



# BOARD REPORT

**TO:**

**Chair and Directors**

**File No:** 1850 20 17

**SUBJECT:**

**Grant in Aid Request – Electoral Areas C, E and F**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Report from Darcy Mooney, Manager, Operations Management, dated July 10, 2017. Electoral Areas C, E, and F discretionary grant in aid funds to cover landfill tipping fees associated with the clean-up of beach debris occurring from the high-water flooding in the Shuswap and Mara Lake system.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**#1:**

THAT: in accordance with Policy No. F-30 "Electoral Area Grants in Aid" the Board authorize the expenditure of a maximum of \$7,500 from the Electoral Area C Grant-in-Aid to cover the costs of landfill user fees associated with the disposal of flood and high water debris.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**#2:**

THAT: in accordance with Policy No. F-30 "Electoral Area Grants in Aid" the Board authorize the expenditure of a maximum of \$5,000 from the Electoral Area E Grant-in-Aid to cover the costs of landfill user fees associated with the disposal of flood and high water debris.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**#3:**

THAT: in accordance with Policy No. F-30 "Electoral Area Grants in Aid" the Board authorize the expenditure of a maximum of \$5,000 from the Electoral Area F Grant-in-Aid to cover the costs of landfill user fees associated with the disposal of flood and high water debris.

## SHORT SUMMARY:

The Province of British Columbia issued an Interim Provision of Sandbag Policy (4.02) and Local Government Debris Removal Guidelines (4.03) to describe the approved reimbursement of costs related to the use of sandbags during flooding response activities in 2017, as well as the reimbursement of debris being deposited in public lands related to the unprecedented levels of debris scattered throughout the region related to the 2017 high water experienced in the Shuswap and Mara Lake systems. Although the Province is reimbursing response costs associated with the flooding events, it will not cover tipping fees unless the local facility is owned by a third party. Because the CSR D owns and operates all local landfill facilities, fees incurred at these sites related to clean-up in Electoral Areas F, C and E will not be eligible for reimbursement. Funding these landfill costs through grant in aid funds is the only mechanism available to initiate a clean-up program in the Electoral Areas.

**VOTING:**

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LGA Part 14  
(Unweighted)

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Weighted  
Corporate

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Stakeholder  
(Weighted)

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## BACKGROUND:

Due to the unusually large quantity of sand bags distributed during 2017 freshet and the significant amount of debris deposited in lakes that are now resting on beaches below the high water mark in the Shuswap and elsewhere, the Province has developed criteria for reimbursement of the disposal of these items. Interim policies have been distributed that outline the eligibility criteria as part of response costs. Unfortunately, associated costs of landfill user fees are only recoverable if the landfill

is owned by a third party. The City of Salmon Arm and the District of Sicamous have advance clean-up programs of this material which will be forwarded to a CSRD landfill where tipping fees are a recoverable expense.

The CSRD cannot take advantage of this program in Electoral Areas F, C and E as the landfill fees in this case would not be covered. Despite continuous efforts on behalf of CSRD staff to explain that CSRD landfills are operated without a taxation component on a cost recovery user pay model, the Province is unwilling to consider the CSRD's request to have its tipping fees reimbursed.

The only option available to Electoral Area residents to take advantage of this program is to have the tipping fees covered through grant in aid funds. Affected Electoral Area Directors have agreed to advance the funding request to the Board.

**POLICY/FINANCIAL:**

The requests meet the requirements of Policy No. F-30 "Electoral Area Grants in Aid".

**FINANCIAL:**

The requests are within the respective Electoral Area's grant-in-aid budgets.

**KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:**

As per Policy No. F-30 "Electoral Area Grants in Aid" allocations from the electoral grants in aid must be approved by the Board.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

If approved by the Board, opportunities will be made available at local landfills and transfer stations to receive approved clean-up materials free of charge for residents within the affected areas, as well as from CSRD owned parks properties.

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

The Board endorse the recommendations.

**BOARD'S OPTIONS:**

1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

**LIST NAME OF REPORT(S) / DOCUMENT(S) AVAILABLE FROM STAFF:**

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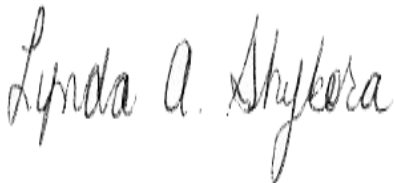
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