



FRASER VALLEY ABORIGINAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 14, 2019
10:00 am
FVRD Boardroom, 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC

Members Present: Director Al Stobbart, Chair, Electoral Area G
Director Brenda Falk, Vice Chair, City of Abbotsford
Director Carol Hamilton, District of Mission
Councillor Duane Post, District of Kent
Councillor Michie Vidal, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Director Peter Robb, District of Hope
Councillor Jeff Shields, City of Chilliwack
Chris Crossman, Deputy CAO, City of Chilliwack
Madeline McDonald, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Mike Younie, CAO, District of Mission
John Fortoloczky, CAO, District of Hope

Regrets: Director Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack
Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A
Director Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area H
Wallace Mah, CAO, District of Kent
Katherine Treloar, GM, ISIR, City of Abbotsford
Commissioner David Renwick, Cultus Lake Park Board
Bonny Bryant, CAO, Cultus Lake Park Board
Agnes Rosicki, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo, MVARC Observer Member

Staff Present: Barclay Pitkethly, FVARC Administrator
Jennifer Kinneman, Director of Corporate Affairs
Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning
Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – Indigenous Relations
Maggie Mazurkewich, Executive Assistant to CAO
Chris Lee, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER by Barclay Pitkethly, FVARC Administrator

Barclay Pitkethly, FVARC Administrator called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ELECTION OF FVARC Chair by FVARC Administrator

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Chair for 2019.

Director Falk nominated Director Stobbart.

Director Stobbart accepted the nomination.

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations a second and third time. With no other nominations, the FVARC Administrator declared Director Stobbart as Chair of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee for the year 2018.

Director Stobbart assumed the Chair.

Chair Stobbart thanked members for the nomination and provided brief remarks, noting that we have come a long way and that with the Truth and Reconciliation we all have the ability to improve things and at the FVRD we are well on our way.

3. ELECTION OF FVARC Vice-Chair by FVARC Administrator

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations for the position of Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Vice Chair for 2019.

Director Hamilton nominated Director Falk.

Director Falk accepted the nomination.

The FVARC Administrator called for nominations a second and third time. With no other nominations, the FVARC Administrator declared Director Falk as Vice Chair of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee for the year 2018.

Director Falk assumed the Vice Chair.

Director Falk provided brief remarks, noting that it has been interesting sitting on the BC Table and watch relationships grow, and that consistency and continuing to build on these relationships is crucial moving forward.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

Moved by FALK
Seconded by SHIELDS

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of February 14, 2019 be approved;

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

CARRIED

5. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting - June 19, 2018

Moved by ROBB
Seconded by VIDAL

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of June 19, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Sto-lo Xwexwilmexw Table Representative

Director Falk nominated Director Stobbart. Director Stobbart accepted the nomination.

6.2 Katzie Table Representative

Director Hamilton nominated Director Falk. Director Falk accepted the nomination.

6.3 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee (Observer Member)

Director Stobbart nominated Director Falk. Director Falk accepted the nomination.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Overview of FVARC - Purpose, Terms of Reference and Workplan

Barclay Pitkethly referred to the FVARC reference binder provided to members at the meeting and provided an overview of its contents:

- FVARC Membership, Terms of Reference, looking at rebranding of this Committee and getting more First Nations participation; Report on First Nations engagement for FVARC visioning and 2018 Meeting minutes were also provided;
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) – basis of treaty negotiations;
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action – good reference document on how to approach First Nation relations in a respectful way;

- The Region at a Glance – Infographics/Maps/Demographics - overview of where First Nation territories and reserves are and First Nation Chiefs in the FVRD;
- FVRD Indigenous Program – Strategic objectives, weekly Connections eNewsletter highlighting different issues going on in our region and in the country on indigenous affairs, CEDAR Network, Indigenous Reads Library as a resource and FVRD Learns – courses available to Members;
- Notes on Treaty – even though we are not in direct negotiations, good resource.

7.2 2019 FVARC Proposed Meeting Schedule

Moved by FALK
Seconded by ROBB

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee hold meetings on April 11, July 11 and October 24, 2019.

CARRIED

7.3 2019 Appointment of Non-Voting Members to the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

The letter dated January 4, 2019 from Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee with respect to the appointment of Councillor Bonita Zarrillo to the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee as an Observer Member for 2019 was provided for information.

7.4 CEDAR Network Phase II

Jessica Morrison, Policy Analyst – Indigenous Relations provided a demonstration of Cedar Network Phase II, a web base resource. She reported that invites will be sent out to Members who are currently not signed up with CEDAR Network.

Staff was commended for the development of this useful resource which has been getting great reviews.

8. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved by FALK
Seconded by SHIELDS

THAT the FVARC meeting be closed to the public except for senior staff and Executive Assistant, for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes convened in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

- Section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* - the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

The Open Meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m.

9. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Open Meeting reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

10. INDIGENOUS /SETTLER RELATIONS 101

Jessica Morrison provided a presentation on 'Indigenous/Settler Relations 101'. Members thanked Jessica for the enlightening and eye-opening presentation.

The Open Meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

11. ADDENDA ITEMS/LATE ITEMS

No items.

12. REPORTS BY STAFF

None

13. REPORT BY DIRECTORS

Councillor Vidal reported that Harrison Hot Springs has a good relationship with Sts'ailes First Nation, and Council to Council meetings are held three times a year. Sts'ailes First Nation has invited their Council to attend their cultural festival. She noted that Harrison is looking in the future to building a cultural centre and certainly will be encouraging the Sts'ailes First Nation to be involved in some cultural exchanges.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO AGENDA

None

15. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by FALK
Seconded by SHIELDS

THAT the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting of February 14, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee Open Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Director Al Stobbart, Chair

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