

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2018-07-10

From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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**Subject: Grant-In-Aid Request – Dewdney Elementary School PAC, Electoral Area “G”**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$3,000 to the Dewdney Elementary School PAC, funded from the 2018 Electoral Area “G” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs of accessibility additions to the playground and a community sign.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

### BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible through 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 Dewdney Elementary School PAC is a rural school, serving as a hub for many activities and programs that serve the community.

The Dewdney Elementary School PAC is requesting a \$3,000 grant-in-aid to assist with the costs of installing accessibility additions to their playground as well as purchasing a new community sign.

Grant-in-aids of both \$3,000 and \$2,500 were issued in 2017 to the Dewdney Elementary School PAC, and FVRD has since contacted the PAC in regards to our Financial Accountability & Reporting section in our Grant-In-Aid Policy which requires those who receive grants over \$1,000 to follow up with a letter to FVRD regarding usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/ event and any other supporting information. To date, we have not received any information on how the funds were used.

Under the Eligibility section of our policy, one of the items is that an applicant may be excluded from applying due to not meeting the above reporting requirement for a previously awarded grant.

Director Stobbart is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$3,000 to the Dewdney Elementary School PAC for these items.

## **COST**

The \$3,000 cost will be funded from the 2018 Electoral Area "G" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

## **CONCLUSION**

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Dewdney Elementary School PAC seeking support for accessible playground equipment as well as a community sign.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

### **Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported. Finance staff will continue to work with the Dewdney Elementary School PAC to ensure the financial reporting requirements are met prior to release of any funds for 2018.

### **Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported.