

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

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**Subject: Canadian Infrastructure Program BC and Northern and Rural Committees Infrastructure**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend that the FVRD Board authorize grant application in the amount of up to \$1.6 million to the Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program BC and Northern and Rural Committees Infrastructure to develop the Station House Project in Electoral Area A ;

**AND THAT** staff be authorized to enter into an ownership and partnering agreement with the Boston Bar North Bend Enhancement Society to manage and operate the Station House.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services  
Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy

### PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism

### BACKGROUND

Boston Bar and North Bend Enhancement Society and the FVRD have been working on a joint initiative to create a unique historical preservation and economic opportunity in the community of Boston Bar.

Over the past several years, the Society has spearheaded the preservation and restoration of a CN Station House, originally built in 1914, with strong support from all community stakeholders. This Station House was previously owned by CN Rail and is currently owned by the Society. In 1994, the Station House was relocated to the Boston Bar community park on CN Rail land and is nestled with the community hall, family place and Raymond Memorial Pavilion area that the Society currently manages.

## **DISCUSSION**

This unique opportunity will create a multi-use gathering and educational facility – a destination for locals and to create tourism and economic development in the area. The facility would also provide much needed public washrooms with potable water, not readily available to the community in the existing public facilities.

The FVRD and Society would like to apply for a 100% grant to enable this project to proceed. In order to do this the FVRD Board needs to consider and move to support the grant and take the lead on this project. The project will be fully supported by the service areas in Electoral Area A and is looking for the board to authorize the application for the grant and to enter into an ownership and partnering agreement

## **COMMENTS BY:**

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported.