

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Finance/CFO
Subject: Financial Plan 2020 – 2024 Amendments

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1585, 2020 to include expenditures and funding for the Popkum Sewer System remediation and the Popkum Sewer System SCADA integration.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

Fraser Valley Regional District 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1585, 2020 ("Financial Plan") was adopted by the Board on February 25, 2020. In October, three amendments were proposed to the Board. A further amendment to this bylaw is required as a result of circumstances arising during 2020.

DISCUSSION

Following adoption of the Five-Year Financial Plan in February, circumstances arose during the year which require updates to the Plan. Section 374 (2) of the Local Government Act, states that the Financial Plan may be amended by bylaw at any time. The following amendments to the current Five-Year Plan is recommended:

1. Popkum Sewer System Remediation (Electoral Area D, Service Area 447):

This service area provides sewage collection and treatment for Popkum. The FVRD has taken over ownership of this system from the developer. This system was designed for 200+ properties, but

currently suffers from low-flow issues given the slow build-out of homes within the service area. One such issue is the noxious odours the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is prone to emitting on occasion. When the ownership of the WWTP was transferred from the developer to the FVRD, the plant was meeting all of its performance targets, the odour control unit installed was functioning as intended, and there was no detectible odour. In the time since, FVRD staff have become aware of the development of significant odour issues. The FVRD has taken measures to address the odour concerns by installing an additional upsized odour control unit as well as fencing and cedar hedging for the purposes of buffering the impact of the plant on adjacent properties.

The cost of these works is \$81,500 to be funded by Community Works Funds, yet this was not anticipated in the Financial Plan. Due to the immediacy of the situation, the funds from the Community Works Fund were allocated to this project to complete the project. This report seeks direction to amend the Financial Plan to include the expenditures and funding for this project.

2. Popkum Sewer System SCADA integration (Electoral Area D, Service Area 447):

In order to complete the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) integration of the Popkum Sewer System (at Minter Gardens), the FVRD has spent approximately \$25,000. This expenditure was not included in the Financial Plan, yet was necessary to be completed this year. Funding for this SCADA integration will be from the Community Works Fund. This approach is consistent with what was done for the SCADA integration projects recently completed across the FVRD's other sewer systems. This report seeks direction to amend the Financial Plan to include the expenditures and funding for this project.

COST

If directed, these amendments proposed in this report will be incorporated into the Five-Year Financial Plan by bylaw.

CONCLUSION

As a result of circumstances arising during 2020, there are two amendments to the Five-Year Financial Plan that is recommended to ensure Staff have the appropriate authority to incur these expenditures required to effectively manage FVRD services.

COMMENTS BY:

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.