

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board

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From: Sterling Chan, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure

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Subject: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to submit a grant application under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program intake for the North Cultus Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

PRIORITIES

Priority #1 Waste Management

Priority #2 Air & Water Quality

BACKGROUND

Canada and British Columbia recently launched a second application intake for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program. The deadline for this submission is February 26, 2020. Under the ICIP Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program, the federal and the provincial governments will allocate approximately \$903 million towards this program.

DISCUSSION

The ICIP Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Sub-Program will fund infrastructure projects that will support quality and management improvements for drinking water, wastewater and storm water, as well as reductions to soil and air pollutants through solid waste diversion and remediation. Projects will be funded 73% by this program and 27% by the local government.

A project must meet at least one of the following outcomes to be eligible:

- Increased capacity to treat and/or manage wastewater and storm water;
- Increased access to potable water; or
- Increased capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants.

For this intake, Staff are recommending that the FVRD apply for funding for the North Cultus Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

COST

At this point there is no cost to FVRD. Applications for funding must demonstrate that the local 27% share of funding has been or is being secured through reserve funds or other means. For this project, funds have been secured through *Fraser Valley Regional District North Cultus Sewer System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1468, 2018*.

COMMENTS BY:

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.