

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Pam Loat, Legislative Coordinator

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Subject: Electoral Areas E and H Bylaw Update Project

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board give three readings to the bylaws cited as:

- *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1656, 2022;*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Fire Dispatch Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1657, 2022; and*
- *Fraser Valley Regional District Mosquito Control Service Area Revision Bylaw No. 1658, 2022.*

BACKGROUND

Upon the Fraser Valley Regional District's amalgamation in 1995, Electoral Area E encompassed Chilliwack River Valley, Cultus Lake, Columbia Valley and Lindell Beach. On September 5, 2014, by way of Order in Council 501, this large geographical area was split into two separate and distinct Electoral Areas: Electoral Area E consisting of the Chilliwack River Valley only and Electoral Area H containing Cultus Lake, Columbia Valley and Lindell Beach. Since 2014, the legislative services department has been working to update bylaws to reflect the change to Electoral Area E, and the addition of Electoral Area H.

In 2016, the FVRD adopted the *Fraser Valley Regional District Bylaw Revision Authorization Bylaw No. 1367, 2016*. A bylaw revision authorization bylaw is used to address minor housekeeping amendments for existing adopted bylaws. Certain bylaws which would normally require electoral area approval, Ministerial approval, or other procedural requirements prior to adoption can be adopted under the authority of this bylaw revision authorization bylaw without the approval requirements being met, so long as the updates do not change the substance of the bylaw.

DISCUSSION

Order in Council 501 required that the FVRD amend its bylaws to recognize the division of the former Electoral Area E into Electoral Areas E and H. The purpose of the revisions to these bylaws are:

- to clarify that the service areas include both Electoral Area E and Electoral Area H for all three of these services;
- to omit some of the preamble of the bylaw, including removing unnecessary and obsolete whereas statements and removing references to the repealed *Municipal Act*; and
- to modernize the language without changing the substance of the bylaw.

These bylaws are being brought forward for housekeeping purposes only, and do not change the substance of the bylaw.

The bylaws will require certification under Bylaw Revision Regulation 367/2003 by the Corporate Officer prior to **the Board's consideration of** adoption.

COST

There are no costs associated with updating these three bylaws.

CONCLUSION

Following the division of former Electoral Area E into Electoral Areas E and H, three bylaws are being brought forward as a housekeeping matter to reflect those changes. There are no other substantive changes to the bylaw.

COMMENTS BY:

Jaime Van Nes, Director of Legislative Services: Reviewed and supported.

Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services / CFO: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.