

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION** held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on October 2, 2017 commenced at 1:00 p.m. for **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**, was recessed at 1:19 p.m., and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for **REGULAR COUNCIL** proceedings.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kris Boland, Director of Finance
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives
Allyssa Fischer, Administrative Assistant
Gina MacKay, Manager of Long Range Planning and Special Projects
*Kerri Onken, Deputy Treasurer/Collector
*Robert Publow, Manager of Planning
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Corporate Officer
Brent Schmitt, Manager of Business Services
*Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
*Wesley Woo, Planner
*Present for a portion of the meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hawes called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED:

1. That Item 9, "Mission Moments – Mission Fire Department," be removed from the agenda; and
2. That the agenda for the regular Council meeting of October 2, 2017 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

3. RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

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4. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Councillor Nicholson assumed the Chair.

RC17/494
OCT. 02/17

Rezoning Application to allow a 2-lot subdivision with secondary dwelling units at 30323 Berg Avenue

A report from the Planning Technician dated October 2, 2017 detailing the development application to rezone 30323 Berg Avenue to facilitate a two-lot subdivision and permit a secondary suite on each property was provided for the Committee's information.

Staff support the application moving forward and such have listed Zoning Amending Bylaw 5676-2017-5050(267) under the "Bylaws for Consideration" section of the Council agenda.

RC17/495
OCT. 02/17

Official Community Plan Amendment, Rezoning and Development Variance Permit for 8580 Tupper Boulevard to facilitate a 2-lot subdivision

A report from the Planner dated October 2, 2017 detailing the development applications for the property located at 8580 Tupper Boulevard and identifying the necessary amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws that would allow subdivision of the lands into two compact single family residential lots was provided for the Committee's information.

Staff support the applications moving forward to second reading of the bylaws and as such have listed the Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 5672-2017-4052(52) and Zoning Amending Bylaw 5673-2017-5050(265) under the "Bylaws for Consideration" section of the Council agenda. Staff also support the development variance permit application, which will be listed for Council consideration under the "Development Permits for Consideration" section of the agenda at the time of adoption of the Zoning Amending Bylaw.

5. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Councillor Alexis assumed the Chair.

RC17/496
OCT. 02/17

Modification of the Mortgage for Cedar Connector/Briskham Street - District Owned Property

A report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer dated October 2, 2017 regarding the modification of the mortgage for the District-owned property located at Cedar Connector/Briskham was provided for the Committee's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED:

That, provided there is no objection raised after advertising the proposed modification, the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Mortgage Modification Agreement attached to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer's report dated October 2, 2017.

CARRIED

RC17/497
OCT. 02/17

Fraser House Society Request for Funding – Challenge Day 2017

A report from the Deputy Corporate Officer dated October 2, 2017 identifying funding sources for Challenge Day 2017 was provided for the Committee's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Hinds, and

RECOMMENDED:

That Fraser House Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Contingency budget to assist with the 2017 Challenge Day community event.

CARRIED

RC17/498
OCT. 02/17

2018 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications

A report from the Deputy Treasurer/Collector dated October 2, 2017 detailing the applications received for a one-year permissive tax exemption in 2018 was provided for the Committee's information.

RC17/499
OCT. 02/17

2017 Property Tax Sale

A report from the Deputy Treasurer/Collector dated October 2, 2017 regarding the 2017 property tax sale held on September 25, 2017 was provided for the Committee's information.

In response to questions from Council, the Deputy Treasurer/Collector clarified the tax sale process and redemption periods.

6. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Hinds assumed the Chair.

RC17/500
OCT. 02/17

House Demolition at 32921 Dewdney Trunk Road

A report from the Manager of Business Services dated October 2, 2017 regarding the demolition of a house located at 32921 Dewdney Trunk Road was provided for the Committee's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Hamilton, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the 2017 General Capital Plan be amended to include the House Demolition at 32921 Dewdney Trunk Road, with a budget of \$40,000;
2. That the \$40,000 budget be funded from the Land Sale Reserve Fund (23.1%) and the Cedar Valley Drainage DCC Reserve Fund (76.9%); and
3. That the District's financial plan be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

7. RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor Hawes resumed the Chair.

RC17/501
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED: That Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 1:19 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

RC17/502
OCT. 02/17

Mayor Hawes reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
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Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
*Present for a portion of the meeting

9. MISSION MOMENTS – MISSION FIRE DEPARTMENT

This edition of the Mission Moments did not proceed.

10. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RC17/503
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the October 2, 2017 Committee of the Whole, as contained in items RC17/494 to RC17/500 be adopted.

CARRIED

RC17/504
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the September 13, 2017 Freestanding Committee of the Whole (Corporate Administration and Finance – Budget) report, as contained in items COW17/008 to COW17/016 be adopted.

CARRIED

RC17/505
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the September 19, 2017 Freestanding Committee of the Whole (Corporate Administration and Finance – Budget) report, as contained in items COW17/019 to COW17/026 be adopted.

CARRIED

11. DELEGATIONS

RC17/506
OCT. 02/17

Phil Cooper, Friends of Stave Falls Society

Re: Issues impacting the Stave Falls Community

Phil Cooper, resident of Stave Falls, appeared before Council to discuss issues currently impacting the Stave Falls Community, including:

- Lack of street lighting;
- Lack of signage welcoming people to Mission;
- Signage that would address people's driving habits;

- The construction of a new information sign in consultation with members of the Stave Falls community;
- The proposed gas station location;
- The need for a community plan; and
- The possibility of re-opening the school building located in Stave Falls.

Mayor Hawes noted that it was difficult for the District to address neighbourhood issues when there was more than one group speaking on behalf of the Stave Falls Community, and suggested that the various groups work together and present as one unified voice.

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OCT. 02/17

Lori and Steve Bryan, Waste Management Association of BC

Re: Metro Vancouver's proposed initiatives

Steve Bryan of the Waste Management Association of BC (WMABC) appeared before Council to discuss Metro Vancouver's proposed initiatives and Bylaw 181 amendments and their impact on communities within the Fraser Valley. He stated that Metro Vancouver had proposed:

- A new commercial waste hauler license;
- A new Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generator Levy; and
- Amendments to Bylaw 181, which regulates private sector facilities that manage municipal solid waste and recyclable material.

Mr. Bryan stated that WMABC believes the cumulative effect of all three initiatives represents a potential tax on businesses and residents in multi-family dwellings, would severely impair private sector waste diversion initiatives and investment, and runs contrary to the objectives and goals of the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan to remove impediments. Mr. Bryan noted that while Mission was not located within Metro Vancouver, the changes had the potential to negatively impact communities in the Fraser Valley.

Council thanked Mr. Bryan for his presentation and suggested he contact staff at the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy with his concerns.

12. PRESENTATIONS

RC17/508
OCT. 02/17

BC Transit

Re: Annual Performance Summary and Transit Future Action Plan

Lisa Trotter, Senior Regional Transit Manager at BC Transit, and Alison MacDonald, Transit Planner at BC Transit, appeared before Council to discuss BC Transit's Annual Performance Summary and Transit Future Action Plan. Ms. Trotter discussed current BC Transit initiatives and milestones in the Central Fraser Valley (CFV), including:

- The new Compressed Natural Gas enabled facility which will be completed in March 2019;
- The extended UPASS agreement with the University of the Fraser Valley; and
- The approved transit expansion for 2019/2020, which includes 10,000 additional hours and 4 new buses for the Central Fraser Valley System.

Ms. MacDonald provided Council with an update on the Transit Future Action Plan, which was completed in 2013 and outlines BC Transit's goals for the transit system over the next 25 years. Goals outlined in the Transit Future Action Plan for the Mission area include:

- Introducing Sunday service to 33 Cedar Valley, 34 East Side, 35 Hatzic and 39 Shopper Shuttle routes;

- Introducing statutory holiday service on all routes; and
- Replacing route 40 East Mission night with dedicated 33 Cedar Valley and 34 East Side evening trips.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Trotter noted that Handy Dart service, as part of the custom transit service, will be included in the public engagement process and would be included in the report BC Transit brings forward to Council.

Mayor Hawes stated that District staff were currently working with BC Transit and TransLink to resolve discrepancies in funding.

13. PROCLAMATIONS

RC17/509
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That October 8-14, 2017 be proclaimed "Fire Prevention Week" within the District of Mission.

CARRIED

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS

RC17/510
OCT. 02/17

Zoning Amending Bylaw 5674-2017-5050(266)

ZBT17-001 (District of Mission) – a bylaw to add "Opioid Substitution Treatment Clinic" as a permitted use within the Comprehensive Development 26 (CD26) Zone

The purpose of the proposed Zoning bylaw amendment is to add "Opioid Substitution Treatment Clinic" as a permitted use within the Comprehensive Development 26 (CD26) Zone.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The Manager of Planning showed a PowerPoint presentation that provided the following information:

1. Purpose and outline of the proposal;
2. Subject property map; and
3. Proposed clinic details

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer stated that the following correspondence pertaining to the subject application had been received:

1. Email from Daryl Goldsby dated September 27, 2017 in opposition to the proposal and expressing concern regarding the location of the opioid substitution clinic and its proximity to public parks and neighbourhoods with young children.
2. Email from Lynne Christensen dated September 28, 2017 in opposition to the proposal expressing concern regarding public safety should the opioid substitution clinic be located next to the Mission Memorial Hospital.
3. Email from Mrs. Barker dated September 29, 2017 in opposition to the proposal and expressing concerns that the proposed clinic will lead to an increase in the number of transients, increase the cost to taxpayers, and public safety.
4. Letter from an anonymous resident dated September 29, 2017 in opposition to the proposal and expressing concern regarding the clinic's cost to taxpayers, the potential increase in drug use, and the potential increase in vandalism.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public for questions and comments.

Chris Boisvert-Gilman, Mission, expressed concern that methadone was potentially more addictive than the street drugs the addicts were seeking treatment from. He also expressed concern that the addicts would be referred to Fraser House, which would then be able to administer methadone. He questioned who would be accessing the clinic.

In response to Mr. Boisvert-Gilman's concerns, Mayor Hawes stated that patients would be weaned off of methadone as soon as it was medically advisable to do so. He noted that patients may be referred to Fraser House, but would not be able to receive methadone treatments there. He also noted that the clinic would be available to anyone who had an opioid addiction and was seeking treatment.

Angel Elias, Executive Director of the Mission Hospice Society, noted that she was not opposed to the operation of a methadone clinic within Mission, but expressed concern regarding the proposed location of the clinic. She expressed concern that locating the proposed clinic next to the Mission Memorial Hospital would lead to an increase in vandalism in the area. She noted that the Hospice Society has had to discontinue some programming in order to afford increasing security costs and asked for support from the District if the methadone clinic was approved.

Richard McWhinney, Mission, was in favour of the proposed bylaw amendment to allow an opioid substitution clinic. He stated that he believed the clinic's proposed location next to the hospital was ideal due to the proximity of the ambulance service and surrounding group homes. He expressed concern that the District's current public transportation system did not provide the level of service that would be necessary to ensure patients have access to the proposed clinic. He advised Council that public transportation should remain in service until midnight on routes servicing the Mission Memorial Hospital in order to provide patients with better access and urged them to follow the City of Abbotsford's example.

Bud MacLeod, Mission, was not opposed to an opioid treatment clinic, but expressed concern regarding location of proposed clinic. He noted that that the area surrounding the Mission Memorial Hospital had deteriorated over the years and the addition of the clinic would accelerate the problem. He stated that the proposed location for the clinic was near a daycare and expressed concern that the area would be littered with needles. Mr. MacLeod questioned whether a location in downtown Mission had been considered.

In response to Mr. MacLeod's concerns, Mayor Hawes clarified that methadone was taken orally and any pharmacy had the capability to fill a methadone prescription. He stated that Council believed a location near the hospital, where doctors could provide service, was a better option than locating the clinic downtown. He noted that not all patients accessing the clinic would be homeless. Councillor Stevens stated that not everyone who is homeless is an addict and not all addicts are homeless.

Graham Rodger, Mission, stated that he was a recovering addict, who has accessed the opioid substitution treatment clinic in Abbotsford. He stated that not all addicts are criminals and many are hard workers. Mr. Rodgers noted that he knew many addicts who did not have access to the Abbotsford clinic and would make use of the Mission clinic. He stated that he was in favour of the opioid substitution treatment clinic.

Calvin Williams, Youth Worker at Mission Youth House expressed his support for the proposed clinic. He noted that the opening of the clinic may lead to a reduction in crime in the area as those with access to methadone would no longer need to steal in order to fund their drug use. Mr. Williams also noted that it was currently difficult for Mission youth to access methadone and suboxone and the opening of the clinic may help them break their cycle of addiction. He stated that he believed the ideal location for the clinic was next to the Mission Memorial Hospital.

Michele Chapman, Mission, noted that she was part of Mission to Move Forward, a social enterprise employing vulnerable people living in poverty for landscaping and property management services. Ms. Chapman agreed that Mission would see a reduction in crime if access to treatment was increased and stated that she was in favour of the proposed bylaw amendment to allow an opioid substitution treatment clinic.

Bryan Stasiuk, Mission, expressed concern regarding the proposed location of the opioid substitution clinic. He stated that residential homes surround the hospital and expressed concern that homeowners would be forced to spend money to upgrade the security of their properties. He also expressed concern that surrounding homes would see a decrease in property values, and questioned whether other locations had been considered for the clinic.

Jamie Heyes, Mission, stated that she was in support of the proposed bylaw amendment. She noted that she continued to hear that methadone was not easily accessible and believed the clinic would help increase accessibility. Ms. Heyes noted that many residents equated methadone use with drug use, where people were desperate and had no regard for other people's property. She stated that many people who would be accessing the clinic were not criminals, but working members of the community who live in homes. Ms. Heyes stated that she believed the proposed location next to the hospital was ideal as it would tie into other medical programs.

Jonathan Hwang, owner of Heritage Park Pharmacy, stated that he currently dispenses methadone at the pharmacy. He stated that he believed the addition of a methadone clinic would not increase crime rates in areas surrounding the clinic. He noted that people would not linger at the clinic, but take their prescriptions to be filled at a pharmacy. Mr. Hwang clarified that patients are required to have a prescription in order to receive methadone, which can then be dispensed at a local pharmacy. He noted that a pharmacist is required to witness the addict take the oral dose of methadone and that if, over a period of time, they are deemed to be trustworthy, the addict may be able to take one dose a week home with them.

Mr. Hwang noted that approximately 80% of the people that come to the pharmacy to receive their dose of methadone are patients at the opioid substitution treatment clinic in Abbotsford. He stated that doctors in the clinic typically only work out of the clinic 1-2 days a week, limiting access. He stated that there was no perfect location for the clinic, but a location next to the Mission Memorial Hospital was preferable to a downtown location. He noted that locating the clinic next to the hospital would also allow doctors to immediately address any other medical issues.

Johan Wouterloot, Mission, was in favour of the proposed bylaw amendment. He stated that he was a practicing physician in Mission and currently prescribes methadone to patients. Dr. Wouterloot noted that any pharmacy in Mission could dispense methadone and stated that the only pharmacy currently not dispensing the drug was the Pharmasave across from the Mission Memorial Hospital. Mr. Wouterloot noted that the majority of his patients were indistinguishable from the average Mission resident and stated that once methadone is prescribed to a patient, crime decreases as there is no longer a need to steal in order to pay for their illegal opioid use.

A woman (no name given) expressed concern that the public hearing was only a formality. She noted she had recently read in the paper that the Fraser Health Authority was renovating the third floor of their building next to the Mission Memorial Hospital in preparation of the opioid substitution treatment clinic. She noted that Portugal recently claimed they could deal with their citizen's drug addiction issues for \$10 per citizen per year and questioned why the expense was so much greater in the Province of British Columbia.

In response to the resident's concerns, Mayor Hawes stated that the province is interested in improving the opioid crisis situation. He noted that the District is working with the province to use Mission as a pilot project for shelters, second and third stage housing, as well as outreach programs.

Bud MacLeod asked Council to confirm whether the location of the opioid substitution treatment clinic in Mission had already been decided.

Mayor Hawes stated that he was unable to confirm why Fraser Health Authority was currently renovating their building, however at the Union of BC Municipality meetings in September, it was announced that a number of communities would be opening opioid substitution treatment clinics and Mission was included in that list. He noted that the District is not able to prohibit opioid substitution treatment clinics from opening in Mission, but could restrict their location through the Zoning Bylaw.

Chris Boisvert-Gilman expressed concern that the community had not received enough information about the opioid substitution treatment clinic.

Mayor Hawes invited Mr. Boisvert-Gilman to attend the next Mission Community Services Society Stone Soup Dinner. He noted that attending the Stone Soup Dinner provides residents with an excellent opportunity to hear about important social issues happening within the community.

Richard McWhinney stated that he knew many people who had become addicts accidentally while on pain medication. He noted that it would be less challenging on the health system if there were a place for addicts to go to receive treatment.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing for District of Mission Zoning Amending Bylaw 5674-2017-5050(266) (ZBT17-00 - District of Mission) closed.

15. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

RC17/511
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED: That the following minutes be received as information:

- (a) Mission Community Wellness Committee Meeting – May 16, 2017
- (b) Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting (draft) – June 13, 2017
- (c) Economic Development Select Committee Meeting – July 12, 2017
- (d) Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting – July 13, 2017

CARRIED

16. BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION

RC17/512
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED:

1. That Zoning Amending Bylaw 5676-2017-5050(267) (R17-019 Arde Developments Ltd.), a bylaw to rezone property at 30323 Berg Avenue from Rural 16 (RU16) Zone to Rural Residential 7 Secondary Dwelling (RR7s) Zone, be **read a first and second time**.
2. That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 5675-2017, a bylaw to provide for permissive exemption from taxation of certain properties for the 2018 tax year, be **read a first, second and third time**.

3. That, in accordance with Section 477 of the *Local Government Act*, Council has considered District of Mission Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 5672-2017-4052(52) in conjunction with the District's Financial Plan (including the Capital Expenditure Plan and Operating Expenditure Plan) and the Waste Management Plan.
4. That Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 5672-2017-4052(52) (OCP17-001 William Clark), a bylaw to redesignate property at 8580 Tupper Boulevard from *Urban Residential* to *Urban Residential – Compact*, be **read a second time**.
5. That Zoning Amending Bylaw 5673-2017-5050(265) (R17-011 William Clark), a bylaw to rezone property at 8580 Tupper Boulevard from Urban Residential 465 (R465) Zone to Residential Compact 372 (RC372) Zone, be **read a second time**.

CARRIED

RC17/513
OCT. 02/17

Councillor Plecas noted that he had voted in opposition to granting first and second reading to Zoning Amending Bylaw 5674-2017-5050(266), but had since reviewed opioid disorder literature and his concerns had been addressed. He stated that he was now in favour of the bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Hinds and

RESOLVED:

That Zoning Amending Bylaw 5674-2017-5050(266) (ZBT17-001 District of Mission), a bylaw to add "Opioid Substitution Treatment Clinic" as a permitted use within the Comprehensive Development 26 (CD26) Zone, be **read a third time**.

CARRIED

17. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

RC17/514
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Alexis, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That the following minutes be adopted:

- (a) Regular Council Meeting – September 5, 2017
- (b) Special Council Meeting – September 11, 2017
- (c) Freestanding Committee of the Whole Meeting (Corporate Administration and Finance Committee – Budget) – September 13, 2017
- (d) Regular Council Meeting – September 18, 2017
- (e) Freestanding Committee of the Whole Meeting (Corporate Administration and Finance Committee – Budget) – September 19, 2017

CARRIED

18. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED

RC17/515
OCT. 02/17

Appointment to the Mission Community Heritage Commission

At the September 18, 2017 Closed Council meeting, the following information was released from Closed Council:

Mission Community Heritage Commission Appointments

Ms. Korina Charpentier was appointed to the Mission Community Heritage Commission for a two (2) year term commencing September 18, 2017 and ending September 18, 2019.

19. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new/other business.

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

RC17/516
OCT. 02/17

Secondary Suite Enforcement

Moved by Mayor Hawes, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting requirement for the following motion be waived.

CARRIED

A brief discussion ensued regarding newer residential developments in Mission that had been constructed with illegal secondary suites. It was noted that many developers were not applying for the proper zoning to construct a secondary suite and that neighborhoods were now experiencing parking and congestion issues due to the prevalence of these non-conforming units.

Mayor Hawes stated that the District recognized the importance of secondary suites in providing the community with affordable housing, but that the District would like to enforce the Zoning Bylaw in new developments due to the safety risks non-conforming suites can pose. It was noted that increasing enforcement would ensure that developers are applying for the proper permits and would allow the District's inspectors to make certain the suite is built to code, ensuring the tenants' safety.

Moved by Mayor Hawes, seconded by Councillor Alexis, and

RESOLVED:

That, while the secondary suite program is under development, staff commence enforcement of the Zoning Bylaw with respect to secondary suites, starting with new developments.

CARRIED

21. QUESTION PERIOD

Richard McWhinney asked Council if there were plans to expand the Mission transit service to include a route to the Abbotsford International Airport and increase service to Maple Ridge on the weekends. Mayor Hawes noted that the District was waiting on the construction of a new transit hub (to be completed in 2019) that would allow the size of the current fleet to increase. Councillor Alexis encouraged Mr. McWhinney to take part in the BC Transit consultation process to ensure his voice is heard.

22. ADJOURNMENT

RC17/517
OCT. 02/17

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



RANDY HAWES, MAYOR



MIKE YOUNIE, CORPORATE OFFICER