MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the COUNCIL of the DISTRICT OF MISSION held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on September 8, 2015 commenced at 1:00 p.m. for COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, and was immediately followed by a CLOSED MEETING of Council, and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for REGULAR COUNCIL proceedings.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Danny Plecas

Council Members Absent: Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
* Rogine Battel, Manager of RCMP Administration
* Kris Boland, Manager of Finance
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives
* Ted De Jager, Inspector Officer in Charge
Haylee Gould, Administrative Assistant
* Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering and Public Works
* Gina MacKay, Manager of Long Range Planning
* Kerri Onken, Deputy Treasurer/Collector
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Corporate Officer
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

*Present for a portion of the meeting

Members of the Public: ± 32

Members of the Press: Kevin Mills, Mission City Record

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Hinds, and

RESOLVED:

1. That late item Return to Stage Two Water Restrictions be added as Item 7(b) under the Engineering and Public Works section of the agenda; and

2. That the agenda for the regular Council meeting of September 8, 2015 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED
3. RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

4. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Councillor Alexis assumed the Chair.

Continued Follow Up to Public Hearing Issues Related to Needle Distribution and Collection Including Working Group Recommendations

A report from the Manager of Social Development dated September 8, 2015 was provided with follow-up information to do with needle exchange, harm reduction and opioid substitution clinics.

Discussion ensued, with several members of Council noting concern with the report’s first recommendation regarding signing the memorandum of understanding attached as Appendix A to the report. The Committee further discussed different harm reduction options, including a one-to-one needle exchange, greater social service support, and collaboration between agencies and all levels of government.

Dr. Marcus Lem provided the following information in response to questions from the Committee:

- Many drug users, if given a safe place to discard used needles, would do so in a responsible manner
- Restrictive needle programs, such as one-to-one needle exchanges or requiring users pick up a small quantity of needles at a time, increase the chance that users will re-use needles and the transmission of diseases
- Recovery houses and long term rehabilitation programs are not mandated or funded by Fraser Health as they are social service programs

In regard to the four needle boxes to be placed in the community, the Committee requested that they be placed in inconspicuous areas and that they be smaller in size than what was pictured in the report.

Moved by Mayor Hawes, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That support be granted for staff to implement sharps containers at designated hot spots for used needle litter, promoting the safe disposal of needles;
2. That staff be supported to implement laminated signage on the sharps containers outlining the safe disposal of used needles;
3. That the Harm Reduction Needle Distribution working group (HRND) be supported to work with School District #75 in implementing public education for children and all community members around what to do when a needle is found in the community including placing information in the District of Mission garbage/recycling calendar, leisure guide and on the District of Mission website; and
4. That the Harm Reduction Needle Distribution Plan working group continue to meet on a regular basis to resolve issues related to needle use and disposal.

CARRIED
District of Mission Temporary Living Areas Protocol

Moved by Mayor Hawes, and

RECOMMENDED: That the protocol outlined in the Manager of Social Development’s report dated September 8, 2015 for managing temporary living areas in Mission be supported and staff be directed to develop a formalized staff procedure.

CARRIED

District staff will be working with Mission Community Services Society and outreach workers to facilitate quicker response times for individuals in need.

Development Variance Permit DV15-007, 33430 Heather Avenue

A report from the Planner dated September 8, 2015 was provided, which detailed a development variance permit application received from the property owners at 33430 Heather Avenue to vary the District’s Zoning Bylaw provisions for new retaining walls constructed on a residential property. Approval of this application will be considered during the evening portion of the Council meeting.

Application to exclude the property located at 35043 Lougheed Highway from the Agricultural Land Reserve

The Committee reviewed a report from the Planner dated September 8, 2015 which provided details on an application to the Agricultural Land Commission to exclude the property located at 35043 Lougheed Highway from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Hinds, and

RECOMMENDED: That the application to remove 35043 Lougheed Highway from the Agricultural Land Reserve be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for final consideration.

