

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

File No: 1850-20 / 007

**Subject: Grant-In-Aid Request – Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society, Electoral Area “C”**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,000 to the Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society, funded from Electoral Area “C”, to assist in the funding of their annual Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community  
Support Environmental Stewardship

### PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism

### BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible 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

The Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society is a registered charity, whose purpose is to host the Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival, which offers an opportunity for the public to explore, participate in activities and visit venues at no cost.

The Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival spans from Mission to Harrison Mills, including Kilby Historic Site. This event is attended by 3000+ visitors, and helps to create awareness of the local ecosystems, specifically with their relationship to the bald eagle and salmon cycle. This festival also helps showcase the incredible natural surroundings of the Fraser Valley.

Director Niemi is in support of this request.

## **COST**

The \$2,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "C" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival has submitted a grant-in-aid request for \$2,000 to help fund their annual festival.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported