

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Melanie Jones, Accountant

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Subject: 2024 Grant-In-Aid Request – Cultus Lake Stewardship Society, Electoral Area H

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to the Cultus Lake Stewardship Society (CLASS), funded from the 2024 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to help cover expenses of the Smallmouth Bass mitigation work and the related public outreach materials and awareness events.

BACKGROUND

The FVRD Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid program is available to non-profit community groups or individuals who provide a service or benefit to their Electoral Area community. Funding is available year-round to all applicants who meet the criteria and eligibility requirements as outlined in the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy & Application Form.

The Electoral Areas have an annual Grant-in-Aid budget, which is set through the budget process. This budget considers the expected aspirations of the communities and must not exceed the calculated maximum value based on the net taxable values of the area.

All funding requests must be supported by the Electoral Area Director and approved by the Board.

DISCUSSION

CLASS is a community-based, registered non-profit stewardship organization located in the Fraser Valley Regional District founded in 2007 with the purpose of protecting and maintaining the health of Cultus Lake and its watershed. CLASS is a registered charity, has a website and is responsive to questions; therefore, considered financially and administratively sound.

CLASS is requesting a \$2,500 grant-in-aid to help offset the costs associated with the ongoing Smallmouth Bass mitigation work and the related public outreach materials and awareness events. There are no application restrictions noted with this request, these costs are not the responsibility of senior levels of government and individual donations are collected by the organization.

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area grant-in-aid policy under the **“Promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement” and “Use of net approaches/techniques in solving community challenges” options.**

Director Dixon is in support to provide \$2,500.

COST

The \$2,500 cost will be funded from the 2024 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Cultus Lake Stewardship Society seeking funds to help cover expenses of the Smallmouth Bass mitigation work to occur in spring and summer 2024 and the related public outreach materials and awareness events.

COMMENTS BY:

Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO: Reviewed & Supported

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

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.