

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2023-03-09

From: Melanie Jones, Accountant

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**Subject: 2023 Grant-In-Aid Request – Post Creek Ratepayers Association, Electoral Area E**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to the Post Creek Ratepayers Association, funded from the 2023 Electoral Area E grant-in-aid budget, to purchase emergency communications and emergency preparedness equipment.

### BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the “use of net approaches/techniques in solving community challenges” option.

### DISCUSSION

The Post Creek Ratepayers Association is a community group servicing the Post Creek Community and surrounding area located adjacent to Chilliwack Lake. They work to keep the area safe from wildfires, garbage dumping, and illegal shooting. They are trained in CPR, including the use of a defibrillator, and how to use their fire equipment safely and effectively.

The Post Creek Ratepayers Association is requesting a grant-in-aid of \$4,000 to purchase emergency **preparedness equipment as a first step in their plan towards building a “Community Resiliency Hub”**. They plan to purchase a 50-watt VHF Radio, a one-touch telephone (dials 911), a small generator for backup power and two 2000-gallon water reservoirs.

Director MacAhonic is in support of this request.

### COST

The cost of \$4,000 will be funded from the 2023 Electoral Area E grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

## CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Post Creek Ratepayers Association to purchase emergency preparedness equipment as a first step in their plan towards building a "Community Resiliency Hub".

## COMMENTS BY:

Beth Klein, Manager of Financial Operations: Reviewed & Supported.

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

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.