
Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting April 15, 2013

Community Service Awards

The District's annual Community Service Award ceremony is being held on **Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** in the Leisure Centre Gymnasium. Awards will be presented to outstanding individuals and groups in various categories such as Crime Prevention & Community Safety, Special Accomplishment, Against the Odds Achievement, Sports Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year. The ceremony will be followed by a coffee and dessert reception in the Leisure Centre lobby.

April 21 through 27 is "Arts and Culture Week"

April 21 to 27, 2013 has been proclaimed as "Arts and Culture Week" to coincide with the provincial recognition of Arts and Culture week in British Columbia.

May 1 through 7 is "Youth Week"

May 1 to 7, 2013 has been proclaimed as "Youth Week" to profile the issues, accomplishments and diversity of youth in Mission. Several activities are scheduled throughout the week including graffiti and art workshops, free barbeque lunch, talent show, mountain bike demos, music, entertainment and a dance. For more information contact the Mission Leisure Centre or the Mission Arts Council.

May 6 through 12 is "Mental Health Week"

May 6 through 12, 2013 has been proclaimed as "Mental Health Week" to coincide with the national event and to demonstrate that Mission supports community diversity and the inclusion of all groups in the spirit of community.

Downtown Hanging Flower Baskets

The Long-term Inmates Now in the Community (L.I.N.C.) Society is being retained to water the hanging flower baskets along First Avenue from June through September 2013. The cost of up to \$8,000.00 will be taken from the Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Downtown Planning Process Update

The draft plan is nearing completion and will be the subject of Council, staff and public review in May. Further information can be found on the District website on the "MissionCity Downtown Planning" page.

Proposed Telecommunications Tower at 35471 Lougheed Highway

Council resolved to not support the application for a telecommunications tower at the corner of Shook Road and Lougheed Highway. The applicant has the option of requesting an alternate location that is a better fit with the guiding policy.

Parks Gift Program

A formal Parks Gift Program policy has been implemented to provide the opportunity for residents who would like to plant a tree or donate an amenity such as a bench or picnic table to one of the District's parks. The new policy identifies set costs for the items and specifies the type and location of tree, bench or picnic table that would be installed for the donor's contribution. All bench and picnic table donations will include a cast aluminum plaque inscribed with a short message chosen by the donor.

2013 Municipal Grants in Aid

Council has decided on the 2013 Community Enhancement grants awards. Grant funds will be disbursed to the successful recipients by the end of April, and letters will be sent to the organizations that were not successful this year.

New Permissive Tax Exemption Policy

Council has asked staff for further information on certain aspects of the new draft policy before a decision is made. The policy change will be considered again at the May 6th Regular Council meeting.

Possible Renaming of Tyler Street

A relative of early Mission homesteader John Tylor from Redmond, Washington has asked the District to consider renaming Tyler Street to “Tylor Street” to correct an error in spelling that occurred when the street was originally named. The two property owners on Tyler Street will be asked to provide their comments on the request.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
Monday, May 6, 2013 – 6:00 pm**

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