

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board  
From: Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Programs

Date: 2020-02-25  
File No: 4010-50-003

**Subject: Appointment of FVRD Animal Control Officers**

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board appoint the following personnel as Animal Control Officers for the Fraser Valley Regional District, for the purpose of regulatory enforcement of the Fraser Valley Regional District's animal control bylaws, effective immediately:

- Dustin Thiessen
- Trina Douglas

## STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

## BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) provides animal control services to the City of Chilliwack, City of Abbotsford, the District of Mission, the District of Kent, the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, and Electoral Areas D, E, G, and H. Bylaw enforcement provided as part of this service is conducted through contract with the BC Commissionaires who hire Animal Control Officers which assist in implementing the FVRD's animal control bylaws.

## DISCUSSION

Animal Control Officers working for the Commissionaires have already been provided a blanket designation by the FVRD Board to issue fines for contraventions of the FVRD's animal control bylaws. Trina Douglas and Dustin Thiessen work alongside the Commissionaires to deliver animal control services. Ms. Douglas serves as the FVRD Manager of Contracted Services, which includes administration of the animal control function, and Ms. Thiessen serves as the FVRD's Animal Welfare and Regulatory Supervisor. As part of their employ, each attend court and adjudication hearings on behalf of the FVRD and each require the ability to issue fines for contravention of the FVRD's animal control bylaws in some circumstances.

**COST**

n/a

**CONCLUSION**

As per FVRD's animal control bylaws, Animal Control Officers are required to be appointed by the FVRD Board to administer and enforce the FVRD's animal control bylaws. The appointment of these Animal Control Officers will provide them the authority needed for this function.

**COMMENTS BY:**

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services:**

No further financial comment.

**Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer:**

Reviewed and supported.