

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting

December 19, 2016

Legacy Public Art Project for Mission's 125th Anniversary

Mission will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2017. A public art legacy project is planned for downtown at the corner of Welton Street and 2nd Avenue to honour this milestone and to celebrate Mission's artistic history. A request for proposals will go out early in 2017 with the intent to have the work dedicated during Culture Days.

125th Anniversary 2017 Celebrations

Celebrations for Mission's 125th Anniversary will be taking place in 2017, including:

- Commemorative red and white flowers have been planted throughout the community which will bloom in spring and summer.
- To honour the history of service to the community, an honorary Council meeting chair will be appointed to open a Council meeting in each month between February and December. The honorary chair will be given the opportunity to share what the community means to them.
- An Old Fashioned Community Picnic will be held on June 4, 2017 at Fraser River Heritage Park featuring music, old time games, historical displays, heritage tea, food and anniversary cake.
- Grant funds have been set aside to assist community groups that include anniversary celebrations within their events. Groups will be required to apply to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.
- A grant has been submitted to Heritage Canada for the replacement of the information/historical kiosks in Fraser River Heritage Park. Grant notification is anticipated in March 2017.

Contract for Victim Services/Emergency Support Services

Council has resolved to increase the annual funding for Victim Services/Emergency Support Services. Recent changes to RCMP policy state that attendance to a crisis call can either be made by one Victim Services staff member or two fully trained volunteers. Finding two volunteers to cover the night shift is difficult; the additional funding will allow for one staff member and one volunteer to respond to after-hours calls and for the current level of service to be maintained. The additional funding equates to \$68,000 that will be provided in 2017 from the Financial Stabilization Reserve Fund and thereafter from a property tax increase of approximately 0.24% in 2018.

Development and Subdivision Control Bylaw

The draft Development and Subdivision Control Bylaw has been reviewed by the District's legal counsel to ensure it is compliant with the *Local Government Act* and other relevant laws prior to implementation. Staff are currently engaging directly with the development community and the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) to collect their comments for review and consideration. Once this process is complete, staff will update the Bylaw where appropriate, and bring the Bylaw to Council for consideration of the first three readings.

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Monday, January 16, 2017

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

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