the Board's consideration.

**5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION**

**5.1 2019 FVRD Board and Committee Meeting Schedule**

Paul Gipps, CAO reported that the start time of the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission meetings are still under consideration.

Moved By ALEXIS  
Seconded By ENGAR

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider approval of the draft 2019 Board and Committee Schedule.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Regional District Chair and CAO Forum: March 26 and 27, 2019**

Chair Lum reported that he will be unavailable to attend the Regional District Chair and CAO Forum in March, 2019 and proposed that the Vice Chair attend in his place.

Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By ROBB

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Board Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Regional District Chair and CAO Forum to be held in Victoria, BC on March 26 and 27, 2019;

**AND THAT** registration fees, accommodation and travel expenses be approved from the Regional Administration Budget 101.

**CARRIED**

**6. FINANCE**

No Items.

**7. REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**7.1.1 Love Food Hate Waste - Local Government Food Waste Prevention Partnership**

Moved By POPOVE  
Seconded By STOBART

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board enter into an agreement with the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, to work in partnership to use and promote the *Love Food Hate Waste* educational campaign to encourage food waste prevention.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.2 Energy Efficiency Study at Hope Recreation Centre**

Paul Gipps, CAO reported that an Energy Efficiency Study for the Hope Recreation Centre and adjoining Curling Rink has been undertaken through a BC Hydro PowerSmart grant.

**7.2 REGIONAL PARKS**

No Items.

**7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES**

No Items.

**7.4 OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNING**

No Items.

**8. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

No items.

**9. REPORTS BY STAFF**

No Items.

**10. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS**

None.

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

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**


Moved By FACIO  
Seconded By ROSS

**THAT** the Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting of December 11, 2018 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Regional and Corporate Services Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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Director Jason Lum, Chair

