

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board

Date: 2025-07-24

From: Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO

Subject: Funding Commitment – Community Works Fund

Reviewed by: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a contribution up to \$30,000 to the Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association, funded from the Electoral Area H Community Works Fund, for upgrades to the community centre.

BACKGROUND

Through the Community Works Fund program (CWF), a Local Government is authorized to provide funding to a third-party, **considered the “ultimate recipient”**, with the Board’s formal approval. This funding can be provided to non-local government entities, including Indigenous recipients, non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations, on the condition the Board has not prioritized the third-party project over a local government owned priority project.

The FVRD has previously provided funding to third-party organizations for projects categorized under recreational infrastructure and resiliency.

DISCUSSION

As required by the CWF agreement, third-party funding requires formal Board approval through resolution. Through the 2025 – 2029 financial planning process, the upgrades to the Columbia Valley Hall were earmarked for \$30,000 of CWF funds through allocations of Area H funds.

This project included upgrades to the community centre washrooms and is required to comply with the terms of the program requirements set out by UBCM. To ensure funding aligns with the program requirements, the FVRD will additionally enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association.

COST

The Area H allocated CWF will fund up to \$30,000 and will be accompanied by a formal agreement.

CONCLUSION

Through the 2025 – 2029 financial planning process, \$30,000 was allocated from the Area H CWF to fund upgrades to the Columbia Valley community centre. If approved by the Board, the FVRD will enter into an agreement with the Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association to provide funding in compliance with the CWF program requirements.