

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 – Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association, Electoral Area “H”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid to the Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association in the amount of \$4,000 to be funded from the 2018 Electoral Area “H” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs of community hall improvements.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid Policy under the “Activities/ programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” option.

DISCUSSION

The Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association is a not for profit society operating in the Columbia Valley whose purpose is to promote community spirit and provide a safe environment for members and residents.

In December 2016, the association requested a \$10,000 grant-in-aid to assist with the costs of completing a renovation of the kitchen in the Columbia Valley Community Hall. This final upgrade would make the hall more attractive as a rental location and make things easier for hosted community functions. Funds were paid out in two installments, half in 2016 and half in 2017.

The Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association is requesting a further \$4,000 as their projected fundraising for this project has fallen short. These funds would cover the following:

- Dishwasher balance owing (\$2,176)
- Refinish hall floor (\$1,300)

- Painting foyer (\$300)
- Build roof protection for generator (\$300)
- Fencing (\$300)

Director Dixon is in support of providing a \$4,000 grant-in-aid.

COST

The \$4,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "H" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

The Columbia Valley Ratepayers Association is looking to complete the final upgrade to the Columbia Valley Community Hall. They received a grant in late 2016 to begin the renovation of the kitchen and the second half of the grant from the 2017 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget. They have requested a grant-in-aid to complete this project as well as make some additional improvements.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Unavailable for comment.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.