

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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**FROM:** J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** May 22, 2025

**RE:** **Approval for Farm Credit Canada Grant Funding Application**

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### **Administrative Recommendation:**

THAT the Board approve Naramata Fire Department to apply for \$10,000 from the Farm Credit Canada Grant.

### **Purpose:**

The Naramata Fire Department would like to apply for the Farm Credit Canada Grant to purchase new hose that meeting the BC Wildfire Service specification for wildland response.

### **Business Plan Objective:**

4.2 Support Protective Services

### **Background:**

As of March 1, 2023, BC Wildfire Service changed their hose requirements for Wildland firefighting from a minimum of 15-foot econo hose to a minimum of 25-foot or 30-foot hoses. As per BC Wildfire requirements, wildfire hose must meet the following specifications:

#### **1 ½" Hose:**

- FIREBREAK II, percolating hose, manufactured by Mercedes Textiles Limited: is the current BCWS hose standard.
- Hose must be 38mm in diameter, 100% synthetic, percolating forestry hose and must meet ULC – S519.1-14 “Standard for Synthetic Percolating Forestry Hose”.
- Hose must have a 27mm long expansion ring with back up and face washers for the couplings.
- Hose will have ULC stamp, hose type identification, the year of manufacture and batch number. The identifiers are to be placed immediately after the specification marking, approximately one meter from each end of the hose in addition to being placed at the center of the hose.

#### **2 ½" Hose:**

Each hose end must have aluminum coupling 2 ½" X 2 ¾" BAT, (Right/Left set) one end is the Female threaded coupling and the other end is Male Threaded.

- FORESTGUARD II hose, manufactured by Mercedes Textiles Limited: is the current BCWS hose standard.

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- Hose must be 64mm in diameter, 100% synthetic, non-percolating forestry hose and must meet ULC – S518.1
  - Coupled with Two (2) extruded aluminum and hard coat anodized male & Female threaded couplings – 2½” X 2¾” BAT, (Right/Left set).

**Analysis:**

The Naramata Fire Department requires 50 1 ½” hoses that will meet the BC Wildfire specifications to be prepared to be deployed to support wildfire responses.

**Financial Implications:**

This grant provides 100% of the funding required to purchase the fire hoses.

**Alternatives:**

That the Board deny the approval to submit an application to Farm Credit Canada.

**Communication Strategy:**

If the Farm Credit Canada application is successful, the Regional District will issue acknowledgement on RDOS web and social media channels.

Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting?      No

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Endorsed by:**

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