

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board
From: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

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Subject: Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1455, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1455, 2017*.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

PRIORITIES

Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District's Regional Parks service was created by Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Parks Service Area Conversion and Merger Bylaw No. 0615, 2004. Participants of the Regional Parks service include all eight Electoral Areas, the City of Chilliwack, District of Mission, District of Kent, District of Hope and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

The FVRD was approached by the City of Abbotsford to look at creating a Sub-Regional Park Service to support the dissolution of Abbotsford's participation in the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service. As a result, at the November 28, 2017 meeting, the FVRD Board gave three readings to the Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Parks Service Area Establishment bylaw for the operation and management of Sumas Mountain Interregional Park, the eastern portion of Glen Valley Regional Park and Matsqui Trail. There are two participants in the Sub-Regional Parks Service Area; the City of Abbotsford, and a small portion of Electoral Area "G", as outlined in the attached draft bylaw.

DISCUSSION

In order to ensure that the affected properties in Electoral Area "G" are not included and taxed in two separate Regional Parks Service Areas, it is necessary to bring forward an amendment to the Regional Parks Service Area to exclude this small portion of Electoral Area "G".

To proceed in this manner, the attached bylaw will need to be read three times, and consent will need to be obtained from each participant in the Regional Parks Service Area. A petition for withdrawal from the Regional Parks Service Area has been received by the affected properties in Electoral Area "G".

As Regulation 113/2007 provides an exemption for the need for Ministerial approval, the bylaw will be brought back for consideration of adoption following the receipt of consent from all participants.

COST

Cost implications to the participants of the Regional Parks Service due to the withdrawal of this one property will be about \$90 as that is the total collected from this property for the Regional Parks function. The \$90 will be spread amongst the properties remaining in the service.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported. The removal of the one property in Electoral Area G creates a negligible financial impact to the remaining participants.