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## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting July 2, 2013

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### **Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw**

A final decision on any changes to the Firearms Regulation Bylaw has been deferred, pending the formation of, and advice from, a Discharge of Firearms Advisory Committee. This Committee will have representation from a large cross section of community members and stakeholders, and will operate under a specific set of guidelines (Terms of Reference). An Expression of Interest asking for volunteers will be advertised in the Mission City Record.

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### **Rot Pot Compost Giveaway Event**

The second annual Rot Pot Compost Giveaway held on April 20 was a great success. Twice as many people participated this year over last year, and collected up to one cubic yard of free compost. Due to the increase in popularity of this event, traffic control will be put in place for next year to ensure safety and uninterrupted service to regular landfill customers.

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### **Replacement of Forestry Crew Truck**

Council has given approval to replace the 2002 Forestry crew truck through the standard procurement process. The new truck will be outfitted to perform all the duties required of the forestry department, including the transport of culverts and other materials for road and trail building, and hauling 300 litres of fuel daily to the forestry equipment.

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### **Minimum Property Maintenance Standards for Commercial Areas**

Further discussion regarding implementation of minimum property maintenance standards for commercial areas has been postponed for the time being.

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### **Adoption of Downtown Plan Action Plan**

The MissionCity Downtown Action Plan has been adopted by Council as a land use policy. The plan provides a vision, fundamental principles and actions for revitalizing the downtown area. The plan includes design and planning policies, priority capital investments and tools and incentives for supporting existing businesses and attracting future downtown development. Further information can be found on the District website on the "MissionCity Downtown Planning" page.

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### **Downtown Development Incentive Program**

Council and staff are in the process of finalizing a Downtown Development Incentive Program to encourage accelerated private investment in commercial and residential development projects in the downtown core. These incentives are proposed to be available for a limited time, and include taxation and fee-related considerations, as well as policy and service improvement commitments. A formal marketing and communications strategy will be launched once the program has been refined.

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### **Ambassador and Clean Streets Program**

An Ambassador/Clean Streets Program will be developed as part of the MissionCity Downtown Action Plan. This program will be initiated as a 12 month pilot project, and will be funded from the existing annual budget for downtown security.

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**Next Regular Council Meeting is**  
**Monday, July 15, 2013 – 6:00 pm**

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