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File: 1660-01

Ms. Patricia Ross
Chair of the Board
45950 Cheam Avenue
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Dear Chair Ross and Members of the Board:

Re: Request to Establish a Sub-Regional Service Area for the Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre

On behalf of the District of Kent and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, we formally request that the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) establish a sub-regional service area to provide financial support for the Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre (LRRAC).

As per the attached resolution, the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Council has confirmed its commitment to entering into a regional partnership with the District of Kent to support both the capital construction and ongoing operation of the LRRAC. This partnership aims to ensure the long-term sustainability of the facility and maximize its benefits for residents of both communities.

We propose that the sub-regional service area include the following components:

1. **Capital Construction Funding:** The service area would secure funding of up to \$10 million (amount to be confirmed) for the capital construction of the LRRAC. The percentage allocation between the District of Kent and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs would be a predetermined split for the duration of the borrowing term (20 years). The borrowed funds would be administered through the service area and transferred to the District of Kent as a construction contribution.
2. **Operating Funding:** An annual operating contribution of approximately \$500,000 (amount to be confirmed) would be requisitioned through the sub-regional service area. The percentage allocation of this funding between Kent and Harrison Hot Springs would be determined based on population as per the most recent Canada Census. The collected funds would be forwarded to the District of Kent to support the annual operating costs of the LRRAC.

Additionally, we request that this sub-regional service area be structured to allow for potential future participation from other partners, such as neighbouring electoral areas, who may recognize the value of equitable access—both in usage and financial contribution—to the facility.

We appreciate the Fraser Valley Regional District's consideration of this request and look forward to working collaboratively to formalize this arrangement. Please advise us on the necessary steps to move forward with the establishment of this sub-regional service area.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Pranger
Mayor

Encl.

c: Mayor Fred Talen, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Tyson Koch, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs



**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION**

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to form a regional partnership with the District of Kent using population-based financial contributions towards the capital and operating costs of the new Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre, with the contributions coming in the form of an annual requisition from the Fraser Valley Regional District.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
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CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of a resolution of Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs from a Special Meeting of Council held on February 13, 2025.

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer