

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

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Subject: Community Works Fund – Electoral Area Allocation Model for 2019 - 2022

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve the allocation of the 2019-2022 Electoral Area Community Works Funds based on the following formula:

1. Each Electoral Area receives a base allocation of \$5,000, and
2. The remainder to be allocated on a pro-rata basis, based on the 2016 census populations as certified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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Support Healthy & Sustainable Community
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

The annual Community Works Fund (CWF) allotment received by the Regional District represents the share belonging to Electoral Areas as the Municipalities receive their share directly. The Regional District has historically allocated CWF monies to each Electoral Area based on a model where each area receives a base amount of \$5,000 with the remainder allocated on a pro-rata basis, based on Statistics Canada census population.

In 2014 the Electoral Area Services Committee supported a motion to use this model for CWF monies received in 2014 to 2018.

DISCUSSION

Staff are bringing forward the CWF allocation model for review by EASC for consideration of how to allocate monies received for 2019 to 2022. There are a number of allocation models that could be considered:

1. Allocate funds based on population, using the most recent Census
2. Allocate funds based on the converted assessments
3. Allocate funds based on:
 - a. 50% of funds allocated based on census, and
 - b. 50% of funds allocated based on converted assessments
4. Allocate funds equally to each Electoral Area, regardless of population
5. Allocate funds based on:
 - a. Provide a basic allocation of \$5,000 to each Electoral Area, and
 - b. Allocate the remaining funds based on population.

Attached is an analysis of each of the allocation options for 2018's funding of \$790,069. The allocation amount for 2019 has not yet been released.

COST

There are no costs associated with this report as it pertains to the allocation of CWF monies to be used for future community improvement projects.

CONCLUSION

The Electoral Area Services Committee is being asked to confirm the allocation model for Community Works Funds received on behalf of all Electoral Areas.

COMMENTS BY:

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Not available for comment.