

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting June 6, 2016

Forestry Operations 2016 1st Quarter Report

The 2016 first quarter forestry financial results show a net profit of \$568,744, compared to the forecasted budget net profit of \$273,991. This has resulted in a closing reserve balance of \$2,252,368. The financial performance in the first quarter is due primarily to the successful completion of the timber sale tender as well as strong log markets driven by increased demand for lumber products and favourable foreign exchange rates. Due to the dry forest conditions and the potential high fire hazard this summer, the Q3 production volume could be reduced significantly.

Norma Kenney House Renovations Update

Renovations at Norma Kenney House are nearing completion and are expected to be complete by June 30th at which time the keys will be handed over to the Tenants to begin their move in. Council has approved an additional \$18,000 to complete the installation of the make-up air unit, kitchen hood and exhaust fans required to operate the commercial kitchen.

Off-Leash Areas in the District of Mission

The District is exploring options within the community to increase the number of off-leash areas and to ensure a more secure off-leash area in Centennial Park.

Climate Action Goals Status

The District will be receiving a \$52,000 carbon tax refund for 2015. In 2008 the District voluntarily committed to achieve carbon neutrality through energy efficiency projects, using alternative energy, and increasing food waste diversion. Mission's greenhouse gas emissions for 2015 totaled -340 tonnes, which means the District can be described as carbon neutral for 2015.

Observatory Building at Heritage Park

Council reviewed the public comments received at the April 27, 2016 Open House event, in which the public were invited to discuss the potential use, re-use or removal of the observatory building in Heritage Park. Given the comments received, the costs to complete the construction and the overall site challenges related to the existing building, Council has elected to remove the structure and re-purpose as much of the building material as possible.

Pulling Together Canoe Journey

Council has agreed to sponsor a meal for up to 200 participants and supporters of the 2016 Pulling Together Canoe Journey when the event passes through Mission. The Pulling Together Canoe Journey is a multi-day canoe journey through British Columbia's waterways to promote reconciliation with First Nations through learning and understanding.

Interpretive Signs in Heritage Park

The interpretive signs featured in Fraser River Heritage Park, which reference the history of the residential school in the park, will be removed and replaced with new signage that recognizes the lasting effects of the residential school system on First Nations. The new signs will be designed in collaboration with First Nations and the Rotary Club that provided the original funding for the signs.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Monday, June 20, 2016

Committee of the Whole – 1:00 pm
Regular Council – 7:00 pm

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall
8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC