

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting July 18, 2016

### **BC Wildlife Federation Restoration Project at Silverdale Wetland**

The BC Wildlife Federation will be leading a wetland restoration workshop in the Mission area and will be undertaking restoration works at the Silverdale Wetland and Dewdney Elementary School as part of the program. The wetlands provide recreation activities for the public and are an important habitat for various species of fish, amphibians, birds and waterfowl.

### **Bike Lanes along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Separated bicycle lanes will be installed on both sides of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Stave Lake and Cedar Streets, as part of the repaving of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue that is expected to be completed before the start of the school year. There will be an impact to parking on the north side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Grand Street and Stave Lake Street, and District staff will be hand-delivering letters to residents who will be affected. Contact the Engineering Department at 604-820-3736 for more information.

### **Transit Expansion and New Maintenance Facility**

Council has made a commitment to the BC Transit service expansion initiative. The long term transit expansion plan for the region will see increased frequency and streamlined routes for Mission bus services and will expand the inter-regional network. In addition, the provincial and federal governments announced Monday that Abbotsford and Mission will be receiving a new maintenance facility for their transit fleet, which will improve operational efficiency and allow for additional bus service for the region.

### **Ignite Youth**

Representatives from the Mission Arts Council appeared before Council to present their new artist mentorship program, "Ignite Youth". The program pairs up professional artists and youth ages 13 to 18 for a one-on-one mentorship program to teach, motivate and inspire young artists and increase youth participation in the arts. Contact the Mission Arts Council at 604-826-0029 for more information.

### **Welton Common Roof Replacement**

The roof at 7337 Welton Street is past its useful life and will be replaced at an estimated cost of \$189,000 from the General Capital Reserve Fund. There have been two inspections completed, both of which identified multiple issues with the condition of the roof and recommended replacement to prevent further structural damage.

### **Extension of the U-PASS Agreement**

The U-PASS agreement was developed to provide universal transit access for eligible University of the Fraser Valley students on the Central Fraser Valley Transit System and the Chilliwack Transit System. The U-PASS also provides access to recreation centres in Abbotsford, Mission and Chilliwack. Council has agreed to extend the agreement with BC Transit for an additional two years.

#### **Next Regular Council Meeting is**

**Monday, August 15, 2016**

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

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