

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board

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From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewardship Strategy, Electoral Area “H”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid of \$2,000 to the Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewardship Strategy, funded from the Electoral Area “H” grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of print materials supporting stewardship programs in the Cultus Lake area.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid Policy under the “Use of net approaches/ techniques in solving community challenges” and “Activities/ programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” options.

DISCUSSION

Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewardship Strategy (CLASS) is a Cultus Lake watershed community group that has been operating as an educational and advisory body to the Cultus Lake community since 2007. Their goals are to protect and encourage the health of Cultus Lake, its watershed and aquatic life.

CLASS is requesting a \$2,000 grant-in-aid to offset the costs of print materials that will be used as tools to provide information to the public including changes in water quality, the humane Canada goose management plan, reducing and controlling smallmouth bass, as well as urgent or evolving environmental stewardship issues that may arise. Volunteers work to hand out these materials within the community.

Director Dixon is in support of providing a \$2,000 grant-in-aid.

COST

The \$2,000 will be funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "H" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from CLASS seeking support to offset the costs of print materials to be distributed within the community of Cultus Lake to promote the health of Cultus Lake.

COMMENTS BY:

Kelly Lownsbrough, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Financial Services:

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:

Reviewed and supported.