

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

Date: 2018-01-10
File No: 1550-001

Subject: Grant-In-Aid Summary Report - 2017

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Electoral Area Services Committee of information pertaining to grant-in-aids that were issued in 2017. Staff are not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information should members want more clarification to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley regional District grant-in-aid program provides a framework whereby financial assistance can be provided to groups or individuals who provide services or a benefit to the community, or any aspect of the community.

DISCUSSION

In taking a look back throughout the year, there were a number of successful events/ projects that were funded through the FVRD's Grant-In-Aid program. Attached is a consolidated report of those who submitted follow up documentation.

Within the Grant-In-Aid Policy, there is a *Financial Accountability & Reporting* section and one item under that section is:

1. Grants over \$1,000 require follow up with the Fraser Valley Regional District upon completion of the capital project or event. Follow up should include a letter to FVRD regarding usage of

funds and their success, including pictures of the project/ event and any other supporting information.

Staff is having difficulty obtaining follow up documents from those who have been awarded grant-in-aids that fit this criteria. As you will see in the attached report, the majority of recipients have not reported back to the FVRD and have been contacted several times throughout the year (highlighted in yellow). The *Eligibility Criteria* section (d) of the Grant-In-Aid Policy notes that:

1. The applicant may be excluded from applying for a grant due to not meeting the reporting requirement for a previously provided grant.

We would like to work toward gaining full compliance for all grant-in-aids over \$1,000 as to prevent exclusion of future grant-in-aids for all applicants.

CONCLUSION

Under the Grant-In-Aid Policy, there were a number of grant-in-aids issued in 2017 that enhanced the communities affected.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported. Staff struggle with the time and effort required to follow up with organizations on the financial reporting component and look to the Electoral Area Directors to help organizations understand this important requirement.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and Supported

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
Grants In Aid Overview - 2017
January 1, 2018

	Event Follow Up Reporting?		2017 Budget	Balance Remaining	Comments
Area A - Raymond					
Boston Bar North Bend May Days Committee	n/a	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,270		
		-			
		1,000		\$ 4,270	
Area B - Adamson					
Fraser Canyon Hospice Society	Yes	\$ 2,500	\$ 23,570		
Hope River Monsters Swim Club	Yes	4,000			
Hope & District Arts Council	No	2,000			
Coquihalla Elementary School PAC	No	2,000			
Spuzzum First Nation	No	2,000			
Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department	No	2,500			
District of Hope Ratepayers Association	No	1,570			Went to EASC Nov 16
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 228	n/a	1,000			
Chawathil First Nation	No	2,500			Went to EASC Nov 16
Hope and District Figure Skating Club	No	1,500			Went to EASC Dec 12
Rotary Club of Hope	n/a	1,000			Went to EASC Dec 12
1789 The Royal Westminister Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps Sponsoring Committee	n/a	1,000			Went to EASC Dec 12
		23,570		\$ -	
Area C - Niemi					
Tourism Harrison Mills	n/a	\$ 1,000	\$ 25,000		
Deroche Farmers Market	No	2,000			
Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival	Yes	2,000			
Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association	Yes	3,000			
Deroche Elementary School	No	2,500			Went to EASC Nov 16
Sts'ailes Community School	No	2,500			Went to EASC Nov 16
Lake Errock Community Association	No	3,000			Went to EASC Nov 16
Sts'ailes Christmas Committee	n/a	350			Went to EASC Nov 16
Deroche Elementary School PAC	No	2,000			Went to EASC Dec 12
Leqamel First Nation	n/a	350			Went to EASC Dec 12
Scenic 7 BC Co-operative Marketing Partnership	n/a	1,000			Went to EASC Dec 12
Eagle Point Community Association	No	2,000			Going to Board Dec 20
		21,700		\$ 3,300	
Area D - Dickey					
Popkum Volunteer Fire Department	n/a	\$ 500	\$ 5,000		
		-			
		500		\$ 4,500	
Area E - Engar					
Chilliwack Community Arts Council	n/a	\$ 200	\$ 9,600		
Chilliwack Fish and Game Club	Yes	5,000			
Chilliwack River Valley Ratepayers Association	n/a	900			
Chilliwack Vedder River Cleanup Society	Yes	1,100			
Chilliwack River Valley Fire Department	n/a	1,000			
		-			
		8,200		\$ 1,400	

	<u>Follow Up Reporting?</u>		<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Area F - Boucher					
McConnell Creek Farmers Institute	No	\$ 5,000	\$ 16,000		
Fraser Valley Toy Run	n/a	1,000			
Hatzic Prairie Recreation Commission	No	5,000			Went to EASC Nov 16
Scenic 7 BC Co-operative Marketing Partnership	n/a	500			Went to EASC Dec 12
		11,500		\$ 4,500	
Area G - Stobbart					
Deroche Farmers Market	n/a	500	\$ 12,500		
Deroche Elementary School PAC	No	2,150			Went to EASC Dec 12
Deroche Elementary School PAC	No	3,000			Went to EASC Dec 12
Dewdney Elementary School PAC	No	3,000			Going to Board Dec 20
Dewdney Elementary School PAC	No	2,500			Going to Board Dec 20
		11,150		\$ 1,350	
Area H - Dixon					
Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association	Yes	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,400		
Cultus Lake Events & Activites Committee	Yes	4,000			
Cultus Lake Pike Minnow Derby	Yes	2,500			
Columbia Valley Volunteer Fire Department	n/a	1,000			
Cultus Lake Volunteer Fire Department	n/a	500			
		-			
		13,000		\$ 7,400	
Total		\$ 90,620	\$ 117,340	\$ 26,720	



Fraser Valley Regional District
c/o Financial Services
45950 Cheam Avenue
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

July 21, 2017

Re: Grant in Aid for Cultus Lake Days

What a success! The 2017 Cultus Lake Days event started off with a fabulous parade which led into one of the biggest Markets ever hosted at Cultus Lake Park. The Children's area was hugely popular and the entertainment stage featured many local talented musicians. To cap it all off we had a stunning Fireworks display.

On behalf of the Community Events and Activities Committee and Cultus Lake Park Board, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for FVRDs Grant in Aid contribution.

FVRDs generous contribution was recognized at the event in our entertainment areas during introductions, in our Thank You ad published in the Chilliwack Progress, on our Park Board Web site and on the Community Events and Activities Facebook page. See attached

The funding was used for entertainment components which were integral in making this event so successful. FVRD helped make our vision a reality by offsetting the cost of holding a free family day full of fun activities. Cultus Lake Days is a longstanding cornerstone event that builds community spirit engages dozens of volunteers and is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

As we look forward to continuing tradition and engaging our community with creative successful events, please know that partnerships with our sponsors are vital to our success. You are truly appreciated.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Rose Turcasso
Commissioner
Cultus Lake Park Board

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Thank You for supporting Cultus Lake Days!

On behalf of everyone at Cultus Lake Park, a sincere thank you to all the sponsors, contributors and organizers, for making the Cultus Lake Day's event a success.

The day was full of free family fun, activities and entertainment - we couldn't have done it without you!

- Baker Newby
- Cheam Leisure Centre
- Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board
- Chilliwack Ford
- Chilliwack Progress
- Chilliwack Towing
- Cottonwood Veterinary Clinic
- Cultus Lake Fire Department
- Cultus Lake Golf Course
- Cultus Lake Marina
- Cultus Lake Water Park
- Envision Financial
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- Gidney Signs
- Jack's Cycle
- Mr. Pets
- Mt. Waddington's
- McDonalds
- O'Connor Chrysler
- RCMP Summer Patrol
- Sardis Animal Hospital
- Save On Foods, Garrison
- Star 98.3 & Country 107.1
- Stickey's Candy Garrison
- Subway, Garrison
- Tourism Chilliwack
- Whistler Brewing Company
- Valley Veterinary Services
- Vedder Mountain Veterinary Clinic
- Cultus Lake Community Events & Activities Committee
- All the amazing participants and volunteers!



www.cultuslake.bc.ca

100 Cultus Lake Pikeminnow Fishing Derby

August 10, 2017

To: Taryn Dixon, Director FVRD Area H,
Cc: Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services, FVRD
From: Lions Cultus Lake Pike Minnow Derby
Re: Report on the \$2,500 Grant in Aid to the 2017 Pike Minnow Derby

Dear Ms. Dixon,

As you are aware, the Cultus Lake Sockeye Recovery Program was initiated in 2000 and efforts to restore this unique stock of salmon continue today. The Pike Minnow Derby aids the recovery of the Cultus Lake sockeye population by modifying factors affecting their survival in freshwater as studies indicate 70% of juvenile sockeye predation is by pike minnow. The derby also provides invaluable information to lake residents of the ecosystem and the best practices which will ensure long-term viability of the lake environment and the Cultus Lake sockeye!

The derby was originally put in motion with the efforts of the Cultus Lake Park Board and Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewards Society and operated successfully for many years. Following a year's hiatus, five Eastern Fraser Valley Lions Clubs successfully reinstated the derby in 2016 as a Lions Clubs Service Project using the substantial volunteer resources at their disposal.



In 2017, we again partnered with several funding partners which included the Fraser River Salmon Table (\$5,000), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (\$1,000), BC's Family Fishing Weekend (\$300), and of course, Area H of the FVRD with a \$2,500 Grant in Aid.



Local prize sponsors of the event this year included Blue Moose Coffee House – Hope, Bicycle Bill – Chilliwack, Bozzini's Restaurant – Chilliwack, Brenner Automotive – Hope, Cabelas- Abbotsford, Canyon Shell – Hope, Carls Jr. Restaurant- Chilliwack, Cats Meow Toy Store – Hope, EZE Rental Centre – Chilliwack, Fountain Tire – Chilliwack, Harley-Davidson – Chilliwack, Hope Mobil 1 Quick Lube and Car Wash, Hope Outdoors, Hope Visitor Center, Jack's Cycle – Chilliwack, Ken's Tire & Wheel – Chilliwack, Little Beetle Bistro – Chilliwack, Lordco – Chilliwack, Lordco – Hope, Martin's Automotive – Chilliwack, O'Connor RV – Chilliwack, SportChek – Chilliwack, Tommy Gun's Barbershop – Chilliwack, White Spot – Chilliwack.

Weigh in equipment was generously provided by Chilliwack River Hatchery, Inch Creek Hatchery in Dewdney and Chehalis River Hatchery in Harrison Mills. The PA system was provided by Hatic Prairie Community Hall, Barbeques and Grills were loaned from the North Fraser Fire Dept.



Cabelas, CLASS, DFO, Fraser Basin Council, Cultus Lake Parks Board, St. Johns Ambulance, Scouts Canada and others graciously assisted during the day and/or had displays on hand to inform the public. All donors and corporate sponsors have been publicly thanked in a newspaper ad in the Chilliwack Progress and on our website (www.cultusderby.ca).

The 2017 derby attracted nearly 300 anglers with 298 fish caught by kids and 438 fish caught by adults with \$2,400 in cash prizes evenly split between the two groups.



As Lions, we strive to serve for the betterment of our communities and it took more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time to ensure a successful derby. This is an area-wide event of some significance and we thank you and the FVRD for the financial support in each of the past two years which has helped to make the derby a reality and a fun family day for so many!



Again, we thank you for your support and ask you to mark June 16, 2018 in your planner and come fishing once again!

Sincerely,

Robert Prins
President,
Lions Cultus Lake Pike Minnow Derby

Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival



22nd Annual Festival Nov 18/19, 2017

*"To celebrate the beauty & biodiversity of
the Fraser River Valley by honouring the
majestic Bald Eagle & the Cycle of the
Salmon."*



**c/o Mission Chamber of Commerce
34033 Lougheed Hwy Mission BC
V2V 5X8**

2017 Report from the Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society (FVBEFS)

The 2017 Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival saw a beautiful Saturday which also brought out record numbers of visitors. Close to 2500 spectators visited the sites, the same number that ventured out during both days in 2016. Sunday saw closer to 1000 participants due to the deluge of rain that continued all day. The highlight, of course, was that there were over 2000 eagles in the area which is a large number of birds for that early in the season.

There was a couple of big changes for the Festival this year as we made a conscious decision to return the exhibitors fair to Harrison Mills Hall after many years of a request from the NGO's and other like-minded organizations to be closer to where all of the eagles (and people) were. This meant downsizing the # of vendors in the hall as the physical location was quite a bit smaller. The vendors were given a choice of being at Tapadera Estates or Kilby Historic Site. The numbers of visitors to the exhibitors greatly improved thanks to this simple change.

The second change was in the way we communicated the activities and festival schedule to the public. For many years we produced thousands of multi-page booklets and handed them out before and during the festival. Each year the cost of the program increased and fewer people wanted to have so much paper in hand. This year the Society opted to create two-sided tear-map which was a huge success and the people that picked it up loved the change.

The FVBEFS continues to promote the "Season of the Eagles" which attracts visitors to the Region before and after the Festival. Destination B.C. promoted the event once again and this year brought out inbound tour operators from the Canada West Market Place to experience the Eagles of the Fraser Valley. This single promotion could bring many more people out year after year to enjoy the incredible natural wonders of the area.

The annual children's colouring contest was sent out to the elementary schools in Mission in early November. The colouring page was available for download from the FVBEF website and at the Exhibitors Hall on the festival weekend. This year there were 47 entries.

The Festival would like to recognize and thank the Fraser Valley Regional District, Mission Community Foundations, Department of Fisheries & Oceans, Inch Creek Hatchery, Nature Trust of BC, Kilby Historic Site, Tapadera Estates, Pretty Estates Resort, Eagle Point Community, River's Reach, Fraser River Safari Eco Tours, Hancock Wildlife Foundations, O.W.L., Tourism Harrison, Conroy & Co, FVRD, Celestron and Destination BC. Media Sponsors include the Mission City Record, Agassiz Observer, Shaw Media, and What's On Magazine.

Respectfully, Jo-Anne Chadwick on behalf of the Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society

2017 Report from the Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society (FVBEFS)

Financials (a detailed financial report was sent with the 2017 Grant in Aid application)

2017 FVBEF operating costs were approximately **\$11,000.00.**

The Fraser Valley Regional District Financial Contribution and Distribution

Total received: **\$2000**

FVRD Community Grant

Signage Costs	\$250.00
First Aid Attendants	\$500.00
Rental of Porta Potties	\$504.00
Souvenir Items for resale	\$400.00
<u>Branded items to give-away</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
Sub Total	\$2004.00

Promotional material that highlights the FVRD

Thank you to the Festival Sponsors



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Canada
Pêches et Océans
Canada



FraserValleyBaldEagleFestival.ca



Agassiz Observer
Adcentives
Celestron
Conroy & Company
David Hancock
Deroche Lions
District of Mission
Ducks Unlimited
Eagle Point Community Park
Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Fraser Valley Regional District
Fraser River Safari
Fraser Salmon Watershed Program

Gord Gadsden
Hancock Wildlife Foundation
Harrison Hot Springs Resort
Harrison Tourism
Inch Creek Hatchery
Kilby Historic Site
Leq'a:mel First Nations
Matt Foy
Mel Waardenberg
Mission City Record
Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce
Mission Municipal Tree Forest
Mission on the Fraser

O.W.L.
River's Reach Community
Robert Schaefer- DFO
Ross Davies
Sasquatch Inn
Sasquatch Crossing Eco Lodge
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Stave Valley Salmonid Enhancement Society
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Tapadera Estates
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Tom Higgins

22TH ANNUAL
**FRASER VALLEY
BALD EAGLE FESTIVAL**
NOV 18TH-19TH, 2017

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Join the celebration & view hundreds, if not thousands of eagles in their natural environment.

Eagle Viewing • Eagle Viewing Boat
Tours • Exhibitor's Hall Expert
Speakers • Wildlife Displays • Green
Businesses Delicious Food Festival
Souvenirs - and more!

Festival map & program will be available at the Mission Info Centre
Tel: 604-826-6914

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
MISSION ON THE FRASER
CELESTRON

Just follow the Scenic 7 Highway 30 minutes east of Mission, BC to the Harrison River/Harrison Mills, BC

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE HARRISON'S HOT SPOTS PROMO
Grand prize donated by Celestron - a \$450 Value!

For the latest festival info visit **FVBEF.CA**

Photos from the event



Online Presence

www.fraservalleybaldeaglefestival.ca

www.twitter.com/eaglefestival

www.facebook.com/fvbef

**Mark your calendars for 2018
The 23rd Annual Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Nov 17/18, 2017**

Camp Skylark 2017

Survey Results

Ken Hurley
Camp Director
October 10, 2017

Preamble

Camp Skylark is made possible by the generous support of the community of Hope. This year we saw the following organizations donate funds in support of Camp Skylark, Envision First West Foundation/Envision Financial, Fraser Valley Regional District, Emil Anderson (Construction & Maintenance Companies), Nestle Waters, District of Hope, Lions International – Hope BC, Cloverdale Paint, Canyon Carpets, Eagles FOE #2690, Eagles FOE #2690 Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #228, McDonalds – Hope BC, Beta Sigma Phi fraternity, Hope Foresters Holding Society, Hope Golden Ages Society, Ruth Hurley, including, parents of children who have attended in past, and the many individuals who supported Hospice events throughout the year.

I must not forget that for every year I have been Director, Ted Soucie of Hope-Sicle has donated his time, product and good nature to come to Camp on the Saturday and distribute his ice cream treats to all the campers and volunteers alike. We are truly appreciative of his commitment. Thank you Ted you are an outstanding example of selfless community giving to this worthy cause.

This Camp is unique amongst Grief & Bereavement Camps and would not be possible without the support of our many volunteers, both new and long-time, who give up their weekend in order to fill the many roles necessary to make Camp Skylark run smoothly and safely.

This the 13th annual Camp Skylark Bereavement Camp, facilitated through the Fraser Canyon Hospice Society. held September 15th -17th, 2017.

Directors Note:

As this was my fourth year at Camp Skylark , from past year lessons, I tried to build several changes into the program learned from 2016 to give more downtime and create a more relaxed environment. While some of these changes worked effectively we were somewhat challenged due to late changes to our human resources this year.

There were a lot of positives to remark on, our new Music Therapist exceeded all expectations, the Interpretive Nature program was a hit, the Music Video was awesome, the campers loved the Paper Airplanes, great participation at Meal Time activities, and the breaks built into the programming did seem to give some respite to volunteers.

Finally, I must say I am really pleased with the way this group of Volunteers responded to the challenges they faced. The feedback we have received from the post camp briefing and survey responses will serve to help make this an even better camp next year. Thanks to one and all for volunteering at Camp Skylark 2017.

Camp Skylark – Building memories and hope in our hearts

Camp Director 2017 – Ken Hurley – Director

From: [Mike Veenbaas](#)
To: [Kristy Hodson](#)
Subject: FW: FVRD Grant in Aid to Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association
Date: Thursday, December 07, 2017 12:34:14 PM
Attachments: [Columbia Valley Kitchen.docx](#)

FYI

From: Don Myrol [mailto:myrol@telus.net]
Sent: December 7, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Mike Veenbaas; Taryn Dixon
Subject: Re: FVRD Grant in Aid to Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association

Hi Mike

Sorry this took so long. The whole thing wasn't finalized until well into September. Everything looks and works great. I've enclosed a cost breakdown and a couple of photos to give you an idea of before and after. If you need anything else let me know. Thanks again to you, Taryn and the Regional District for the grant money, without it it would have been one band-aid solution after the other. Now we have an up to date kitchen facility for our functions, emergency facilities as well as an aid to hall rentals.

On May 9, 2017, at 3:46 PM, Mike Veenbaas <mveenbaas@fvr.ca> wrote:

Hi Don,

The attached information sheet should have been provided to you along with the second \$5,000 grant from Electoral Area H for the Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association. Essentially, this document just confirms the Association's requirements to report back to FVRD upon completion of the renovation project with a letter and pictures showing how the funding was used, along with recognizing the funding from FVRD.

If you have any questions regarding this, please let me know!

Thanks,
Mike



Mike Veenbaas, CPA, CMA

Director of Financial Services

From: [Blancsanglier](#)
To: [Kristy Hodson](#)
Subject: Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid Policy - let us know how it went!!
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:06:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to officially thank the FVRD for their assistance with our renovation project and of course thanks to Orion Engar for guiding us along the path.

Our renovation will not be complete by your deadline we are only a quarter way into it.

We are working on our hall, kitchen and bathrooms .We have removed asbestos from the building, stripped the walls , the bathrooms and the kitchen. We have a couple of other structural issues to deal with and then we will be ready for construction.

When finished the hall will be more spacious, energy efficient and will better serve the needs of our members and the residents of the Chilliwack River Valley where our clubhouse has been the de-facto community hall for some time. This was formalized by our agreement with the FVRD in March of 2017.

I will update you as we progress towards completion and will send a report to you on completion.

Please see attached photos of our progress so far.

