

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board

Date: 2020-07-28

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services

File No: 7340-01

Subject: Electoral Area Emergency Services – Community Wildfire Protection Plan

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Fraser Valley Regional District Board of information pertaining to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Board presentation. Staff is not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information should members want more clarification to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

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BACKGROUND

In December of 2018 the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorsed a grant application of \$90,000.00 under UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the FVRD Electoral Areas. The successful grant funds were made available in 2019 and were used to contract B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. to create these plans. B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. is attending the July 28TH Board meeting to present these plans to the Board.

DISCUSSION

A CWPP is used to assess wildfire risks within communities and the surrounding areas and to provide strategies that may mitigate or reduce these risks and create wildfire preparedness. The completion of the CWPP also enables the FVRD to apply for future funding, through UBCM programs, to support

Electoral Area FireSmart initiatives and funding that can be directed towards completing strategies indicated within the CWPP report. In order to meet the conditions of the UBCM funding, a Board presentation is required, and B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. will be available to deliver this presentation.

Due to the size and scope of this project, three separate plans were developed encompassing three areas of interest:

Zone A includes Electoral Areas A and B and the communities of Boston Bar, North Bend, Canyon Alpine, Chaumox, Boothroyd, Chapmans, Hells Gate, Sunshine Valley, Laidlaw, Ruby Creek, Othello, Haig, Choate, Dogwood Valley, Squeah, Yale, and Spuzzum.

Zone B includes Electoral Areas C, F and G, and the communities of Lake Errock, Bear Creek, Silver River, Durieu, Miracle Valley, Williams Landing, Dewdney, and Deroche.

Zone C includes Electoral Areas D, E and H and the communities of Bridal Falls, Popkum, Slesse Park, Lindell, Lindell Beach, and Cultus Lake.

COST

There are no costs associated with this report.

COMMENTS BY:

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Reviewed and supported.

Kelly Lownsbrough, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.