



**FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

7:00 p.m.

FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present:                    Director Jason Lum, City of Chilliwack, Chair  
   Director Dennis Adamson, Electoral Area B  
   Director Pam Alexis, District of Mission  
   Director Wendy Bales, Electoral Area C  
   Alternate Director Bruce Banman, City of Abbotsford, *arrived at 7:05pm*  
   Alternate Director Sandy Blue, City of Abbotsford  
   Alternate Director Dave Clyne, Electoral Area H  
   Director Hugh Davidson, Electoral Area F  
   Director Bill Dickey, Electoral Area D  
   Director Orion Engar, Electoral Area E  
   Director Brenda Falk, City of Abbotsford  
   Director Carol Hamilton, District of Mission  
   Director Chris Kloot, City of Chilliwack  
   Director Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford  
   Director Bud Mercer, City of Chilliwack  
   Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack  
   Director Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent  
   Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A  
   Director Peter Robb, District of Hope  
   Director Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford, Vice Chair  
   Director Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford  
   Director Al Stobbart, Electoral Area G  
   Alternate Director Michie Vidal, Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Regrets:                                    Director Henry Braun, City of Chilliwack  
   Director Kelly Chahal, City of Abbotsford  
   Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H  
   Director Leo Facio, Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Staff Present:                            Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer  
   Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs  
   Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Margaret-Ann Thornton, Director of Planning & Development  
Stacey Barker, Deputy Director of Regional Programs  
Jennifer Kinneman, Director of Corporate Affairs  
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration  
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning  
Tyler Davies, Network Analyst I  
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant  
Maggie Mazurkewich, Executive Assistant to CAO and Board  
(Recording Secretary)

There were also two members of the public present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Moved By PRANGER

Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of January 23, 2019 be approved;

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

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**4. BOARD MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 Board Meeting - December 19, 2018**

Moved By ROBB

Seconded By ENGAR

**THAT** the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of December 19, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**5. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MINUTES FOR INFORMATION AND MATTERS ARISING**

The following items were received for information:

- 5.1 Regional and Corporate Services Committee - December 11, 2018
- 5.2 Draft Regional and Corporate Services Committee - January 9, 2019
- 5.3 Draft Electoral Area Services Committee - January 9, 2019
- 5.4 Draft Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission - January 11, 2019

**6. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION**

No Items.

**7. FINANCE**

**7.1 Impact to Directors Remuneration due to Changes in Legislation on Federal Taxation**

Moved By ROSS

Seconded By POPOVE

THAT staff be directed to report back to the February EASC and RACS meetings regarding the impact on Directors remuneration as a result of recent changes in federal legislation eliminating 1/3 tax exemption for elected officials.

**CARRIED**

*EAs/Unweighted*

**8. BYLAWS**

No items.

**9. PERMITS**

**9.1 Application for Development Variance Permit 2017-25 to reduce the front lot line setback to facilitate the construction of two cow barns at 10205 Tremblay Road, Electoral Area G**

Chair Lum provided an opportunity for public comments. No comments were offered.

Moved By STOBART

Seconded By ADAMSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board issue Development Variance Permit 2017-25 to reduce the setback from the front lot line (Tremblay Road) from 30 metres to 6 metres, clear to sky, to facilitate the construction of two cow barns at 10205 Tremblay Road, Area “G”, subject to consideration of any comments or concerns raised by the public and the submission of complete building permit applications for structures built without permits.

**CARRIED**

*EAs/Unweighted*

**9.2 Application for Development Variance Permit 2018-34 to vary the maximum height requirement for a single family residence at 3900 Columbia Valley Road, Electoral Area H**

Chair Lum provided an opportunity for public comments. No comments were offered.

Moved By CLYNE  
Seconded By ADAMSON

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District issue Development Variance Permit 2018-34 to increase the maximum permitted height of a building from 7.75 metres to 9.0 metres, subject to consideration of any comment or concerns raised by the public.

**CARRIED**

*EA's/Unweighted*

**10. CONTRACTS, COVENANTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS**

**10.1 Area E Baker Trails Wastewater Treatment Plan Strata Room Licence of Occupation**

Moved By ENGAR  
Seconded By SIEMENS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a Licence of Occupation agreement between the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Baker Trails Strata for the use of the office space as the Baker Trails Wastewater Treatment Plant Strata Room.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**10.2 Electoral Area B Curbside Waste Collection RFP Results**

Moved By ADAMSON  
Seconded By KLOOT

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a two year Services Agreement with First Class Waste for residential curbside collection of garbage, recycling, yard waste and organics in Electoral Area B, in the amount of \$137,160 plus GST, based on their proposal dated December 19, 2018.

**CARRIED**

*All/Weighted*

The Board thanked staff for their efforts in negotiating the best possible pricing for this contract.

## 11. OTHER MATTERS

### 11.1 **2018 Regional Growth Strategy Monitoring Report**

The report of Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning dated January 23, 2019 was provided for information. Ms. Stewart provided a PowerPoint Presenting regarding the Regional Growth Strategy (“RGS”) Monitoring Report highlighting the following:

- Historical review of the evolution of the FVRD RGS;
- Data challenges;
- Key metrics around labour force, agriculture, tourism, household income, education levels, housing affordability, seniors housing, homelessness, transit, waste reduction, and electric vehicles; and
- A timeline for the RGS update.

Discussion ensued regarding the informative value of the report from a regional level and the benefits of working together as a region to address collective issues and draw more funds from higher levels of government. There was discussion regarding further information that would be of value to include in the report.

