

The agenda for the **Special Meeting of Council (with Member of Parliament, Jati Sidhu, and Member of the Legislative Assembly, Marc Dalton)** to be held in the **Conference Room** of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia on Friday, March 18, 2016 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Discussion – Council, MP Sidhu, and MLA Dalton

- i. Opening Remarks (*Mayor Hawes, MP Sidhu and MLA Dalton*)
- ii. Federal Budget 2016 and Economic Update (*MP Sidhu*)
- iii. Provincial Budget 2016 and Economic Update (*MLA Dalton*)
- iv. District of Mission Grant Funded Projects (*T. Kyle*)
- v. Flood Protection Along Fraser River (*M. Younie*)
 - Are there new infrastructure funding plans to assist with dike improvements or dredging?
- vi. Stave West and First Nations Partnership (*M. Boronowski*)
- vii. Marihuana (*M. Younie*)
 - Update on the federal government's approach to developing new legislation
 - Need to keep marihuana grow operations outside of urban residential areas
 - Need to ensure housing stock & property assessments are not being impacted from grow operations and incomplete remediation
- viii. Federal Environmental Legislation (*M. Younie*)
 - Are there plans to reverse the changes made to the Federal Fisheries Act under the past Conservative government?
 - Are there planned changes to Species at Risk legislation?
- ix. Cost Sharing for Sidewalks and Lampposts on First Avenue (*Councillor Alexis*)
- x. Sale of Schools by School District No. 75 (Mission) (*Councillor Alexis*)
 - Request for clarification on the process for the sale of school

- xi. Bus Pass Issues for People with Disabilities (*Councillor Alexis*)
- xii. Affordable Housing Funding Increases (*Councillor Alexis*)
- xiii. Mission Memorial Hospital (*MLA Dalton*)
- xiv. Mission 125th Anniversary and Canada 150th Anniversary Funding (*M. Sinclair*)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Cedar Street and 7th Avenue Intersection Widening Project Fact Sheet

Background

- The District of Mission is concerned about traffic capacity to meet future demands while improving safety at and adjacent to the intersection of Cedar Street and 7th Avenue.
- The vertical road curve of the intersection and the presence of BC Hydro poles limit drivers' sight distance, and create safety concerns for pedestrians and other drivers.
- In 2013, the District had a safety review completed for this intersection. Based on this review, the District completed some improvements with funding support from ICBC. These included changes to signage and pavement markings as well as traffic signal phasing.

Benefits

- Widening the Cedar Street and 7th Avenue intersection will improve the traffic flow in that area, which will
 - Accommodate urban growth in the District until 2041; and
 - Provide environmental benefits by lowering Green House Gas (GHG) emission.
- This project will also improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians by increasing drivers' sight distance.

Project Description

- Based on Mission's anticipated growth through development, the District designated this project as a development cost charge (DCC) project and funds are being put aside to upgrade the intersection.
- The District divided this project into three phases of (1) completing the detailed design of the intersection, (2) acquiring property necessary for the widening the road, and (3) constructing the improvements.
- The District retained consulting services to complete phase one of this project. The first phase of this project is at its final stages and the detailed design of the intersection is expected to be completed in February 2015, which makes this project "shelf ready" for a grant application.

Cost

- The project cost estimate, based on the preliminary design, is \$2.5 million. This cost does not include costs for land acquisition.

Grants

- On December 15, 2014 Council resolved that Cedar Street and 7th Avenue Intersection Widening project be submitted for the New Building Canada Fund Grant – Small Communities Fund.
- In August 2015, the District was notified that funding for this project was not awarded.

Mission Dike Improvement Project Fact Sheet

Background

- The Mission dike protects the heart of Mission's commercial and industrial area and some residential and agricultural areas. The flood threat in Mission is attributable to the Fraser River freshet which typically occurs between mid-May and mid-July.

Benefits

- The District is actively trying to promote redevelopment of the waterfront area. Ensuring that developable lands are provided with adequate flood protection is an important consideration for developers. An improved dike along the Fraser River represents an important community amenity that can be enjoyed by tourists and residents and will help to attract business and people to Mission's waterfront.

Project Description

- This project will improve a 200 meter portion of the dike near the south end of Horne Street along the Fraser River. It is the next logical extension of the work that has been done to improve the Mission dike.
- The project area lies where there are provincial crown and private lands. The project requires a preliminary engineering assessment to see how much private land acquisition/expropriation is required and whether there is enough space on the provincial land to move the dike as close to the river as possible.

Cost

- This project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 million.

Grants

- The District applied for grant funds from 2009 to 2011 but the applications were not successful.

Fraser River Sanitary Crossing Project

Fact Sheet

Background

- Mission discharges its wastewater to the Joint Abbotsford Mission Environmental Systems (JAMES) plant through a 600mm river crossing pipe for treatment.
- The existing river crossing is a pressurized pipe that lies at the Fraser River bed.
- There are two major concerns with the existing river crossing:
 - Capacity
 - The existing 600mm river crossing is undersized and is not capable of conveying Mission's wastewater during the peak flow hours.
 - Environmental Disaster Risk
 - The existing river crossing was built in 1983 and any breaks/cracks at this pressurized pipe would discharge wastewater to the Fraser River.

Benefits

- System upgrade by twining the existing sanitary crossing will facilitate:
 - Urban growth to a total population of 76,600 in the District;
 - Assessing pipe's structural condition by redirecting wastewater flows from one pipe to the other; and
 - Uninterrupted wastewater services to Mission residents during the construction.

Project Description

- The lack of data on the structural condition of this pipe and the lack of system redundancy to convey the District's sewage across the Fraser River are suggesting that upgrading the existing river crossing in the form of a twin river crossing pipe is necessary at this time.
- A 750mm twin sanitary crossing is required to accommodate for the District's population growth.

Cost

- The conceptual estimated cost of this project is \$7,145,250, of which \$6,456,000 is eligible for funding. The rest of the project costs (i.e., \$689,250) are related to the required land acquisition and project administration fees that are considered ineligible costs and will need to be funded by the District.

Grants

- On January 19, 2015 Council resolved that Fraser River Sanitary Crossing project be submitted for the Gas Tax Fund (GTF).
- In January 2016, the District was notified that GTF was not awarded for this project.

Highway 7 Bypass Project

Fact Sheet

Background

- In the late 1990s, the MoTI examined alternatives for an eastern Highway 7 Bypass. Although the Ministry has not committed to constructing a bypass, an 80 to 120 metre right-of-way has been preserved east of the existing segment that ends at Horne Street and continues over the CPR corridor to connect with Highway 7 east of Stave Lake Street.
- In 2008, the MoTI and the District completed a conceptual study for a Highway 7 Bypass. The study looked at possible alignments and configurations.

Benefits

- A Highway 7 Bypass would support the continued revitalization of downtown Mission and development of the waterfront.
- Moving highway traffic off 1st Avenue will improve walkability and pedestrian safety downtown.
- The proposed project would reduce congestion and travel times within the District.
- A Highway 7 Bypass would enhance goods movement through the region.
- A Highway 7 Bypass will enhance transportation through the region as a whole.

Project Description

- The Highway 7 Bypass would:
 - Provide a more direct connection with Highway 11;
 - Move highway through traffic off of 1st Avenue

Cost

- The 2008 study indicated that the cost of the preferred option (at that time) was approximately \$60 million. This is a high level Class D estimate in 2007 dollars.

Grants

- At this time, no grants have been applied for.