

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee  
From: Sterling Chan, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure

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**Subject: Hatzic Prairie Water Fees and Charges Amendment**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as "*Fraser Valley Regional District Hatzic Prairie Water Supply and Distribution System Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1522, 2019*".

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

### BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District's Hatzic Prairie Water System operates on revenue streams from a parcel tax as well as a user fee collected in the form of a semi-annual utility bill.

### DISCUSSION

*Fraser Valley Regional District Hatzic Prairie Water Supply and Distribution System Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1029, 2010* specifies a minimum charge for the semi-annual utility bill of \$155. The bylaw proposed, *Fraser Valley Regional District Hatzic Prairie Water Supply and Distribution System Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1522, 2019*, specifies a minimum charge for the semi-annual utility bill of \$300, all other aspects of the bylaw remain unchanged.

The purpose of the change is to adjust the Hatzic Prairie Water System's revenue stream to put a higher emphasis on user fees. To offset the increase in user fees a corresponding change has been made to the service area's parcel tax for 2019 such that the net cost paid by users connected to the water system will remain unchanged.

### COST

The changes proposed by this bylaw will only effect the streams through which revenue is collected for this service area. The overall service area budget remains unchanged.

**COMMENTS BY:**

**Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported. The proposed bylaw changes have been reflected in the recently adopted financial plan.

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported