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May 1st to 7th, 2016



Engineering & Public Works Staff Report to Council

File: 0630-20

DATE: May 2, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
SUBJECT: **2016 Drinking Water Week**

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:
That the District of Mission proclaim May 1 to May 7 as Drinking Water Week.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to raise awareness about the Drinking Water Week campaign, with a focus on water conservation.

BACKGROUND:

Many of us take for granted that when we turn on our taps, fresh water will appear. But our water doesn't magically appear and disappear. We all depend on water systems to deliver clean water to our taps. The British Columbia Water and Waste Association (BCWWA) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the people who work every day to keep our water clean and safe – from source to tap to drain and back.

BCWWA has declared May 1 to 7, 2016 Drinking Water Week. Since 2014, the Abbotsford Mission Water & Sewer Commission (WSC) has worked with Green Bricks, the educational consultant who delivers the water education program to host a water day for Grade 4 students in Mission and Abbotsford at the Abbotsford Centre.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

The WSC will host an event at the Abbotsford Centre for Grade 4 students in Abbotsford and Mission to educate them about their water system. The event is to enhance awareness and educate students about the importance of the drinking water supply system, with a focus on water conservation. This event is also coordinated with the implementation of the Water Shortage Response Plan and the start of the water restriction program.

This year the WSC will work with Green Bricks again to host an event at Abbotsford Centre on May 6, 2016. There will be approximately 150 students from schools in Mission and Abbotsford. Students from West Heights Community Elementary School will tour six stations focussed on water, including a tour of the Abbotsford Centre rainwater harvesting system. Council is invited to attend.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The WSC 2016 Water Conservation Budget has \$2,500 allocated for Drinking Water Week to enhance awareness and educate students on the importance of the drinking water supply and system.

COMMUNICATION:

Drinking Water Week will be promoted through social media and local newspapers.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

BCWWA has declared May 1 to 7, 2016 Drinking Water Week. This event is to bring awareness and educate the students regarding the importance of the drinking water supply system and conservation. Council is invited to attend.

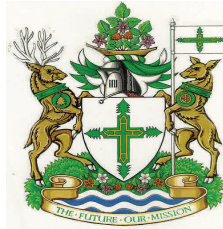
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Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works

Comment from Chief Administrative Officer:
Reviewed.

District of Mission



Proclamation

**That May 1st to 7th, 2016 be proclaimed
Drinking Water Week**

District of Mission Council Resolution - May 2, 2016

- Whereas:** Water is one of British Columbia's most precious resources and is integral to the health, vibrancy and diversity of the District of Mission and the province as a whole; and
- Whereas:** sustainable water resource management helps to protect the environment while promoting long-term socioeconomic viability; and
- Whereas:** water conservation reduces water system operations and maintenance costs and assists in the conservation of limited supplies; and
- Whereas:** British Columbians consume 30% more water than the average Canadian;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the District of Mission
hereby proclaims May 1 - 7, 2016 as

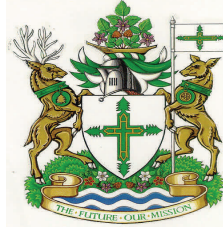
Drinking Water Week

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this 2nd Day of May, 2016

MAYOR RANDY HAWES

CORPORATE OFFICER

District of Mission



Proclamation

**That May 1st to 7th, 2016 be proclaimed
Elizabeth Fry Week**

District of Mission Council Resolution - May 2, 2016

- Whereas:** the first Elizabeth Fry Society in the world was formed in British Columbia, in 1939 to help women in conflict with the law; and
- Whereas:** the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver celebrated its 76th year of service to the people of this area in 2015; and
- Whereas:** this service has involved over 1.2 million hours of volunteer service; and
- Whereas:** to continue in its worthwhile and valued endeavors, the Elizabeth Fry Society requests increased support from the people of the city;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the District of Mission
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Elizabeth Fry Week

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this 2nd Day of May, 2016

MAYOR RANDY HAWES

CORPORATE OFFICER