Mr. Gipps commented on how the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) integrates with the Strategic Planning Sessions as the Board identifies regional goals and builds action plans. The importance of bringing issues to senior levels of government was highlighted, and it was noted that the FVRD will work with school districts and University of the Fraser Valley regionally on a number of different issues.

### 11.2 **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure**

Moved By RAYMOND  
Seconded By BALES

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to submit grant applications under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and

Northern Communities Infrastructure Sub-Stream intake for the following projects:

- Electoral Area B: Dogwood Valley Watermain Extension
- Electoral Area C: Harrison Mills Transfer Station Relocation
- Electoral Area D: Integrated Water System Watermain Extension
- Electoral Area H: Cultus Lake Wastewater Collection System Upgrades

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

Mr. Gipps noted that Electoral Area F will be pursuing alternate grant funding opportunities.

## 12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 12.1 **CONSENT AGENDA - FULL BOARD**

Moved By ROSS

Seconded By LOEWEN

**THAT** the following Consent Agenda items 12.1.1 to 12.1.4 be endorsed:

**12.1.1 THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to attend the 2019 Lower Mainland Local Government Association AGM and Conference to be held in Harrison Hot Springs, BC between May 8 and 10, 2019;

**AND THAT** registration fees, accommodation and travel costs be approved from Budget 101.

**12.1.2 THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show to be held in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2, 2019;

**AND THAT** registration fees, accommodation and travel costs be approved from Budget 101.

**12.1.3 THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board accept a \$25,000 grant from Solar Now and proceed with the installation of a rooftop solar panel system at the Cheam Avenue office building.

**12.1.4 THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District provide a letter of support to the Village of Harrison Hot Spring for their grant application under the *'Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program'* for the creation of a public building to serve as a Culture Hub;

**AND THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board also provide a letter of support to the District of Kent for their grant application under the 'Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program' for the development of an Indoor Aquatic Facility.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**12.2 CONSENT AGENDA - ELECTORAL AREAS**

Moved By STOBART

Seconded By DAVIDSON

**THAT** the following Consent Agenda items 12.2.1 and 12.2.2 be endorsed:

**12.2.1 THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District authorize Electoral Area Directors to attend the 2019 Lower Mainland Local Government Association AGM and Conference to be held in Harrison Hot Springs, BC between May 8 and 10, 2019;

**AND THAT** registration fees, accommodation and travel costs be approved from Budget 102.

**12.2.2 THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize Electoral Area Service Directors to attend the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show to be held in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2, 2019;

**AND THAT** registration fees, accommodation and travel costs be approved from Budget 102.

**CARRIED**

*EAs/Unweighted*

**13. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS**

**13.1 Grant-in-Aid Request – Boston Bar North Bend Bowling Association, Electoral Area “A”**

Moved By RAYMOND

Seconded By ENGAR

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,500 to the Boston Bar North Bend Bowling Association, funded from the Electoral Area “A” grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of hosting a free all day open house event on Family Day at the Canyon Lanes Bowling Alley.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

**14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FOR INFORMATION (Items 14.1 to 14.3)**

- 14.1** Corporate report dated January 9, 2019 from Environmental Planner regarding 'Nuisance Mosquito Control Pest Management Plan' - [Jan 2019 RACS]
- 14.2** Corporate report dated January 9, 2019 from Environmental Services Coordinator regarding 'The BC Organics Infrastructure Program' - [Jan 2019 RACS].
- 14.3** Corporate report dated January 9, 2019 from Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning regarding 'FVRD Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Analysis Update' - [Jan 2019 RACS]

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of the 'BC Organics Infrastructure Program' and that the program be included on the agenda of the Strategic Planning session. Further discussion is required with the Board, Ministries and the Province to provide direction for the FVRD to identify the process of lobbying the government on solid waste planning. There is a need for continued monitoring at the regional level.

**15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE (Items 15.1 and 15.2)**

- 15.1** Fraser Basin Council Fraser Valley Update - January, 2019
- 15.2** Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update - December 2018

**16. REPORTS BY STAFF**

Mr. Gipps welcomed Sam Makkar, a grade 11 student shadowing Abbotsford Councillor Banman through the Abbotsford Youth Commission Council's Shadow Project. Sam was invited to speak about his experience. Sam commented that the Youth Commission is an organization that enables youth to get involved in the community and shadow under city councillors to get a better understanding of how municipal government works.

It was commented that Abbotsford has been running this program for 13 years with the objective of connecting the city council with youth in order to make better informed decisions for the next generation and develop future leaders. The importance of youth engagement for municipalities was discussed. Other municipalities can choose to pursue a delegation request from the Abbotsford Youth Commission Council to learn more about this program.

**17. REPORTS BY BOARD DIRECTORS**

Chair Lum reported on amendments made to the FVRD Committee Appointments following discussion with Board members, resulting in the following motion:



Moved by LUM  
Seconded by MERCER

**THAT** the Committee Appointment report be adopted with changes.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

Chair Lum also noted high participation of FVRD Directors at the Local Government Leadership Academy conference.

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

Christopher Bush of Abbotsford requested funding support from the FVRD in developing the application for the Clean BC Communities Fund. It was noted that staff would follow up with Mr. Bush.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By POPOVE  
Seconded By SIEMENS

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board Open Meeting of January 23, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

*All/Unweighted*

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Jason Lum, Chair

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Corporate Officer/Deputy