CARRIED

Development Applications for a 10-lot Urban Residential Development at 8895 Cedar Street

A report from the Planner dated September 8, 2015 was reviewed regarding rezoning, development variance permit and street naming applications to allow a 10-lot subdivision on the property located at 8895 Cedar Street. Staff support the rezoning and street naming applications and as such have listed the zoning amending bylaw under the “Bylaws for Consideration” section of the agenda, and will list the street naming bylaw for consideration on the October 5, 2015 Regular Council agenda. Staff are not supportive of the variances as proposed.

The Committee questioned whether the portion of the lots designated in the Official Community Plan as Environmentally Sensitive Area would be considered sensitive under the newer Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR), and if not, whether the applicant would be interested in changing the designation to increase development potential. Staff noted that the developer could submit a formal application to Council to consider re-designating a portion of the property.
Reaffirmation of Statutory Consent for Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1335, 2015 and Answers to Follow-Up Questions Posed at August 17, 2015 Council Meeting

A report from the Director of Development Services dated September 8, 2015 was provided, recommending that animal control services in Mission be shifted to the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD).

The following summarized comments were provided:

- Should animal control services be transferred to the FVRD, Council has requested input into the choice of animal control officer operating in Mission, with preference given to a Mission resident
- By sharing the cost of animal control services with multiple municipalities, the collective facility will have a greater quality of service and impose a smaller financial burden on the individual communities
- As the FVRD model will cost the District less than the current animal control service, surplus funds can be used for other community development
- There is suitable land surrounding the FVRD care facility for future growth

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED: That, as per section 801.4 of the Local Government Act, Council consent, on behalf of the electors, to support for the Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No 1335, 2015.

OPPOSED: Councillor Nicholson

CARRIED

Compliance and Enforcement of Regulatory Bylaws

The Committee reviewed a report from the Director of Development Services dated September 8, 2015 providing background information as to how the District’s bylaw compliance and enforcement processes work. It was noted that a resolution will be considered at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference later this month that, if passed, would provide municipalities with legislative authority to add unpaid bylaw fines to the individual’s property taxes.

Official Community Plan – Consultant Team Appointment

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED: That, as per the recommendation of the Official Community Plan (OCP) consultant proposal review team, the contract for the District of Mission Official Community Plan Review 2015-2016 be awarded to Urban Systems.

CARRIED

A Regional Pilot Project to Prevent Illegal Fill Deposition

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED: That the Mayor send a letter to Metro Vancouver acknowledging the invitation to participate in the Regional Pilot Program to Prevent Illegal Fill Deposition development team, offering to supply the required information, requesting copies of the final report but refraining from direct staff involvement at this time in the project development team.
CARRIED

Rezoning to permit Industrial and Barge Loading Uses on Three Waterfront Properties

Mayor Hawes declared a conflict of interest under Section 100(2)b of the Community Charter, due to having received a campaign donation from the proponent of this application, and left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

A report from the Senior Planner dated September 8, 2015 was provided, detailing a rezoning application to allow barge loading as a permitted use for three riverfront properties. Staff support the application and as such have listed the zoning amending bylaw under the “Bylaws for Consideration” section of the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding future plans for waterfront development, including how increased barge infrastructure and activities would affect development plans, and the potential for an official public trail.

Mayor Hawes returned to the meeting at 3:33 p.m. and called for a two minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

5. CORPORATE SERVICES

Councillor Hamilton assumed the Chair.

Proposed 2016 Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED: That the proposed 2016 Council Meeting Schedule, identified as Appendix A in the September 8, 2015 report from the Deputy Corporate Officer, be approved.

CARRIED

2016 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications

The Committee reviewed a report from the Deputy Treasurer/Collector dated September 8, 2015 which presented the 12 permissive tax exemption applications for the 2016 taxation year. The 2016 permissive tax bylaw has been listed under the "Bylaws for Consideration" section of the agenda.

Young Adult Engagement Initiative – Generation Squeeze

A report from the Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives dated September 8, 2015, which provided an overview of a proposed event from the Youth Engagement Committee to connect with their prime target demographic of 18 to 35 year olds, was reviewed.

Discussion ensued with the Committee expressing concern about endorsing an event that focuses on partisan issues. It was clarified that the event would be strictly non-partisan and that no election candidates would be permitted to speak at the event. The event is intended to facilitate dialogue within the target demographic about issues most important to them, unrelated to party platforms.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, and

RECOMMENDED:
1. That the Youth Engagement Committee be authorized to host a Generation Squeeze event this October to promote participation and self-advocacy for 20, 30, and 40 year olds in the upcoming federal election; and

2. That Council confirm that the cost of the event, estimated to be no more than $1,000, shall be absorbed in the existing Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives budget, as recommended by staff.

CARRIED

Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) Voting Delegate

Moved by Mayor Hawes, and

RECOMMENDED: That in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Reciprocal Agreement with the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC), the following be appointed as the delegate and alternates to MIABC, of which the District of Mission is an active member:

That, effective immediately, Councillor Hamilton be appointed as the primary voting delegate and that Mayor Hawes be appointed as the alternate voting delegate for the purpose of representing the District of Mission and voting at meetings of the MIABC.

CARRIED

6. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Councillor Nicholson assumed the Chair.

Skate Park Funding

A report from the Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture dated September 8, 2015 seeking approval of additional funding for the Skate Park construction in 2016 was provided for the Committee’s consideration.

Reference was made to a delegation that appeared at the August 17, 2015 meeting of Council in which a Mission homeowner who lives next to the proposed skate park location raised concerns about noise and undesirable activities at the park. Council discussed potential solutions for the resident’s concern, including the feasibility of moving the park to a different location or installing noise or visual barriers between the park and the residence.

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That $220,000 in additional funds be provided in the 2016 Capital Budget for the Skate Park construction, with $100,000 funded from the Gaming Reserve Fund, and $120,000 funded from the Community Works Gas Tax Reserve Fund; and

2. That the 2016 Capital Plan be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

7. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Plecas assumed the Chair.
BC Hydro Beautification Fund Application

Moved by Councillor Hinds, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the submission of a grant application to BC Hydro, as outlined in the Manager of Engineering Design and Planning report dated September 8, 2015, under the BC Hydro Beautification Fund program to improve the aesthetic appearance of several BC Hydro Service kiosks in Mission, be approved; and

2. That staff report back to Council on the BC Hydro Beautification Fund application result and the District’s required commitment to fund the remaining balance of this project.

CARRIED

In response to questions from the Committee, staff stated the following:

- The roadworks on 7th Avenue being undertaken by BC Hydro and FortisBC are expected to be completed within a month
- The sensor that controls the intersection at 7th Avenue and Stave Lake Street will be repaired at the conclusion of the roadworks
- BC Hydro and FortisBC, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the District, have provided approximately $80,000 towards repaving 7th Avenue

LATE ITEM – Return to Stage Two Water Restrictions

A report from the Director of Engineering and Public Works dated September 8, 2015 with information regarding the return to Stage Two Water Restrictions was provided for the Committee’s information.

8. RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor Hawes resumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That Council consider and resolve to rise from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC, RECESS THE PUBLIC MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M. AND IMMEDIATELY CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED:

1. That pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

   - Section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter – personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
   - Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter – labour relations or other employee relations;
• Section 90(1)(d) of the Community Charter – the security of the property of the municipality;
• Section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter – litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
• Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

2. That the public portion of the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m.; and
3. That Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 4:20 p.m.

