



STAFF REPORT

To: Regional and Corporate Services Committee
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Subject: Abbotsford and Agassiz Air Quality Monitoring Stations - Licences of Occupation

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Licence of Occupation with the City of Abbotsford for the air quality monitoring station located at Mill Lake Park in Abbotsford;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to enter into a Licence of Occupation with the District of Kent for the air quality monitoring station located at Centennial Park in Agassiz.

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) operates a network of air quality monitoring stations within the region in order to collect critical air quality data, identify trends and conditions, and issue air quality advisories. There are six monitoring stations within the region, located in Abbotsford (2), Mission, Chilliwack, Kent, and Hope.

DISCUSSION

The Licences of Occupation for the FVRD's air quality monitoring stations at Mill Lake Park in Abbotsford and at Centennial Park within the District of Kent have recently expired and require renewal.

The proposed Licence of Occupation for the air quality monitoring station at Mill Lake Park in Abbotsford is between the City of Abbotsford (**the "Licensor"**) and the FVRD (**the "Licensee"**). It is for a renewed 5-year term expiring in 2030. This station has been at this location for over 27 years, where it continues to collect essential air quality data. This station was recently outfitted with educational signage for park users to learn about the sensitive Lower Fraser Valley Airshed and the importance of air quality (Figure 1).

The proposed Licence of Occupation for the air quality monitoring station in Agassiz is for a renewed 10-year term expiring February 28, 2035. Last year, this station was relocated from within the District of **Kent's City Hall** to Centennial Park (Figure 2). Similar to the Mill Lake station, this monitoring station also has educational signage about air quality.



Figure 1. The FVRD's Air Quality Monitoring Station at Mill Lake Park, Abbotsford (May 2022).



Figure 2. The FVRD's Air Quality Monitoring Station at Centennial Park in Agassiz (January, 2025)

COST

There are no costs associated with these agreements.

CONCLUSION

The existing Licences of Occupation between the FVRD and the City of Abbotsford and the FVRD and **the District of Kent for the siting of two of the FVRD's air quality monitoring stations have expired.** Renewal of these agreements will allow for continued operation of these critical pieces of air quality monitoring infrastructure at these locations.