

STAFF REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee Date: 2025-04-10

From: Kinga Al-Mubarak, Accountant

Subject: 2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Post Creek Ratepayers Association, Electoral Area E

Reviewed by: Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy Financial Officer

Kelly Lownsbrough, Director of Corporate Services & CFO Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$4,000 to the Post Creek Ratepayers Association, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area E grant-in-aid budget, to assist with costs of various continuing community preparedness projects.

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District ("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 Financial Planning process. This budget considers the expected aspirations of the communities and must not exceed the calculated maximum value based on the net taxable property values of the area.

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

DISCUSSION

The Post Creek Ratepayers Association ("PCRA") are a registered non-profit organization of Electoral Area E servicing the Post Creek Community and surrounding area located adjacent to Chilliwack Lake. PCRA has an executive committee, has a website, and is responsive to questions; therefore, it is noted as being financially and administratively sound.

The PCRA is requesting a grant-in-aid to assist with costs of various continuing community preparedness projects, such as PCRA's Muster Station, as well as purchasing hoses, water service lines, tank fittings and accessories, and the purchase of a water tank and pump.

There are no application restrictions noted with this request, these costs are not the responsibility of senior levels of government, and PCRA collects individual donations for this project.

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy "use of net approaches/techniques in solving community challenges" option.

Please refer to the completed Grant-in-Aid application attached and note that financial statements/reports were not provided as the application is not greater than \$4,000.

Director MacAhonic is in support of this request for \$4,000.

COST

The cost of \$4,000 will be funded from the 2025 Electoral Area E grant-in-aid budget, which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from Post Creek Ratepayers Association to assist with costs of various continuing community preparedness projects. The application is complete and meets the eligibility criteria and approval criteria as outlined in the Policy. No application restrictions are noted and the Electoral Area Director is supportive of the full amount.