

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Deanne Bozek, Protective Services Specialist
Trina Douglas, Manager of Protective Services

Date: 2023-03-09
File No: 1010-21

Subject: Columbia Valley Fire Department Land Lease Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a renewed lease agreement for a three year term with the Columbia Valley Ratepayer's Association for a portion of land at 1202 Kosikar Road, Lindell Beach, BC, on which the Columbia Valley Fire Hall is situated, not to exceed \$6,000 per year.

BACKGROUND

The three-year lease between the Columbia Valley Ratepayer's Association (CVRA) and the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) for the Columbia Valley Fire Hall expired at the end of 2022. The Columbia Valley Volunteer Fire Department currently occupies approximately 21% of the total area of the CVRA owned property. The previous lease payment was \$5,219.20 per year.

DISCUSSION

Staff have entered into discussions with the CVRA and have negotiated proposed new terms for the next 3 years. The CVRA has asked the FVRD for an increase due to inflation over the previous lease rate. The proposed cost would be \$6,000 per year for the next three years. Staff feel this is a reasonable increase as the Fire Hall is located in a strategic location and it would not be advantageous to relocate it at this time.

COST

The cost of the lease, \$6,000 per year for the next three years, is incorporated into the Columbia Valley Fire Department 2023-2028 Financial Plan (Budget 215).

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services: Reviewed and supported.

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

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: