

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 3, 2025

RE: **Electoral Area “H” Community Facilities Capital Reserve Expenditure for Princeton Fire Hall**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT Bylaw 3105, 2025 to authorize an expenditure of \$500,000 from the Area “H” Community Facilities Capital Reserve to contribute to the construction of the Princeton fire hall be given first, second, and third readings and be adopted.

Background:

The Area “H” Community Facilities Capital Reserve was established for financing capital projects within Electoral Area “H” and is funded from the monies received from the Vermillion Forks Community Forest Corporation.

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen has a service for Area “H” that includes an agreement with the Town of Princeton to provide fire protection for some residences of Area “H”. After the recent flooding event in Princeton, it was determined that there is an immediate need for a fire hall to be located out of the flood zone. A property on the east side of the river has been selected for the construction site. The new hall will have space for an Emergency Operations Centre and will house Area “H”’s wildland fire trucks.

Analysis:

The total projected cost of the Princeton fire hall project is \$4,500,000. The requested RDOS portion is \$500,000 which is 11% of the total cost and is in compliance with the current contract.

Financial Implications:

No direct tax implication to Area “H”.

Alternatives:

THAT Bylaw 3105 be denied.

Communication Strategy:

Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting? No

Respectfully submitted:

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