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**TO:** Oceanside Services Committee      **MEETING:** February 13, 2020  
**FROM:** Catherine Morrison  
          Manager, Emergency Services      **FILE:** 2240 20 VSF  
**SUBJECT:** Oceanside Victim Services Funding Agreement

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board endorse amending the current agreement with the Family Resource Association to reflect the merger with Sources Community Resources Society effective April 1, 2020.

## SUMMARY

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has an agreement with the Family Resource Association (FRA) to provide a basic grant in the amount of \$65,000 per year for the provision of the Oceanside Police Based Victim Services Program. The FRA is merging with Sources Community Resources Society (Sources) as of April 1, 2020. Sources will be operating the programs previously offered by the FRA.

The FRA has provided a Board motion confirming the transfer of ownership to Sources including all contracts (Attachment 1). Sources has also provided a Board motion confirming acceptance of ownership and responsibility of all contracts (Attachment 2).

## BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG) is responsible for the delivery of victim services in British Columbia (BC) and determine the service provider. In 2017, the Ministry worked with the Oceanside RCMP to find a new service provider for victim services. The Ministry selected the FRA and issued a Notice of Intent to award the FRA the contract for victim services, which was not opposed and resulted in the FRA being awarded the Oceanside Police Based Victim Services Program for a term of 2.5 years.

The program is co-funded by the Province at approximately \$56,600 per year and the RDN at \$65,000 per year. The funding provides for two paid coordinators to work from both the FRA offices and the Oceanside RCMP Detachment, to coordinate and facilitate services and assistance to victims of crime. Sources is assuming ownership of the FRA effective April 1, 2020. The level of service and current commitment will not change. The agreement between the FRA and the RDN expires on May 31, 2020. As Sources is still negotiating a new contract with the MPSSG, we are recommending that the agreement be amended for the remaining two months to reflect the merger. Once Sources has confirmed a contract extension with the MPSSG, a follow up report will be presented to the Oceanside Services Committee.

## ALTERNATIVES

1. That the Board endorse amending the current agreement with the Family Resource Association to reflect the merger with Sources Community Resources Society effective April 1, 2020
2. That alternate direction be provided.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Bylaw No. 1479, the Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Areas E, F, G and H, and municipalities of Parksville and Qualicum provide funding to support community safety. The funding of \$65,000 per year for victim services in the Oceanside area is a regularly budgeted item and incorporated within the 5-year Financial Plan.

## STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.



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Attachments

1. FRA Signed Board Minutes
2. Sources Signed Board Minutes