

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Jaime Schween, Manager of Corporate Administration

File No: 0870-25-Deroche

Subject: Fraser House Society Lease at Deroche Community Access Centre

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a three year lease agreement with the Fraser House Society, for rental of the former community policing office space at the FVRD Deroche Community Access Centre at a cost of \$200 per month.

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BACKGROUND

The Fraser House Society is a non-profit, charitable organization and is registered as a Canadian charitable organization under the *Income Tax Act* of Canada. The Fraser House Society is a non-residential service for adults and youth which seeks to promote a health community by supporting, developing and implementing effective prevention and counselling strategies. Fraser House Society uses the offices at the Deroche Community Office to provide their Rural Connections Program which provides service to residents living in the Deroche and Lake Errock Communities.

Since 2011, the Fraser House Society has leased an office space in the Deroche Community Centre which was formerly used for community policing purposes (see attached floor plan). For the past seven years, the Fraser House Society has leased this space for three days a week, at a rental cost of \$150 per month.

DISCUSSION

At the November 2017 Board meeting, a resolution was passed renewing the lease for a period of three months at a cost of \$150 per month, and directing staff to review the monthly lease fees.

The Fraser House Society has expressed interest in the ability of obtaining exclusive use of the space, allowing for a higher level of service to be provided to their Rural Connections Program offered out of the Deroche Community Access Centre.

Allowing Fraser House Society exclusive use of this leased space does not impact the use of the Community Meeting Room or rental options available to the public and community groups.

COST:

No additional cost to the FVRD. The lease will generate revenue of \$2,400 per year.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported