



# Regional Board Report

## Request for Decision

**To:** Regional Board  
**From:** Director of Protective Services  
**Date:** January 16, 2025

**Subject:** 2024 Intake – EMCR Drif Program – Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

**Voting Entitlement:** *All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)*

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**Purpose:** To consider Regional Board support for staff to submit a full proposal for a Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) through the 2024 Intake of the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program under the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR).

### Executive Summary:

The DRIF program supports projects that enhance community resilience against natural and climate-driven hazards, such as floods, droughts, and extreme temperatures. Funding from this program will enable the Regional District to complete a comprehensive Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) for Electoral Area West, Electoral Area East and the Regional Parks. Our Emergency Management Organization partners have acknowledged that they are responsible for completing their own assessments. Completion of the HRVA is a mandatory requirement under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) and is crucial for identifying potential hazards, assessing risks, and developing effective mitigation strategies. Approval of this proposal will significantly bolster our emergency management capabilities and ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

### Recommendation(s):

**THAT** the Regional Board supports submission of a full proposal for \$125,000 to complete a Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment through the 2024 Intake of the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program under the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR);

**AND THAT** the Regional Board supports staff to spend the funds when they are authorized through a successful application.

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Respectfully submitted by: Mike Walroth, Director of Protective Services

Report Approved by: Mike Walroth, Director of Protective Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

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**Strategic Plan Alignment:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only       |
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**Considerations:**

## Organizational/External:

Internal collaboration between departments, external collaboration with First Nations and other regional partners

## Financial:

Offsetting local service area tax requisitions

## Legal/Statutory Authority:

Mandatory activity under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act

## Considerations not applicable:

- *Alternate Recommendation*
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