



To: Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District Board From: Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services Date: January 28, 2020 File No: 0810-23

Subject: Mary Street Parking Lot – 2019 Statement of Financial Activities

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District Board of information pertaining to the 2019 financial activities for the Mary Street Parking Lot. Staff is not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information to the Hospital Board should members want more clarification or to discuss the item further.

BACKGROUND

In 2015 the Hospital District acquired the property at 9005 Mary Street, adjacent to Chilliwack General Hospital, for future heath care facility development. Until such time that development occurs, the Board resolved to utilize the space as a parking lot in order to address public parking challenges in the immediate area surrounding the hospital. The parking lot opened to the public in late August 2017.

DISCUSSION

Original estimations on financial expectations for the parking lot were developed by Fraser Health based on their overall experience in health care parking lot management throughout the region, along with their specific experiences operating the Chilliwack General Hospital site. 2019 represents the second full year of operation, allowing the Board to compare year to year actual results.

Revenues

The majority of parking fee revenue is earned by hourly and daily users of the parking lot. Parking rates have been set to equal those in the Fraser Health operated lots - \$1.75 per hour or \$5.75 per 12 hours. A monthly parking pass system has been setup to allow high parking users, such as hospital employees, a reduced parking option of \$40 per month. Growth in monthly parking pass revenue of \$5,000 has helped in the overall \$12,000 increase in parking fee revenue.

Expenses

Parking lot expenses include site maintenance, snow & ice control, parking meter lease fees, banking related fees and parking lot management contract services. Original estimations from Fraser Health suggested an annual cost of about \$14,000 to operate the parking lot. Total costs incurred in 2019 was \$19,306 which was higher than expected in part due to \$5,204 spent on snow & ice control as a result of significant winter events. Similar results were seen in 2018 with total expenses of \$18,615.

In summary, 2019 parking lot operations generated a net profit of \$24,494 (2018 - \$13,052).

COST

The net parking lot revenue flows back into the capital reserve used to fund the initial parking lot development.

CONCLUSION

With the completion of 2019 and the second full year of parking lot operations at Mary Street, a summary of the financial activities has been brought to the Board for information. While the financial results are lower than estimations originally developed by Fraser Health, the net profit is trending up with the proceeds being returned to the capital reserve that was used to fund the parking lot development.

COMMENT BY:

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Reviewed and supported.