10. RECONVENE

Mayor Hawes reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Danny Plecas

Council Members Absent: Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives
Haylee Gould, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Corporate Officer
Dan Sommer, Manager of Planning
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Members of the Public: ± 11

Members of the Press: Kevin Mills, Mission City Record

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED: That the following recommendations from the September 8, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted:
Continued Follow Up to Public Hearing Issues Related to Needle Distribution and Collection Including Working Group Recommendations

RECOMMENDED:

1. That support be granted for staff to implement sharps containers at designated hot spots for used needle litter, promoting the safe disposal of needles;

2. That staff be supported to implement laminated signage on the sharps containers outlining the safe disposal of used needles;

3. That the Harm Reduction Needle Distribution working group (HRND) be supported to work with School District #75 in implementing public education for children and all community members around what to do when a needle is found in the community including placing information in the District of Mission garbage/recycling calendar, leisure guide and on the District of Mission website; and

4. That the Harm Reduction Needle Distribution Plan working group continue to meet on a regular basis to resolve issues related to needle use and disposal.

District of Mission Temporary Living Areas Protocol

RECOMMENDED:

That the protocol outlined in the Manager of Social Development’s report dated September 8, 2015 for managing temporary living areas in Mission be supported and staff be directed to develop a formalized staff procedure.

Application to exclude the property located at 35043 Lougheed Highway from the Agricultural Land Reserve

RECOMMENDED:

That the application to remove 35043 Lougheed Highway from the Agricultural Land Reserve be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for final consideration.

Official Community Plan – Consultant Team Appointment

RECOMMENDED:

That as per the recommendation of the Official Community Plan (OCP) consultant proposal review team the contract for the District of Mission Official Community Plan Review 2015-2016 be awarded to Urban Systems.

A Regional Pilot Project to Prevent Illegal Fill Deposition

RECOMMENDED:

That the Mayor send a letter to Metro Vancouver acknowledging the invitation to participate in the Regional Pilot Project to Prevent Illegal Fill Deposition development team, offering to supply the required information, requesting copies of the final report but refraining from direct staff involvement at this time in the project development team.

Proposed 2016 Council Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposed 2016 Council meeting schedule, identified as Appendix A in the September 8, 2015 report from the Deputy Corporate Officer, be approved.
Young Adult Engagement Initiative – Generation Squeeze

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Youth Engagement Committee be authorized to host a Generation Squeeze event this October to promote participation and self-advocacy for 20, 30, and 40 year olds in the upcoming federal election; and

2. That Council confirm that the cost of the event, estimated to be no more than $1,000, shall be absorbed in the existing Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives budget, as recommended by staff.

Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) Voting Delegate

RECOMMENDED:

That in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Reciprocal Agreement with the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC), the following be appointed as the delegate and alternates to MIABC, of which the District of Mission is an active member:

That, effective immediately, Councillor Hamilton be appointed as the primary voting delegate and that Mayor Hawes be appointed as the alternate voting delegate for the purpose of representing the District of Mission and voting at meetings of the MIABC.

Skate Park Funding

RECOMMENDED:

1. That $220,000 in additional funds be provided in the 2016 Capital Budget for the Skate Park construction, with $100,000 funded from the Gaming Reserve Fund, and $120,000 funded from the Community Works Gas Tax Reserve Fund; and

2. That the 2016 Capital Plan be amended accordingly.

BC Hydro Beautification Fund Application

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the submission of a grant application to BC Hydro, as outlined in the Manager of Engineering Design and Planning report dated September 8, 2015, under the BC Hydro Beatification Fund program to improve the aesthetic appearance of several BC Hydro Service kiosks in Mission, be approved; and

2. That staff report back to Council on the BC Hydro Beautification Fund application result and the District’s required commitment to fund the remaining balance of this project.

CARRIED
Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That the following recommendation from the September 8, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted:

Reaffirmation of Statutory Consent for Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1335, 2015 and Answers to Follow-Up Questions Posed at August 17, 2015 Council Meeting

RECOMMENDED:

That, as per section 801.4 of the Local Government Act, Council consent, on behalf of the electors, to support for the Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1335, 2015.

OPPOSED: Councillor Nicholson

CARRIED

12. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

13. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

14. PROCLAMATIONS

Literacy Month

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That the month of September, 2015 be proclaimed as "Literacy Month" within the District of Mission.

CARRIED

National Seniors Day

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That October 1, 2015 be proclaimed as "National Seniors Day" within the District of Mission.

CARRIED

Women's Week

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That September 28 to October to 4, 2015 be proclaimed as "Women's Week" within the District of Mission.

CARRIED

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

16. ADOPTION OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.
17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES
   There were no committee reports or minutes.

18. CORRESPONDENCE
   There was no correspondence.

19. BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION
   Moved by Councillor Pecas, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and
   RESOLVED: That the following Bylaws be approved as listed:

   (a) Zoning Amending Bylaw 5475-2014-5050(161), a bylaw to rezone the properties at
       32818 and 32830 7th Avenue from Residential Two Unit Zone (RT465) to
       Commercial Neighbourhood Centre One Zone (CNC1), be adopted.

   (b) Zoning Amending Bylaw 5478-2015-5050(164), a bylaw to rezone property at 7368
       Proctor Street from Multiple Family 52 Apartment Zone (MA52) to Core Commercial
       Downtown One Zone (CD1), be adopted.

   (c) Water Amending Bylaw 5519-2015-2196(26), a bylaw to address the water
       distribution system's daily operational and managerial challenges and to improve the
       consistency on the regional commitments and requirements between the District's
       and the City of Abbotsford's Water Bylaws, be adopted.

   (d) Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 5520-2015, A bylaw to exempt certain properties
       from municipal taxation for the 2016 taxation year, be read a first, second and third
       time.

   (e) Zoning Amending Bylaw 5522-2015-5050(181), a bylaw to rezone property located at
       8895 Cedar Street from Suburban 36 (S36) Zone to Urban Residential 465 (R465)
       Zone for the eastern portion of the property and to Urban Residential Secondary
       Dwelling (R465s) Zone for the western portion of the property, be read a first and
       second time.

CARRIED

Mayor Hawes declared a conflict of interest under Section 100(2)b of the Community
Charter, due to having received a campaign donation from the proponent of this
application, and left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That Zoning Amending Bylaw 5521-2015-5050(180), a bylaw to rezone
property at 33271 Harbour Avenue and two adjacent properties from Industrial General
(ING) Zone to Industrial General Two (ING2) Zone, be read a first and second time.

OPPOSED: Councillor Pecas

CARRIED

Mayor Hawes returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
20. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR CONSIDERATION

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That Development Variance Permit Application DV15-007 (33430 Heather Avenue), to vary Sections 111(b)(2) and 111(b)(3) of the District of Mission Zoning Bylaw 5050-2009 to increase the maximum permitted height of a portion of the retaining wall from 1.2m (3.9ft) to 2.4m (7.8ft) and to reduce the minimum distance required between the tiered retaining wall sections from 1.2m (3.9ft) to 0.0m (0.0ft) be approved.

CARRIED

21. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

22. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED

Hatzic Cemetery Records Project

A report from the Executive Assistant dated July 6, 2015 released the following resolution from Closed Council:

Hatzic Cemetery Records Project

1. That Council approve an expenditure of $38,813 to cover the costs to extend the current time-durated posting for a period of six months to complete the Hatzic Cemetery records transfers; and

2. That the required funds be drawn from the Financial Stabilization Reserve Fund and the District’s 2015 Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

23. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new/other business.

24. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

Mayor Hawes introduced Mike Younie, formerly the Director of Development Services, as the new Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

25. QUESTION PERIOD

Wendy Bales asked Council to consider joining with several rural communities and opening a facility in Mission as another option for animal control. Council noted that both the municipalities of Kent and Harrison are expected to join with the Fraser Valley Regional District for animal control services.

Paul Horn questioned if any feedback had been received about the current format of meeting for Committee of the Whole in the afternoon and for Regular Council in the evening.
Council responded that public attendance in the afternoon fluctuates depending on the agenda for the meeting. Opportunities for public input occur only in the evening portion of the meeting, such as public hearings and question period, and both the afternoon and evening meetings are broadcast on the web for viewing. Additionally, the afternoon meetings have decreased overtime for staff.

26. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RANDY HAWES, MAYOR  MIKE YOUNIE, CORPORATE OFFICER