Q1 COMMUNITY UPDATE REPORT

January 1 - March 31, 2026

Fraser Valley Regional District

ADMINISTRATION

- 28 FOIs (1984 pages)
- 52 Agendas/Minutes
- 26 Meetings

REGIONAL SERVICES

Protective Services

FVRD Fire Departments

- 196 Fire Department Calls Attended

CARE Centre

- 743 Calls for Service
- 122 Dogs Impounded
- 87 Dogs Reunited with Owner
- 9 Dogs Found New Homes

Strategic Planning

- FVRD Board formally accepted the City of Chilliwack, City of Mission, and District of Hope's Regional Context Statements as related to the Fraser Valley Future 2050 Regional Growth Strategy.
- Rural Transit Needs Assessment and Action Plan is underway, with first stage of public engagement completed.
- January 2026 saw 9,500 hour expansion of FVX services to Lougheed Town Centre implemented - increased weekday and weekend services.

REGIONAL SERVICES

Environmental Services

- 38 classrooms received FVRD's Air Quality in the Classroom program since the beginning of the school year, helping students understand the airshed and how to reduce local pollution.
- Food Mesh continues to grow the Fraser Valley Regional Food Recovery Network. This program diverted 879,167 kg of surplus food in 2025, an increase of 20% from 2024.
- The FVRD's 2026 invasive weed control efforts will begin soon. Residents in Chilliwack, Abbotsford, and Electoral Areas C, D, E, G, H can receive 50% off knotweed treatments. More information can be found at https://fviss.ca/komp-costshare

Integrated Planning

- FVRD Board supported the engagement strategy for Parks and Trails Plan 2050. Public engagement to take place during Q2 and Q3, 2026.
- Participated in workshop and offered feedback on the proposed changes to the *BC Heritage Act*.
- Received Board direction to participate in the Municipal and Protected Areas Program. This is a collaborative initiative led by BC Nature to help protect 30% of Canada's land base by 2030.

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Parks

- The completion of the Elbow Creek Trail in Electoral Area C.
- The construction of a new community park in Yale in Electoral Area B.
- Finalizing design plans for the new community park at the former Minter Community Garden site in Electoral Area D which is scheduled to be built in 2026.
- Preparing the Vedder River Campground for the 2026 season.

Recreation

Aquatics

- 859 attendances recorded through DSAC bookings
- 2,178 adult swim visits
- 1,611 senior swim visits
- 588 family swim visits
- 545 youth swim visits
- 227 student swim visits
- 516 half-price adult swims and 763 half-price senior swims
- 387 Last Hour Swim/Gym visits

Recreation Programs

- 62 spin class participants
- 45 participants with birthday skate and birthday swim packages
- Pickleball participation supported through pass usage and drop-in access

REGIONAL SERVICES

Recreation

Fitness

- 661 fitness visits recorded across cardio and weight rooms
- Fitness spaces operated at approximately 80% utilization
- TRX Functional Training: 35 participants
- Spin Classes: 62 participants
- Forever Fit: 11 participants
- Yoga Lite: 22 participants

Arena

- 10,429 arena attendances recorded
- 776.9 hours of scheduled ice time
- 55+ hockey had 376 visits
- Casual hockey recorded 133 visits
- 665 skate rentals, 51 skate sharpening, and 280 school skate rentals

Facility & Community Use

- 19,938 total facility visits
- 620 bookings supporting 2,529 hours of scheduled use
- 6,093 Mezzanine visits and operated at 97% utilization
- 1,345 Conference Centre visits across bookings

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ENGINEERING & UTILITIES

Engineering

- Launch of the new Area B Curbside Collection Program.
- Launch of cashless payment system at the Sylvester Road Transfer Station.
- Award of the RFP for the operation of the Chaumox Landfill to the Area A Landfill Society.
- Commenced construction on the Athey Road shoreline projection works. All of the instream works completed and 50% of the project work was completed.

Utilities

- Sunnyside Campground works completed with new pumps and directional change in flows to North Cultus Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Water produced: 751,959 m3
- Sewer treated: 39,860 m3

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

EA Planning

- 7 new Development Permit Applications
- 6 new Development Variance Permits
- 1 new Subdivision Referral
- 1 new ALC Referral

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Emergency Management

- 1 Emergency Support Service (Level 1; house fire)
- Training Session: Wellness for Response

Building Inspection

- 28 Building Permits Issued
- $10,479,131.05 Building Permit - Value
- 260 Building Inspections

Bylaw

- 27 New Files
  - 2026 Q1 is an increase of 8 files from 2025 Q4
- 39 Closed Files
- 77 Site Inspections
- 103 File Reviews
- 462 Active Files
  - 2025 Q4 had 474 Active Bylaw Files

FVRD HIGHLIGHTS

- Modernized FVRD Board & Committee Meeting Videos
- Paperless Building Permit Applications
- 2026-2030 Financial Plan