

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 a Community Wildfire Protection Plan**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse a grant application of \$90,000.00 under UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment program to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the FVRD Electoral Areas

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

### BACKGROUND

UBCM annually offers grant opportunities for a variety of programs. The Community Resiliency Investment program (CRI) is a suite of funding programs intended to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire to communities in BC through funding, supports and priority fuel management activities on provincial Crown Land. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). The CRI funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$100,000.00

### DISCUSSION

Staff is recommending that FVRD apply for a CRI grant in order to complete a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This plan will allow the FVRD to focus on wildfire interface high risk areas and work towards mitigating some of these risks. Having a CWPP also enables the FVRD to apply for future grants including FireSmart Community Funding. Staff is recommending an application for the amount of \$90,000.00 which includes consulting costs and staff time directly related to the CWPP.

This recommendation is being brought directly to the Board in the interest of time as the deadline for a grant funding submission is December 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018. Staff has received and followed up with advice through BC Wildfire to request an extension for the approval from the board to be submitted.

## **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.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff is recommending that FVRD apply for funding of up to \$90,000.00 from UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment in order to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the electoral areas of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

## **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.