

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting November 7, 2016

Public Budget Consultation

Members of the public were invited to share their input on the 2017 budget. Final budget discussions will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in the Council Chambers starting at 1:00 p.m. Visit mission.ca/budget for more details.

Investment Holdings Quarterly Report – September 30, 2016

The District's total cash and portfolio investment balance as at September 30, 2016 is \$95,958,726. Excluding general bank interest earnings, the investment portfolio has yielded an average annualized return of approximately 2.03% for the nine months ending September 30, 2016. All investment decisions are made in compliance with Section 183 of the *Community Charter*, and to ensure that the primary objective is the preservation of capital as per the District's investment policy.

Changes to TrainBus Service

Changes to the TrainBus component of the West Coast Express service are currently being reviewed. The District will be speaking with BC Transit and Translink in regards to cost sharing and will survey TrainBus riders to determine the preferred hours of service.

Water Meter Pilot Study Update

Council reviewed a water meter pilot study report which looked at monthly water consumption over a 12-month period for over 1,000 Mission customers. While the high-users in the study accounted for just over 20% of the customers, they accounted for over half of the water usage, indicating significant potential for water savings. The District is currently investigating the *Clean Water and Wastewater Fund* to apply for a grant for a universal water metering project.

1st Avenue Streetscape Improvements

The *1st Avenue Streetscape Improvements* project will involve construction of a new streetscape on both sides of 1st Avenue, from Grand Street to Horne Street. The new streetscape will include wider sidewalks, bump outs at street corners to enhance public safety, parking lines, new street trees, new litter bins, bike racks, benches, and bollards, and new lighting with banners, baskets, irrigation and power. An engineered design package will be obtained and subsurface municipal utility repairs will be starting in 2017.

District of Mission Heritage Context Study

The Mission Community Heritage Commission, in partnership with the community and other agencies and consultants, has completed a Heritage Context Study for Mission. The purpose of the Context Study is to identify, map and detail key themes related to heritage planning within the District. The study provides an inventory of key heritage sites identified as having significant heritage value, and will serve as a foundation for the inclusion of heritage sites in Mission on the Heritage Register. For more information contact Mission Community Heritage Commission at missionchc@gmail.com.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Monday, November 21, 2016

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

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall
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