

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

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At the time when Bylaw No. 0688, 2005 was adopted, the grant in aid extended services were not repealed or merged into the sub-regional search and rescue service area.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.

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Reviewed and supported.

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Reviewed and supported.

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