



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members of the Electoral Area Services Committee
Chair and Members of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board

From: Dawn Smith, Planner 1

Date: March 1, 2010

Subject: Deroche Advisory Planning Commission – Membership

File No.: 6520-26-006

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Board appoint eight members to the Deroche Advisory Planning Commission as identified in the memorandum dated March 8, 2010.

FURTHER THAT pursuant to Section 898 of the Local Government Act, the Regional Board give three readings and adoption of Bylaw No. 1005, 2010 in order to amend the membership limit for the Deroche Advisory Planning Commission to eight members.

ISSUE

The appointment of members to the Deroche Advisory Planning Commission by the Regional Board.

BACKGROUND

In February 2010, the FVRD Regional Board adopted Bylaw No. 0996, 2010 in order to establish the Deroche Advisory Planning Commission. The bylaw provides for up to seven volunteer members and at least 2/3 of the APC members must be residents of Electoral Area “G”. The APC is expected serve as advisors to Regional Board and guide the preparation of the new Deroche Local Area Plan (LAP). Given the smaller focus of the LAP, no more than five APC meetings are anticipated.

DISCUSSION

Through direct mail and email (if available), the Regional District invited residents and landowners in Area “G” and nearby Area “C” to indicate their interest in joining the APC. In response, the following eight individuals expressed a formal interest:

Area “G” residents

Lisa Weremchuck, 10780 N. Deroche Rd
Hardy Hooge, 9356 Ross Rd
Gilles Droucker, 10321 N. Deroche Rd
Steve McDonald, North Deroche Rd
Leaqmel First Nation – Chief Alice Thompson
Tom Cassel, 10411 N. Deroche Rd

Area “C” resident

Erick Lacey, 10811 Brooks Rd

Area “G” owner (non-resident)

Steve Johnson, Abbotsford, 10401 N. Deroche Rd

Interested APC members provided a brief written submission outlining their background and desire to participate. These submissions were reviewed by Directors Stobbart and Bales, and can be accessed by the Regional Board and the public at the Regional District office. In appointing APC members the Regional Board should ensure that 2/3 of members must reside in Electoral G. Also the Regional Board could consider the need for balanced discussion and perspectives which reflect broad community interests.

We note that there was more interest than positions available, with eight submissions and only seven membership opportunities. In response, the Regional Board could consider amending the APC bylaw to expand the number of positions to eight or simply leave the bylaw and maintain the seven member limit.

COST

The Deroche Local Area Plan is a budgeted project from the 2009 Forward Planning work plan. APC meeting costs may include; staff time to prepare and attend the expected five meetings; and photocopying and stationary supplies (ie. meeting binders). All meetings will be held at the FVRD Deroche sub-office.

COMMENT BY DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Reviewed and supported.

COMMENT BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

Comments not required.

COMMENT BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Reviewed and supported.