

To: Electoral Area Services Committee  
From: Pam Loat, Legislative Coordinator

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**Subject: Search and Rescue Grant in Aid Extended Service Repeal Bylaw No.1584, 2020**

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings to *Fraser Valley Regional District Search and Rescue Grant in Aid Extended Service Repeal Bylaw No. 1584, 2020*.

## STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

## BACKGROUND

The FVRD currently funds search and rescue programs within all FVRD Electoral Areas and most member municipalities through the sub-regional service area established by *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Search and Rescue Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 0688, 2005*. The City of Abbotsford is the only member municipality not included as a participant in this service.

There are also three extended services established in 1991 by the Regional District of Fraser-Cheam (RDFC) for the sole purposes of providing grants in aid for search and rescue programs within current Electoral Areas B, C, E and H. There are no remaining funds that were requisitioned through these old RDFC extended services.

## DISCUSSION

At the time when Bylaw No. 0688, 2005 was adopted, the grant in aid extended services were not repealed or merged into the sub-regional search and rescue service area. This bylaw is a housekeeping matter to repeal the now obsolete RDFC extended services established by the following bylaws:

- *Hope Volunteer Search and Rescue Grant-in-Aid Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 881, 1989;*

- *Kent/Harrison Hot Springs Search and Rescue Grant-in-Aid Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 882, 1991;*
- *Chilliwack Volunteer Search and Rescue Team Grant-in-Aid Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 896, 1989*

## **CONCLUSION**

Search and rescue programs are currently funded through the FVRD sub-regional service established by Bylaw No. 0688, 2005, and therefore the RDFC grant in aid extended services for Electoral Areas B, C, E and H are obsolete and no longer required.

## **COST**

None.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

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Reviewed and supported.

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Reviewed and supported.

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Reviewed and supported.