

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-05-12

From: Kristy Hodson, Acting Director of Financial Services

File No: 1850-20 / 002

**Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – Trails Society of British Columbia, Electoral Area “E”**

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$3,000 to the Trails Society of British Columbia (Trails BC), funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “E” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with re-establishing the 5.5km trail section known as Tolmie Trail.

## STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

## PRIORITIES

Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

## BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the “Activities/programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” option.

## DISCUSSION

Trails BC is a Provincial organization and registered Society, which is run purely by volunteers. Their mandate is to maintain the Trans Canada Trail / Great Trail and to establish greenway trails.

This funding request will be used to offset the costs of re-establishing a 5.5km section in the Chilliwack River Valley known as the Tolmie Trail. This funding will cover an indigenous archaeology study followed by the redevelopment of this trail that was damaged from ATVs and dirt bikes.

The Trans Canada Trail / Great Trail is a tourist attraction in the Chilliwack River Valley, and serves walkers, hikers, cyclists and equestrians.

Director Engar is in support of this grant-in-aid request.

## **COST**

The \$3,000 cost will be funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "E" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

## **CONCLUSION**

A funding request has been received from the Trails Society of British Columbia to help offset the costs of re-establishing a 5.5km section of the Trans Canada Trail / Great Trail.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

**Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:** Reviewed and supported.