



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board

From: Lisa Grant, Planner 1

Date: May 21th, 2010

Subject: Electoral Area 'E' Advisory Planning Commissions - Membership

File No.: 6480-20-580

RECOMMENDATION

THAT pursuant to Bylaw No. 1033, 2010 the Regional Board appoint Orion Engar, Ernie Plett, Susan Federspiel, Kevin Antonishen, Glen Thompson, Phil Belisle, Edna Hobbs, Dan Myrah, and Ralph Belisle to the Chilliwack River Valley Advisory Planning Commission; and

Further that, Rolf Soth, Lorretta Gretler, Gord Spencer, Paul Huesken, Lauren Spillburg, Heather Ward, Bruce Millar, David Huesken, and Don Parshyn to the Columbia Valley/Cultus Lake/Lindell Beach Advisory Planning Commission.

ISSUE

The appointment of members to the Chilliwack River Valley Advisory Planning Commission and the Columbia Valley/Cultus Lake/Lindell Beach Advisory Planning Commission by the Regional Board.

BACKGROUND

Bylaw No. 1033, 2010 establishing an Advisory Planning Commissions for two areas in Electoral Area 'E' is before the Regional Board for adoption. The bylaw provides for nine members to serve on each APC (Chilliwack River Valley and Columbia Valley/Cultus Lake/Lindell Beach); and at least 2/3 of the members must be residents of Area 'E'. The APC are expected to serve as advisors to the Regional Board and assist with the preparation of the new Area 'E' Official Community Plan (OCP).

DISCUSSION

The Regional District invited residents and landowners in Area 'E' to indicate their interest in joining the APC. In keeping with past practice, the Electoral Area Director has put forward nine recommendations for the appointment to each APC. Interested individuals provided a brief written submission outlining their background and desire to participate. These submissions were reviewed by Director Lamson and have been placed in the Director's room for review by EA Directors.

Originally, each APC was going to be comprised of seven members. However, in each APC area a surplus of applications was received. As a result and as directed by the local EA Director, the number of APC members has been increased to accommodate these applications. This ensures the different geographic areas with each APC area are represented.

In appointing APC members, the Regional Board must ensure that 2/3 of members must reside in Electoral Area 'E'. Also the Regional Board could consider the need for balanced discussion and perspectives which reflect broad community interests.

COSTS

The OCP update for Electoral Area 'E' is a budgeted item from the 2010 Forward Planning work plan. APC meetings cost may include; staff time to prepare and attend the expected six meetings in total; and photocopying and stationary supplies (i.e. meeting binders). Meetings will be held in the community.

COMMENTS

Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.

Director of Planning: Reviewed and supported.

Director of Finance: Comments not required.

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