

To: CAO for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board

Date: 2018-11-27

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of EA Emergency Services

File No: 3920-20/1503, 2018

**Subject: FVRD Electoral Area Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation
Amendment Bylaw No. 1503, 2018**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1503, 2018*.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

Columbia Valley Volunteer firefighters receive remuneration for attending training at \$20.50 per weekly training session and \$20.50 per emergency callout.

Yale Volunteer Fire Department firefighters do not receive personal remuneration but the department receives a \$3000.00 Honourarium annually which is used for fire hall events such as a barbecue or Christmas dinner.

DISCUSSION

EA Directors may recommend, from time to time, increasing remuneration and Honorariums' to EA fire departments as an appreciation of the fire department members service provided to the community.

Director Dixon has asked that the callout rate for Columbia Valley Fire Department be increased.

Director Adamson has asked for the Honourarium to the Yale Volunteer Fire Department be increased.

COST

Columbia Valley Volunteer Fire Departments rate increase from \$20.50 per emergency callout to \$25.00 per callout. As emergency callout totals vary slightly from year to year this has been estimated to cost \$3357.00 per year to the Columbia Volunteer Fire Departments annual budget based on 2017 numbers.

The Yale Volunteer Fire Departments annual Honourarium would increase from \$3000.00 to \$5000.00, an increase of \$2000.00 to their budget

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.