

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting

March 6, 2017

### Stave West Forest and Recreation Area Update

There are a considerable number of projects planned for the Stave West Forest & Recreation Area in 2017, including the construction of three new campgrounds, road-upgrades required for access to those campgrounds, and new signage at the entry point to the Florence Lake Forest Service Road. Additional initiatives include continued development of the Stave West Outdoor Learning Alliance education and training initiative, hosting summer practicum students in partnership with the Kwantlen First Nation, and continuing to improve safety and security in the area through staffing the gatehouse at the entry to Florence Lake Forest Service Road.

### Forestry Operations 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

The forestry financial results are reporting a fourth quarter 2016 net profit of \$82,986 (after fee/fund transfers) and a year-end net profit of \$1,094,596 resulting in a closing forestry reserve balance as of December 31, 2016 of approximately \$2,608,309. This includes the purchase of the wildland bush truck and Stave West projects of \$67,057 through December. The financial performance in the fourth quarter is due primarily to continued strong log markets driven by increased demand for lumber products and favourable foreign exchange rates.

### Fire Hall Location Analysis

In order to assess the current level of fire hall coverage and to project future fire hall needs, the Fire Underwriters Survey were retained to provide an analysis of the current levels of fire protection in the community and to complete a fire hall location analysis to help in planning for future needs. The review confirms that a fire hall will be needed in the Cedar Valley area, and recommended identifying future fire hall locations in the Hatzic and Silverdale development lands in the new Official Community Plan for consideration as those areas develop.

### Score Clock for the Rotary Sports Park

The Mission Mid-Day Rotary Club has contributed the funds necessary to purchase a new score clock for the Mission Rotary Sports Park. The Mid-Day Rotary Club has been a key supporter of the Sports Park from the outset and this latest contribution adds value to a state of the art playing field. A grand re-opening of the Sports Park will be scheduled once the weather has improved and the last site works and landscaping is completed.

### Mission Moments: Places that Matter

This meeting's Mission Moments featured two of Mission's historical landmarks: the Mission Fairgrounds, and First Avenue.

An annual fair was hosted at the Mission Fairgrounds from 1910 to 1999. Many other annual events took place at the Fairgrounds, including May Day celebrations, Highland Games, and Pow-Wow's hosted by the Mission Friendship Centre. On July 1, 1953, the first permanent soapbox derby track in Canada opened at the Fairgrounds.

First Avenue, originally named Washington Street in 1890, was renamed Main Street in 1932, and finally named First Avenue in 1969. First Avenue has been the home to many celebrations and parades, including the first official soapbox derby race at the Strawberry Festival in 1947. Princess Margaret concluded her visit in 1958 on the steps of the Post Office, and the annual Santa Claus parade, now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, was the first nighttime parade ever held in the province.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is**

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

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

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