

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$3,000 to the Post Creek Ratepayers Association, funded from the 2018 Electoral Area “E” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with the removal and disposal of the community green waste piles.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

PRIORITIES

Priority #1 Waste Management

Priority #2 Air & Water Quality

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid policy through the “Promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement” and “Activities/programs which are accessible to a larger portion of the electoral area” options.

DISCUSSION

The Post Creek Ratepayers Association is a community group servicing the Post Creek Community and surrounding area located adjacent to Chilliwack Lake. They work to keep the area safe from wildfires, garbage dumping and illegal shooting. They are trained in CPR, including the use of a defibrillator, and how to use their fire equipment safely and effectively.

The Post Creek Ratepayers Association is requesting a grant-in-aid of \$3,000 to remove and dispose two piles of communal green waste from the fire break burn location in the Chilliwack Lake area. In previous years, similar piles would get burned under the permit from the BC Wildfire Branch. In 2018, the Post Creek Ratepayers Association was unable to get a burn permit and is looking at the alternative ways to remove and dispose of that waste. This community initiative aligns well with the FVRD effort to promote safe disposal of green waste and air quality program on wood smoke reduction.

Director Engar is in support of providing a \$3,000 grant-in-aid for this request.

COST

The \$3,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "E" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A funding request has been received from The Post Creek Ratepayers Association to help offset the costs of safely disposing of accumulated green yard waste from the community fire break burn location as well as hauling fees.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported