

Highlights of the Fraser Basin Council Board of Directors Meeting June 13, 2019, Prince George

Report from the Chair

Chair Colin Hansen welcomed FBC Directors to the FBC 22nd Anniversary Board of Directors meeting and introduced newly appointed Board member Chief Colleen Jacob representing the Staleum First Nations language group and succeeding Larry Casper. He also mentioned that newly elected Carrier Sekani Tribal Chief Mina Holmes will succeed Regional Chief Terry Tegee as their representative on the FBC Board. He expressed his appreciation to the Northern Regional Office staff for an excellent field tour to UNBC and the District of Vanderhoof the previous day. He also mentioned his visits to and meetings with the Columbia Shuswap and Thompson Nicola Regional District Boards with FBC's Senior Regional Manager, Mike Simpson, in April. He informed the Board that the first meeting of the Sustainability Solutions Initiative Advisory Council had a very successful inaugural meeting last Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Report from Executive Director

Executive Director, David Marshall, highlighted some of FBC's achievements during the 2018-2019 fiscal year and since the February 2019 Board meeting. These included providing executive director services to the North Central Local Government Association, launching the First Nations Climate Leadership Pilot Program that provides assistance to local Cariboo Chilcotin First Nations in accessing funding for initiatives related to lower carbon, completing the Thompson Flood and Debris Flow Risk Assessment, securing a contract with Swim Drink Fish Canada to administer the Fraser Valley Illegal Dumping Alliance, acquiring responsibility for the agriculture component of the Salmon Safe Program, achieving 88% voluntary slow down of vessel traffic in the Southern Georgia Strait to monitor this effect on Southern Resident Killer Whales, developing a new hydraulic model as part of the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy, assuming responsibility for convening Adaptation Canada 2020, facilitating 2,500 EV test drives and installing over 840 charging stations and convening 16 Cariboo recovery community engagement sessions attended by over 5,000 people.

Rural Development

Sarah Fraser, Executive Director, Rural Development Section of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development presented information about initiatives to support rural development. Discussion focused on challenges facing communities in transition, the need for flexibility in government programs and supports, and the need for easily administered programs. The challenge of planning for the future, acknowledging upcoming changes, and proactive planning as opposed to waiting to respond to a crisis was discussed.

Fraser Basin Council Charter for Sustainability 2020

The Sustainability Task Committee presented the proposed framework for the BC Charter for Sustainability, and directors and staff engaged in conversation about proposed revisions to the principles, strategic directions, and how and who to engage going forward.

Committee Reports

The Governance Committee presented the executive director objectives for this year which were approved. The Youth Committee gave an update on the My Climate Story and Co-creating a Sustainable BC initiatives, and that almost \$500 000 was secured from the federal government for the Youth Program.

Unaudited statements from 2018/19 were presented, and current statements of operations, financial position, a report on trust funds and the investment summary from the Finance Committee were received. A fund development update was provided, including an update on the Sustainability Solutions Initiative. The budget for 2019/20 was approved.

Detailed reports are available from your representative on the board of directors, or from the FBC staff below.

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