

To: CAO for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board

Date: 2019-11-26

From: Pam Loat, Legislative Coordinator

File No: 3920-20

Subject: 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 Emergency Measures Regulatory Bylaw No. 0127, 1997 was adopted in order to regulate and manage the Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program. An updated and modernized bylaw which is reflective of 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 BC Emergency Management System (BCEMS).

In addition, the Auditor General for Local Government recently completed a Performance Audit Report with regards to the FVRD Emergency Program. Bylaw No. 1526, 2019 was also updated to respond to applicable recommendations addressed in the Audit Report.

DISCUSSION

Under the *Emergency Program Act*, a Board must establish an Emergency Management Organization charged with the development and implementation of emergency plans and other preparedness, response and recovery measures for emergencies and disasters. This Emergency Program will be implemented, structured and maintained according to the FVRD Emergency Plan. The proposed bylaw sets out the responsibilities and powers of the Board, the Emergency Management Executive Committee and the Emergency Coordinator.

Further amendments to this bylaw will likely be forthcoming in 2021 in response to anticipated legislative changes to the *Emergency Program Act*.

COST

None

CONCLUSION

The *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019* is being brought forward for consideration of three readings and adoption. Bylaw 1526, 2019 would repeal and replace Bylaw No. 0127, 1997.

COMMENTS BY:

Jaime Reilly, Acting Director of Corporate Affairs/Corporate Officer

Reviewed and supported.

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

No further financial comments.

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Reviewed and supported.