

To: CAO for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee

Date: 2019-05-08

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services
And Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration

File No: 3920-20-1526, 2019

Subject: Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019*.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

PRIORITIES

Priority #3 Flood Protection & Management

BACKGROUND

In 1997, the Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Measures Regulatory Bylaw No. 0127, 1997 was adopted in order to regulate and manage the FVRD's Emergency Management Program.

DISCUSSION

As many years have since passed since the establishment of the FVRD's Emergency Management Program, an updated and modernized bylaw that is reflective of the current practices and legislation is being brought forward for the Board's consideration. The proposed bylaw has been drafted in consultation with the requirements of the *Emergency Program Act*, associated Regulations and the British Columbia Emergency Management System.

Under the *Emergency Program Act*, a Board must establish an Emergency Program which is charged with the development and implementation of emergency plans and other preparedness, response and recovery measures for emergencies and disasters. The Emergency Program is implemented, structured and maintained according to the FVRD Emergency Management Response and Recovery Plan. The proposed bylaw sets out the responsibilities and powers of the Board, the Electoral Area Services

Committee (EASC), the Emergency Program Coordinator, as well as the Emergency Operations Centre Director. These responsibilities and powers are established in legislation.

The Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services, as the appointed Emergency Coordinator will work with EASC to provide the strategic direction and oversight to the Emergency Program, to prepare annual budgets and to approve the FVRD Emergency Management Response and Recovery Plan.

COST

There are no costs associated with this proposed bylaw

CONCLUSION

The Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019 is being brought forward to the Board for consideration of three readings and adoption.

COMMENTS BY:

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

No further financial comments.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.