

To: Regional and Corporate Services Committee

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From: Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management

File No: 1855 - Grants

**Subject: CEPF 2023 Public Notification and Evacuation Planning Grant**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse a grant application for the 2023 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant;

**AND THAT** the Board confirms to UBCM that FVRD will provide overall grant management should the grant be approved.

### BACKGROUND

UBCM annually offers grant opportunities for a variety of programs. The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) provides competitive funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments and their residents in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

The Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$30,000 for new projects related to public notification planning and evacuation route planning.

The grant agency (UBCM) requires a resolution from the Board endorsing the application and confirming that FVRD will provide for grant management should the grant be approved.

### DISCUSSION

Staff is recommending that FVRD apply for a CEPF grant to support the development of an Evacuation Planning Master Guide and Electoral Area E supplement. This project will be modelled from the Electoral Area H evacuation guide. The Emergency Management work plan for 2024 includes the development of a master evacuation guide and Electoral Area E supplement, yet completion of the work is dependent on receiving the grant.

## **COST**

This grant program can contribute up to 100% of the project costs. If the application is successful, staff do not anticipate a budgetary impact. The project is included in the annual work plan and budget, subject to the approval of this provincial conditional grant. If the grant application is unsuccessful, the project would be put forward for grants in future years.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff is recommending the Board support and endorse an application to the UBCM 2023 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$30,000, which will continue to support work plan initiatives that are not funded through taxation.

## **COMMENTS BY**

**Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development:** reviewed and supported

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

**Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:** Reviewed and supported.