



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - ADDENDA

RFP TITLE: Fraser Canyon Complete Community Study

RFP NUMBER: RFP-24012

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CLOSING TIME/DATE: [REVISED] **4:00 PM Friday, September 20, 2024**

Part A- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A.1 Frequently Asked Questions

The Fraser Valley Regional District ("FVRD") has received requests for clarification and additional information from prospective proponents ("Proponents") in response to this request for proposals ("RFP") for the provision of professional planning services.

1. Can the FVRD extend the RFP closing deadline?

The RFP closing date has been extended to 4:00 PM Friday, September 20, 2024.

2. Can the FVRD provide a map of the desired study area or a list of the communities to be included in the study?

A map which outlines the general study area is provided in Appendix A. FVRD expectation is that the precise study area be refined collaboratively during the initial kick-off meeting with the successful proponent.

3. Can the FVRD provide additional information about the "compact modular village concept" and any background information that might be available on this concept?

Communities within the Fraser Canyon have had a long history of economic boom and bust cycles tied to fluctuating resource economies. In recent decades these communities have faced a prolonged period of limited investment and growth which has contributed to a socioeconomic climate that is unique to others areas in the FVRD. The Housing Needs Report conducted in 2021 highlighted the following key indicators:

- The typical Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B resident is 16 years older than in the FVRD
- Household size in Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B comprises smaller households, which may be reflective of the higher proportion of seniors
- Residents of Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B have lower incomes than the regional median incomes

- There is a smaller proportion of Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B residents who are part of the labour force as compared to the FVRD, which may be reflective of the higher proportion of seniors
- The number of renter households has increased in Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B but monthly shelter costs remain less costly when compared to shelter costs across the region
- The value of dwellings in Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B is lower than when compared to the value of dwellings across the region
- The majority of housing in Electoral Area A and Electoral Area B consists of two structure types: single-detached dwellings and movable dwellings. There is very limited diversity in housing stock

Creative and practical solutions will be required to identify housing opportunities that are feasible and affordable within the context of Canyon community socio-economic realities. Small, compact, and affordable solutions are appropriate to adequately address the needs of Canyon communities. A compact modular village concept has been identified as an example of a potential solution to the challenges experienced by Fraser Canyon communities, instead of traditional suburban-style or large-scale development. This is one possible concept that would require further feasibility analysis which would be undertaken by the successful proponent.

4. Can the FVRD confirm how many conceptual plans it is seeking for this project - how many community hubs are to be developed and how many conceptual plans/options are to be developed per community hub?

The number of conceptual plans produced would likely correspond with the number of suitable community hub locations identified through geospatial analysis. We anticipate that there could be up to 2-3 suitable community hub locations throughout the canyon but this will be refined after thorough analysis of existing conditions and encumbrances.

5. Can the FVRD clarify if the scope of services for engagement activities is to include the general public?

FVRD anticipates that the consultation and engagement undertaken for this study will involve Indigenous communities, partner organizations, and agencies and will be commensurate to the nature and technical scope of the project. FVRD does not anticipate engagement with the general public will be a component of the consultation strategy.

6. How is FVRD anticipating that successful consultant will integrate online engagement with the District's online engagement platform? If the successful consultant is to use the existing engagement platform as provided by FVRD, is graphic design support provided by the Regional District?

The FVRD utilizes the Have Your Say platform for online engagement with the general public. If the successful proponent wishes to make use of this platform as an engagement activity in the proposed engagement strategy, FVRD staff can facilitate content and document uploads. No graphic design support can be accommodated by FVRD.

APPENDIX A

