

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

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Subject: Fraser Valley Regional Library Branch Improvements – Yale & Boston Bar

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee provide direction to Staff regarding improvements to the FVRL Yale and Boston Bar Branches by selecting one of the options below:

Option 1: \$3,000 in improvements to both branches for the installation of external book drops

Option 2: \$45,000 for Yale Branch and \$33,000 for the Boston Bar Branch to address a number of projects as outlined in the FVRL proposal

Option 3: \$45,000 for Yale Branch and \$58,000 for Boston Bar Branch for additional improvements being requested at the Boston Bar Branch

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional Library attended the March EASC meeting to present on the operations of the FVRL system and specifically the two branches operated under the Fraser Valley Regional District. In addition they presented a capital funding request for proposed improvements to the Yale and Boston Bar Branches.

DISCUSSION

A detailed funding request proposal has been prepared by FVRL staff, attached to this memo and circulated to Directors Raymond and Adamson directly as the impacted branches are located within their electoral areas.

The goal of the project is to improve and revitalize the Yale and Boston Bar Branches through a major facelift thereby increasing its appeal to existing and potentially new customers.

COST

The Electoral Area Regional Library Service has a capital reserve balance of \$143,000 as at December 31, 2018 that the committee could consider allocating funding from for the project proposals. These funds were collected in years past from all electoral areas and there are no current plans for the funds.

CONCLUSION

The FVRL would like to see some renovations and upgrades be completed to the Yale and Boston Bar Branches in order to increase their appeal to the users. They are seeking funding support from EASC to complete these projects.

COMMENTS BY:

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.