Fraser Valley Regional District

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee
Date: 2019-05-08
From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations
File No: 1850-20 / 002

Subject: 2019 Grant-In-Aid Request – Chilliwack Vedder River Cleanup Society, Electoral Area "E"

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of $1,100 to the Chilliwack Vedder River Cleanup Society, funded from the 2019 Electoral Area "E" grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with hosting the Chilliwack Vedder River cleanups on April 13 and September 22 of 2019.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS	PRIORITIES
Support Environmental Stewardship	Priority #4 Tourism
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community	Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid policy under the "Promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement" option.

DISCUSSION

The Chilliwack Vedder River Cleanup Society organizes two yearly clean-ups of the Chilliwack Vedder River and its associated riparian areas. The society coordinates volunteers within the general community and has been supported in prior years by the City of Chilliwack, Fraser Valley Regional District and Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The funding request is to offset the costs of tipping fees, newspaper ads and event supplies to ensure the cleanup is safely and effectively executed.

Director Engar is in support of this grant-in-aid request.

COST

The $1,100 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "E" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A funding request has been received from the Chilliwack Vedder River Cleanup Society to help offset the costs of hosting the two Vedder River cleanup events held April 13 and September 22 of this year. Funding allows the Society to host safe and effective events that remove a significant amount of garbage from the river system.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.