



CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee

Date: 2019-09-10

From: Melissa Geddert, Planner I

File No: 6935-15-Harrison Hot Springs

Subject: Village of Harrison Hot Springs Referral for Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1142, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board receive the *Village of Harrison Hot Springs Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1142, 2019* and that the comments outlined in Fraser Valley Regional District staff report dated September 10, 2019 be forwarded to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) has received a referral from the Village of Harrison Hot Springs regarding an amendment to their *Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw 864*. The Village is amending its OCP to re-designate the lands outlined on Schedule A (see attached) from Public Use Area to Village Centre Area. The purpose of the Village Centre Area is to develop a distinct commercial and mixed commercial/residential town centre with a full range of services. First and second reading was given for *Village of Harrison Hot Springs Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1142, 2019* on August 12, 2019.

DISCUSSION

FVRD staff have reviewed the *Village of Harrison Hot Springs Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1142, 2019* from a regional perspective and find the proposed amendment to be consistent with the FVRD's 2004 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), *Choices for our Future*. The community plan amendment specifically supports the RGS's growth management goal to develop a network of sustainable communities and achieve sustainable economic growth.

The proposal to amend the lands from Public Use Area to Village Centre Area promotes a range of commercial, residential and public uses and thus, enhances the development of a strong and diverse economy within the village. This is key to meeting the social and economic goals of the RGS and creating a healthy and sustainable community

COST

No costs are associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

On receipt of the referral, FVRD staff has reviewed the proposed Village of Harrison Hot Springs OCP amendment in the context of the FVRD Regional Growth Strategy and the draft update that is in preparation. The lands associated with the amendment are within the FVRD's urban growth boundary and the proposal is consistent with the policies set out in the RGS.

COMMENTS BY:

Alison Stewart, Manager of Strategic Planning: Reviewed and supported

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services: Reviewed and Supported

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services: No further financial comments.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported

Lands Subject to OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1142, 2019