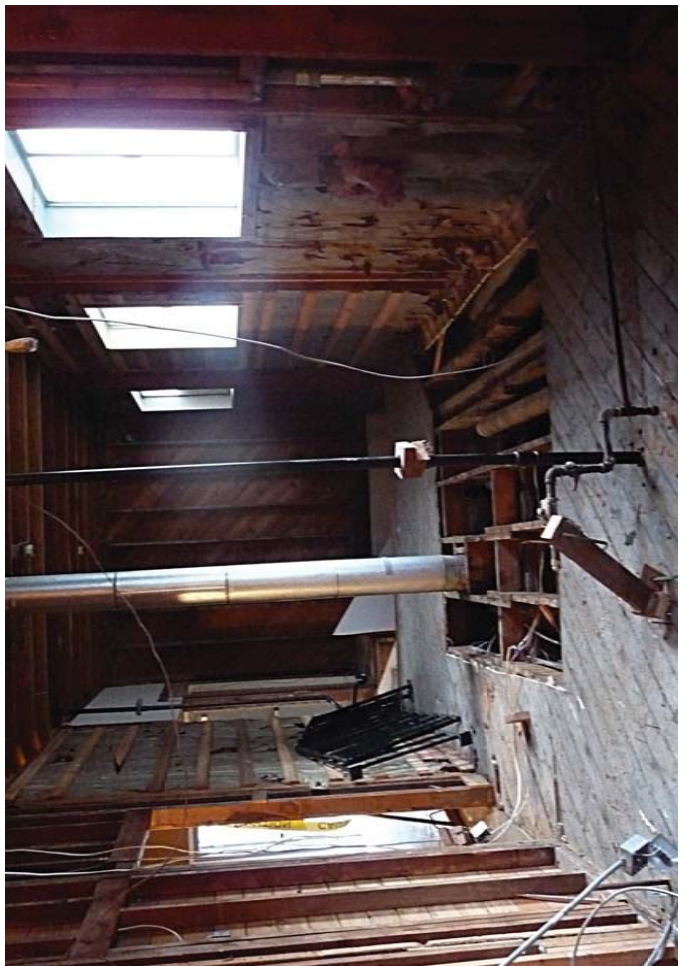
Yours truly,

*Nicholas Bolton
(President CF&GPA)*

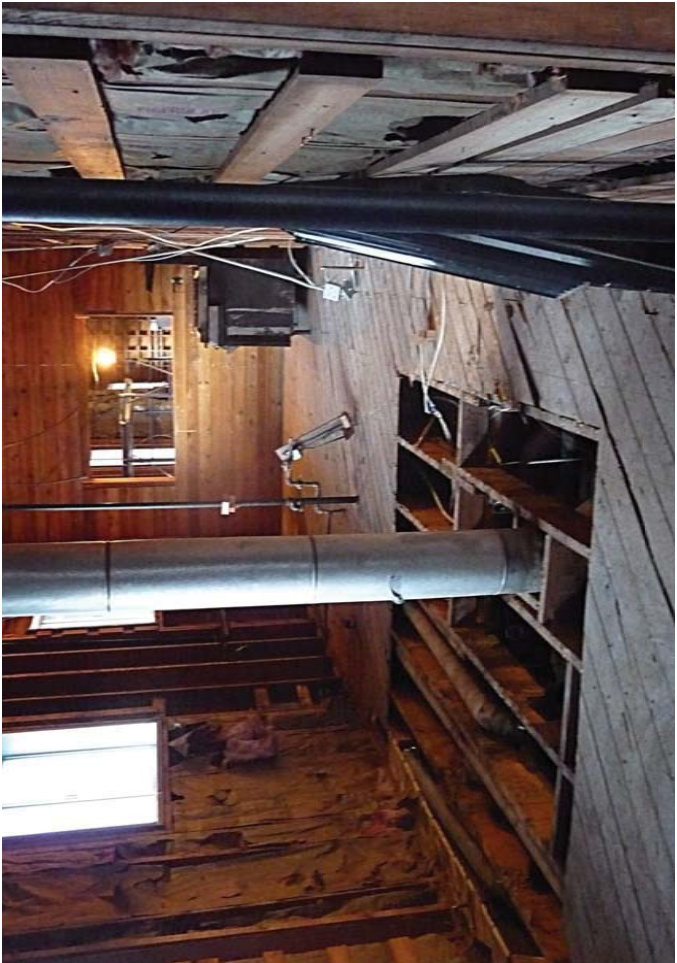














RiverMonsters Swim Club 2017 Fraser Valley Regional District Grant in Aid Report

The RiverMonster Swim Club has been in operation since Jan. 31, 2016. The Club has been striving to bring a healthy, safe and enjoyable competitive sport for youth 6 -18 back to Hope and the Fraser Valley Regional District Areas served by the Dan Sharrers Aquatic Centre.

In the first year of operation the Club was struggling financially, the Grant in Aid amount of \$1500 put in credit for lane rental fees for Winterfit and BC Summer Swim Competitive training. The aid has enabled the Club, with volunteer coaches, to survive the first year and develop a Club that has a growing reputation for success. This year RiverMonster, Violette Freimark placed 18th in Butterfly at the BCSSA Provincial Championship in Kamloops.

RiverMonsters Swim Club First Annual Swim Meet. Saturday 198 competitors and Sunday 210. There were approximately 25 units camping and many families staying in local hotels. People were impressed with the facilities, location and view from the camping area and many have stated they will camp next year. There has been interest in the 2018 being an Inter- region meet inviting Clubs from the Okanagan.

The BCSSA was amazed and asked Shanon Fischer of Pixel Mountain Studios to take a group shot to commemorate having a swim meet in Hope once again after a 12 year absence.

Support from the community was amazing. The cost for the entire meet was approximately \$8,500. Without the support of the Recreational, Cultural and Airpark Services Commission and the FVRD the RMSC could not have hosted the meet.

It was fabulous to have the backing of MP Mark Strahl, the District of Hope, the FVRD and the Recreation Commission. The value of a swim club in the community is recognized and encouraged.

Shannon Fischer of Pixel Mountain Studios donated her time to be on site both days of the meet to photograph the historic first annual Hope RM Swim Meet.

There are several categories of swimmers The RMCS largest numbers are girls 7-18.

Former Hope Otter and Assistant Coach Anna-Lise Cook is participating in the FINA World Championships in Budapest in August.

The swim meet was held at the Dan Sharrers Aquatic Centre. Mrs. Sharrers and Mrs Hazel attended the meet on Sunday. Mrs. Sharrers was brought to tears that the RMSC is not only striving to bring a swim team back to the community but is honouring her late husband's legacy. Dan Sharrers was a founding member of the Hope Otters, a Director of the BCSSA for more than a decade, a valued coach and a community inspiration. The RMSC would like to bring to the forefront the legacy of the amazing coaches and swimmers from Hope.

Olympian Brent Hayden attended the meet Sunday causing a stampede in the parking lot! Swimmers and families were excited to meet Mr. Hayden and get an autograph. Brent has an remarkable career and it was an honour to have him attend and support the team. Brent's favourite meet was Hope. Many people reminisce that Hope was the favourite meet of the season. Brent has loaned the RMSC his favourite trophy won in Hope when he was child.

Swimming has been proven to increase health, focus, mental well being; all items targeted by Fraser Health as issues in our community. Swimming is a full mind and body workout. Solid bonds and close friendships are being built.

Our swimmers progress is amazing.

There are 10 swimmers on the team, 4 from Area B. The Club is striving to increase membership. The indigenous sport, physical activity and

recreational council attended the meet and is working together with the RMSC to encourage aboriginal participation.

The RMS team is looking forward to your support for the 2018 swim meet and to work together to improve the facilities for a swim club and the entire community.

\$2500

The Capital Grant expenses required for the Club to host the first meet were: a computer, extension cords, rubber carpets, buckets to hold materials, signage, office supplies like clip boards, binders, ropes, stop watches, and banners.

These items were required to enable the host to be held and can be used in subsequent years. The items have all been labelled RMSC and are stowed in the purchased buckets for future use.

\$1500

Held in credit at the Hope and District Recreational Centre for use towards lane rental fees at the Dan Sharrers Aquatic Centre.

The FVRD logo was added to all banners, select signage, brochures, posters and parent handouts.

Thank you again for helping our little Club make big splashes!





January 2, 2018

Fraser Valley Regional District

45950 Cheam Ave,

Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Attention Kristy Hodson

Dear Kristy:

RE: Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association

Grant-In-Aid \$3000 September 2017

On behalf of the Hemlock Valley Home Owners Association (HVHA) I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the Grant-In-Aid we received in September 2017.

HVHA represents all recreational, residential, home and property owners in the community of Hemlock Valley. As you are aware the Province has approved major expansion plans at the now known, Sasquatch Mountain Resort. The HVHA Executive is aware of the importance to collaborate with the community so that they are always feel that they continue to be part of this growing community. We are working hard to serve the community and to ensure we secure improvements in the interest of all parties.

As such, we have several Community events/projects (ex. annual AGM followed with a community BBQ, Seasonal Fireworks Celebrations, our new Retro Ski day, Family Day events, Annual Spring Clean Up, Night Snow Shoe Hikes, snow sculpting event,) planned throughout the year which will encourage family participation and continue to increase community awareness.

At our Executive meeting the board determined how we will spend the funds during the next 12 months which will ensure families stay engaged and provide fun activities for all ages within a family unit. Below is a recap of our planned events along with our current expenditures. As you can see we still have many events which will take place during the ski season at Sasquatch Mountain Resort. All funds will be used by the latest of summer 2018.

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Again, thank you for the approval of our Grant Request.

Sincerely

Erna Brkich

Treasurer, Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association

BUDGET AND TO DATE EXPENDITURES:

Grant 2018 Authorized Expenses			
Grant Budget	\$3,000		
Events		Funds Paid	Date Paid
New Year's Eve Fireworks Celebration	500	500	Dec 26 2017
Hemlock Valley Fireman's Casino/Silent Auction Event	300		
Hemlock Valley Ski Teams Annual Valentines Dance/Silent Auction	300		
Agm /BBQ (Food and Event Prep)	350		
New BBQ for HVHA Community Events	600		
New Tables for HVHA Community Events	200		
Deroche Elementary School Meal Program	184		
Event Prizes			
Snow Sculpture	100		
Retro Ski Day	100		
Dummy Race	200		
Tube Grab it	100		
Nancy Green Race	100		
Total	3034	500	
Funds Remaining		\$2,500	