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Complete review of all non RCMP-related PSIT files to begin

Mission, BC. The District of Mission Council now has a plan to deal with the troublesome PSIT issue that has plagued the community for the past few years - a complete review of all non RCMP-related grow-op files and the associated fees that have been charged to homeowners. Mission Council acknowledges the efforts and authority of the RCMP and their work on the local grow-op challenge - Council will not be dealing with any files that are part of an RCMP investigation.

"We are fully aware that the grow-op situation in Mission is serious and we definitely want it addressed," says Mayor Ted Adlem, "however, well-documented problems related to the Public Inspection Team activities and the resulting fees that have been charged to Mission residents, must be resolved."

"The Council has met with the RCMP and the municipal lawyer, so they are confident in their decision about how to move forward from this point," says Deputy CAO Paul Gipps. "A procedure is now in place that meets Council's request for a standardized review process that will be applied equally and which will allow Council to track the progress on each file."

If the information contained in a file does not substantiate the determination of the property as a controlled substance property, the determination will be reversed and the fees will be returned. "We believe that a complete review of all non RCMP-related files is the only way to ensure across-the-board fairness to everyone involved," says Mayor Ted Adlem. "In this way, the Council hopes to deliver closure on this matter for the residents involved, so that we can focus on moving the community forward."

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