

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board
From: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: 2018-07-24

Subject: Tashme Museum Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District provide a letter of support to the Tashme Historical Society's efforts to preserve this important historical area and secure financial and in-kind support from the other funding agencies as well as any potential grant opportunities that may arise.

BACKGROUND

Sunshine Valley, formerly named Tashme, is an unincorporated settlement and former Japanese Canadian internment camp on the Crowsnest Highway between of the District of Hope and the entrance to Manning Park. Located just outside the 100 mile "quarantine" zone from which all Japanese Canadians were removed during World War II, it was the largest camp of its kind in Canada, housing 2400 people on the site. Over the course of many years, the remains of the internment camp have gradually been replaced, demolished or simply disappeared.

DISCUSSION

Most recently, the Tashme Historical Society is working on the redevelopment of the old RCMP (police station) and is looking to separate this area from the main travelled portions of Sunshine Valley with fencing. In discussions with potential supporters and donors of the museum, and potential grant opportunities, it was felt a letter of support for this project from the FVRD would be beneficial.

COST

No cost.