

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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Subject: 2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Deroche Farmers Market, Electoral Areas C and G

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,330, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C and Electoral Area G grant-in-aid budgets in equal amounts of \$1,165, to help offset the cost of operating the Deroche Farmers Market.

### 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 Deroche Farmers Market is a non-profit community group that hosts a **weekly farmer's market** in Deroche, BC. **The Society's purpose** is to provide local communities of Deroche, Dewdney, Lake Errock and Harrison Mills with the opportunity to showcase and purchase local "make, bake and grow" items.

The Deroche Farmers Market is requesting \$2,330 to help offset the cost of advertising and larger signage, replacement of damaged signs, replenishment of reusable shopping bags to be sold at the market, and replacing of tents and equipment. The applicant has demonstrated financial and administrative soundness through the submission of all necessary documentation.

There are no application restrictions noted with this request and these costs are not responsibilities of senior levels of government.

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid policy as “activities/programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” option and “promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement” option.

Please refer to the completed Grant-in-Aid application attached and note that financial statements/reports have not been requested as the application is under \$4,000.

This report is seeking approval for total grant funding of \$2,330. Director Cassel provided support for \$1,165 from Electoral Area G and Director Waardenburg provided support for \$1,165 from Electoral Area C.

## **COST**

The \$2,330 cost will be funded in equal amounts of \$1,165 from the 2025 Electoral Area C and G grant-in-aid budgets. Both budgets have sufficient funds to support this request.

## **CONCLUSION**

A grant-in-aid application has been received from Deroche Farmers Market to help offset the cost of operating the Deroche Farmers Market. The application is complete and meets the eligibility criteria and approval criteria as outlined in the Policy. No application restrictions are noted and Electoral Area Directors are supportive of the full amount.