

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 – Hope Volunteer Search & Rescue Group, Electoral Area “B”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to the Hope Volunteer Search and Rescue Group, funded from the 2018 Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with training, purchasing equipment and minimizing expenses incurred by their members.

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BACKGROUND

Hope Search and Rescue will receive an operating grant of \$8,200 from the Fraser Valley Regional District in 2018 as part of the Sub-Regional Search and Rescue service.

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

DISCUSSION

Hope Search and Rescue Group is a non-profit organization whose goal is to respond to search and rescue situations with a team of skilled volunteers, with the proper training and equipment to locate and assist persons in distress.

Hope Search and Rescue Group are requesting a grant-in-aid to help with the costs of providing training to their volunteers, as well as providing equipment. Volunteers typically donate their expenses back to the organization in order to keep costs low, however, there are a number of large value pieces of safety equipment that need to be purchased such as: doors and heaters for their UTV, first aid equipment,

FLIR heat censor, and Sonetic headsets to protect from high noise levels and provide hands free communication for boat and UTV operator.

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$1,000 to Hope Search and Rescue Group for this purpose.

COST

The \$1,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from Hope Search and Rescue Group seeking support to help offset the costs associated with training, purchasing equipment and minimizing expenses incurred by their members.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported