



**FRASER VALLEY  
INVASIVE  
SPECIES SOCIETY**

PO Box 16021 Sumas Mountain  
Abbotsford BC V3G 0C6  
(778) 548-3847 | info@fviss.ca

## Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society 11th Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020, 10:30-11:30am

Virtually held via Zoom

**Attendance:** 21 Participants

**Chair:** Victoria Brookes

### MINUTES

- 1) Welcome, introductions and housekeeping
- 2) Begin AGM
  - Motion to start meeting: Ken Schwaerzle; Seconded: Nichole Marples
  - All approved. Motion carried.
- 3) Report from the Chair (Victoria Brookes, FVISS Chair)
  - Victoria expressing appreciation for attendance and interest in invasive species
  - Adjustments to new normal of COVID-19
  - Unable to continue land manager program because of COVID-19, but hope to re-start for 2021
  - Expressed appreciation for Board of Directors and reminder that the FVISS is still accepting nominations for BoD elections.
- 4) Adopt 2019 AGM Minutes
  - Motion to approve: Nichole Marples; Seconded: Janne Perrin
  - All approved. Motion carried.
- 5) Accept the Agenda for 2020 AGM
  - Motion to approve: Nichole Marples; Seconded: Janne Perrin
  - All approved. Motion carried.
- 6) Report of Financial Statement (Nichole Marples, FVISS Treasurer)
  - Presentation of Financial Statement to date (January to October 2020)
  - Motion to approve: Ken Schwaerzle; Seconded: David Clements
  - All approved. Motion carried. Financial report was approved as presented.
- 7) Education and Outreach (Kathy Ma: FVISS Executive Director and Larissa: Invasive Species Program Assistant)
  - 2020 Year in Review, updates from the previous season on outreach and operational project work
    - ECO Canada and Canada Summer Jobs helped fund Invasive Species Program



**FRASER VALLEY  
INVASIVE  
SPECIES SOCIETY**

PO Box 16021 Sumas Mountain  
Abbotsford BC V3G 0C6  
(778) 548-3847 | info@fviss.ca

Assistant position.

- New outreach display/signage; knotweed information signs and sandwich board
- Events highlights: several weed pulls and tansy ragwort pick up in Columbia Valley Area- Hope to continue these in future seasons
- Website updates: ~150 invasive species descriptions online
- Public inquiries: majority coming from Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Mission. Top question was knotweed-related, then giant hogweed and "other" species reports
- Social media update; increases on all platforms, newsletter, Facebook and Instagram.

#### 8) Project update (Larissa)

- Invasive Mussel Lake Monitoring in its third year, monitored four Fraser Valley lakes.
- To date no samples have tested positive and no adult mussels have been found on the substrate samplers.

#### 9) Operational update (Kathy)

- 2020 operational year in review; the operational partners, new work for 2020 and contractors
  - New work: new knotweed treatments in District of Kent, FVRD dyke surveys, knotweed survey in East Chilliwack and Burdock control for BC Parks
  - Contractors: Drinkwater Environmental Services and Morrow BioScience
- Managed 27 invasive species, 2,753 surveys and 1,019 treatments
  - Majority of work around tansy ragwort, wild chervil, knotweed and giant hogweed.

#### 10) Election of Board of Directors

- Steve Clegg nominated for FVISS board by Hafsa Salihue; Seconded: Nichole Marples
- Proposed board members for 2020:
  - Victoria Brookes
  - Birgit Gagne
  - Nichole Marples
  - Janne Perrin
  - Ken Schwaerzle
  - Alida Janmaat
  - Angela Oscienny
  - Steve Clegg
- Motion to accept
  - All approved. Board accepted by acclimation.
- Executive positions are elected at the next Board meeting

#### 11) New Business/Announcements from members

- Clarification on public inquires and how many contacts were wondering about the Asian Giant Hornet
  - Request to upload nest description to website description
- Request to target developers and retailers for future outreach



**FRASER VALLEY**  
**INVASIVE**  
**SPECIES SOCIETY**

PO Box 16021 Sumas Mountain  
Abbotsford BC V3G 0C6  
(778) 548-3847 | info@fviss.ca

#### 12) Common Wall Lizard presentation

- Dr. Gavin Hanke was unable to connect due to technical problems
- Forward participants to ISCBC- Wednesday Webinar on November 25 from 12:00-1:00pm.

#### 13) Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn FVISS 2020 Annual General Meeting: Nichole Marples
- All approved. Motion carried.

Time adjourned: 11:30 am

DRAFT