

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

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Subject: Service Area Amendment Bylaw Nos. 1586, 2020; 1587, 2020; 1588, 2020 and 1589, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings to:

- *Fraser Valley Regional District Boston Bar and North Bend Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1586, 2020;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Area A Garbage Disposal Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1587, 2020;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1588, 2020; and*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1589, 2020.*

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BACKGROUND

In December of 2019 and January of 2020, several service area amendment bylaws were adopted to increase requisition amounts for the Boston Bar and North Bend Fire Protection; Area A Garbage Disposal; Yale Water Supply and Distribution System and Deroche Water System Service Areas. The increases to the maximum requisitions under all of these bylaws were less than 25%, and so these bylaws were adopted without Ministry approval pursuant to BC Regulation 113/2007 [Regional District Establishing Bylaw Approval Exemption Regulation].

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has since advised us that because these bylaws also amended the method of calculating the amounts from a total requisition amount for the service area in a flat dollar amount to a rate per \$1000 applied to the taxable value of land and improvements within

the service area, that Ministry approval is, in fact, required. This type of amendment is not exempt from Inspector approval under BC Regulation 113/2007.

COST

None.

CONCLUSION

In order for the FVRD's bylaws to be valid, we are required to repeal and replace the following recently adopted service area amendment bylaws:

- *Fraser Valley Regional District Boston Bar and North Bend Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1554, 2019;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Area A Garbage Disposal Service Area Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1553, 2019;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Townsite of Yale Water Supply and Distribution Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1552, 2020;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water System Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1551, 2019*

The new bylaws must receive approval from the Inspector of Municipalities after third reading and prior to adoption.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.