

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-11-27

From: Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Finance / CFO

**Subject: 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Amendment**

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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 related to Mosquito Control.

## 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, and in November, two additional amendments were proposed. 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 amendment to the current Five-Year Plan is recommended:

### **1. Mosquito Control (Regional Service):**

Mosquito Control is a Regional Service provided by the FVRD. This year, unexpected higher peak levels in the Fraser River resulted in more than normal mosquito larvae requiring additional treatment. The FVRD took an aggressive approach to mosquito control in efforts to alleviate the

nuisance these mosquitoes cause for residents who were required to stay close to home, as opposed to travelling this year, due to the global pandemic.

The costs of these works was budgeted at \$248,000, yet cost \$350,100. The excess over budget, \$102,100 will be funded in three ways (1) use of surplus balance \$6,500 (2) reduced contribution to 2020 surplus \$44,600 and (3) the balance remaining, \$51,000, will need to be included in the 2021 Financial Plan as an expense. The Local Government Act requires deficiencies to be carried forward to the next year's budget and included as an expense in that year.

Due to the immediacy of the situation, the funds were spent to ensure these services happened in a timely manner in June. This report seeks direction to amend the Financial Plan to include the expenditures for this initiative.

## **COST**

If directed, the amendment proposed in this report will be incorporated into the Five-Year Financial Plan by bylaw and brought back to the Board for adoption in early 2021.

## **CONCLUSION**

As a result of circumstances arising during 2020, there is one additional amendment 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. Options to fund the remaining balance will be discussed at the scheduled Committee of the Whole budget session in January.