

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting

October 3, 2016

2017 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications

The District received permissive tax exemption applications for a total of 44 properties:

- 7 organizations (11 properties) applied for a 1-year permissive tax exemption for the 2017 tax year
- 24 organizations (33 properties) applied for a 4-year permissive tax exemption for the 2017 to 2020 tax years

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 5596-2016 and Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 5597-2016, which would exempt these properties from municipal taxation for the 2017 and 2017 to 2020 taxation years received first, second and third reading.

Fire Fighter Turnout Gear Washer

In order to meet the WorkSafeBC requirement for maintenance of firefighter turnout gear, a new commercial washer-extractor will be purchased for Mission Fire/Rescue Station 1. The new washer will allow for multiple sets of gear to be washed which will get the gear back into service sooner and will keep the gear in a safe condition for its expected service life.

Fire Prevention Week

Council has proclaimed October 9 to 15, 2016 as "Fire Prevention Week" within the District of Mission. This year's campaign, 'Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years' is the National Fire Protection Association's final year of their three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look for the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm. Replace all smoke alarms older than 10 years and make sure you know how old all the alarms in your home are.

Amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to Regulate Uses in the Downtown Core

One of the action items listed within the *MissionCity Downtown Action Plan* is to create a welcoming and family-friendly downtown by considering the removal of certain uses from the downtown (CCD1 Zone) that are considered contradictory to meeting this objective. Council has granted first two readings to a zoning amending bylaw that will remove *Vehicle Rental, Arcade, Body Art and Tattoo Parlour* and *Flea Market* uses from the downtown core, as well as prohibiting *Marihuana Sales* in all zones. A Public Hearing for this amendment will be held on November 7, 2016.

Municipal Hall Seismic Report

A Seismic Project Identification Report (SPIR) for the Municipal Hall building was presented to Council. SPIRs are due diligence documents that are designed to present seismic upgrading options to assist safety planning in a consistent, safe and cost-effective manner.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Monday, October 17, 2016

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

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