

FVISS 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 26th, 2025
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom



Attendance:

1) Kathy Ma Green	FVISS Executive Director
2) Erica Mulder	FVISS Outreach Coordinator
3) Jocelyn Rahnborn	FVISS Field Programs Coordinator
4) Megumi Metcalfe	FVISS Program Assistant
5) Victoria Brookes	FVISS Chair, Retired AAFC Agassiz
6) Nichole Marples	FVISS Treasurer, LEPS
7) Alida Janmaat	FVISS Director, UFV Biology
8) Janne Perrin	FVISS Director, Miami River Streamkeepers
9) Steve Clegg	FVISS Director, S.A.Y. Lands
10) Terisha Bailey	FVISS Director, AAFC Agassiz
11) Aysha McConkey	FVISS Director, BC Bats, Wildlife Artist
12) Vanessa Hart	FVISS Director, Sto:lo Resource and Research Management Centre (SRRMC)
13) Dirk Lewis	Morrow Bioscience
14) Bob Drinkwater	Drinkwater Environmental Services
15) Jillian Stewart	Seabird Island Band
16) Christy Jones	City of Abbotsford
17) Rene Roddick	BC Hydro
18) Derek Hogan	BC Ministry of Forests
19) Eli Ross	Fraser Valley Regional District
20) Rachel Drennan	Fraser Valley Watershed Coalition
21) Erin Galloway	Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council
22) Lovena Morton	Township of Langley
23) Brennen Lessick	Township of Langley
24) Justin St Andrassy	Township of Langley
25) Todd Kohler	Department of National Defence
26) Shea Carson	Department of National Defence
27) David Clements	Trinity Western University, The Knotweed Lab
28) Cameron Dean	Urban Bounty Home & Garden Services
29) Jacob Fuerst	University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)
30) Maddox Dickson	University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)
31) Devandra Tamang	University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)

MINUTES

Start of Meeting: 10:00 AM

- 1) Welcome, introductions and housekeeping
- 2) Begin AGM
 - Motion to start meeting: Terisha Bailey; Seconded: Nichole Marples
 - Motion carried by majority.
- 3) Accept the Agenda for 2025 AGM
 - Motion to accept: David Clements; Seconded: Alida Janmaat
 - Motion carried by majority.
- 4) Adopt 2024 AGM Minutes
 - Motion to adopt: Janne Perrin; Seconded: Nichole Marples
 - Motion carried by majority.
- 5) Report from the Chair
Victoria Brookes, FVISS Chair
 - Thank you to Kathy (FVISS) and other staff for their work, along with the guidance and expertise of the volunteer board members.
 - Particular thanks to the departing board members, Steve Clegg and Ken Schwaerzle.
- 6) Report of Financial Statement
Nichole Marples, FVISS Treasurer
 - Presentation of finalized 2024 Financial Statement (January to December 2024) and Financial Report year to date (January to November 2025)
 - Motion to approve: Nichole Marples; Seconded: Terisha Bailey
 - Motion carried by majority. Financial report was approved as presented.
- 7) 2025 FVISS Update – Operational and Field Programs, Education and Outreach Programs
Kathy Ma, FVISS Executive Director
Jocelyn Rahnborn, FVISS Field Programs Coordinator
Erica Mulder, FVISS Outreach Coordinator
 - 2025 year in review, updates from outreach program, education resources development, incentive programs, operational field work, invasive species surveys and monitoring, and other invasive species projects
 - Thank you to staff members and their hard work this year.
 - Thank you to our 2025 funders.
- 8) Presentation – Invasive Plants and Chilliwack Creek Restoration along the Ts'lhimexósem (Going for a Walk Together) Trail
Steve Clegg: Land Stewardship Manager, S.A.Y. Lands

9) **Election of Board of Directors**

- Thank you for the time, expertise and commitment of the two departing board members:
 - Steve Clegg
 - Ken Schwaerzle
- Proposed board members for 2026:
 - Victoria Brookes (Retired AAFC Agassiz)
 - Nichole Marples (Langley Environmental Partnership Society)
 - Alida Janmaat (UFV Biology)
 - Janne Perrin (Miami River Streamkeepers)
 - Terisha Bailey (AAFC Agassiz)
 - Aysha McConkey (BC Bats, Wildlife Artist)
 - Vanessa Hart (SRRMC)
 - Jillian Stewart (Seabird Island)
- Motion to accept: David Clements; Seconded: Todd Kohler
 - Motion carried by majority. 2026 Board of Directors accepted.

10) **New Business/Announcements from Members**

- None raised

11) **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn FVISS 2025 Annual General Meeting: Terisha Bailey; Seconded: Janne Perrin
- Motion carried.

Time adjourned: 12:00 PM