



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-003

From: Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 3, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$15,000, payable from Electoral Area D Peace River Agreements, Spending Item #6 – Fire Protection, to be issued to the Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of an enclosed trailer; further, that the 2020 Tomslake Fire budget be amended to:

1. Increase Transfer from Reserves – Peace River Agreement Reserve by \$15,000
2. Increase Grant to Organization by \$15,000

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department (TLVFD) is requesting grant funding to purchase an enclosed trailer to use as a wildland fire suppression unit. TLVFD recently acquired a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV), and is in need of a trailer to transport this equipment to various locations in their fire protection area. TLVFD has chosen to go with an enclosed model as it can be enhanced with shelving to allow for additional storage.

TLVFD is a not-for-profit organization in good standing with the *Society Act of BC*, and has been supported with grants from the PRRD in recent years. In 2018, Electoral Area Peace River Agreement funds were provided to TLVFD to support the purchase of a Fire Pack Bush Unit.

For further information, please see the attached grant application.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee deny the grant request from Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department and provide no grant funding to assist with the purchase of an enclosed trailer.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of March 31, 2020, the balance remaining for Electoral Area D, Peace River Agreements was \$1,132,689.45.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be advised of the Committee's decision in writing and, if approved, will be asked to ensure the PRRD is recognized for their contribution as per the PRRD Recognition Guidelines.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application