

To: CAO for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board
From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services

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Subject: Grant Application for Evacuation Route Plan for Areas E and H

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse a grant application of \$25,000 under UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to create an Evacuation Route Plan for Electoral Areas "E" and "H".

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BACKGROUND

UBCM annually offers grant opportunities for a variety of programs. The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments and their residents in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). The Evacuation Route Planning funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$25,000.

DISCUSSION

Staff is recommending that FVRD apply for a CEPF grant to support efforts of Evacuation Route Planning in Electoral Areas E and H, including Soowahlie First Nation. This would look to further enhance planning work completed to date in areas that are challenged to successfully undertake an evacuation operation during an emergency. Staff is recommending an application for the maximum of \$25,000.

This recommendation is being brought directly to the Board in the interest of time as the deadline for a grant funding submission is November 30th, 2018.

COST

As this grant funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities, it is anticipated to have little budgetary impact should FVRD be successful. If unsuccessful it is anticipated that some level of funding will need to come from the Electoral Area Emergency Management budget in order to further develop a bare minimum evacuation plan.

CONCLUSION

Staff is recommending that FVRD apply for funding of up to \$25,000 from UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund in order to fully develop Evacuation Route Plans for Electoral Areas E and H.

COMMENTS BY:

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.