

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting July 17, 2017

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### **Mission Moments: Sister City Oyama Japan**

The District of Mission and Oyama, Japan have enjoyed a sister city relationship since 1995. This relationship is based on civic and community, business and cultural exchanges, with a focus on student exchanges. The 2017 Oyama exchange students have already stayed with their host families in Mission, and the Mission students of these host families will, in turn, be leaving to visit with their Oyama student families on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **District of Mission Downtown Incentive Program**

Council approved the extension of the Downtown Development Incentive Program, in principle, from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2019. The budget for the Downtown Façade Review and Façade Improvement Grant Program will be increased by \$12,000, with \$8,000 being funded from the District's Gaming Reserve Fund, and the remaining \$4,000 being funded by the Downtown Business Association's 25 percent contribution.

### **Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture and the Fraser River Heritage Park Master Plans**

The Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture and the Fraser River Heritage Park Master Plan work plans are currently underway. There is an online survey available to the public at: [mission.ca/your-voice](http://mission.ca/your-voice). The project team attended the Mission Children's Festival to obtain community feedback, and have held two consultation meetings with First Nations groups and other stakeholders. They will be attending MissionFest on August 12<sup>th</sup> to obtain further community feedback.

### **Hatzic Elementary and Middle Schools Sidewalks**

Council approved construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Dewdney Trunk Road between Moffatt Avenue and Draper Street in 2017. Construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Draper Street between Dewdney Trunk Road and McEwen Avenue will begin in 2018.

### **BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Partnering Strategy Matching Funds**

The District's grant application to the BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Partnering Strategy fund was successful and has resulted in a total budget of \$100,000 for the homelessness partnering strategy project. The \$50,000 provincial grant will be matched with \$50,000 from the District's Gaming Reserve Fund and will be used to create an interactive database for social service agencies and professionals, "Mission Active Support Table" training, equipment for outreach workers, and for a one year contract coordinator position.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is**  
**Monday, August 21, 2017**  
**Committee of the Whole – 1:00 pm**  
**Regular Council – 7:00 pm**

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