
Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting February 3, 2014

Heritage Week: February 17 to 23

Council has proclaimed February 17 through 23 as Heritage Week in Mission. This year's theme is *Cold Play: Heritage of Winter Leisure & Sports* to coincide with the 2014 BC Winter Games. Visit the Mission District Historical Society website at www.missiondhs.com for more details and a schedule of events.

New Bus Pullout at Lougheed and Haig

A new bus pullout on the north side of the Lougheed Highway between Haig and Park Streets will be constructed by the end of March. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has provided a \$30,000 grant for the project, which will improve transit service at the Mission Hills Mall.

Forestry Operations 2013 Year-End Budget Report

The Forestry Operation is reporting a year-end net profit of \$641,588 (after fee/fund transfers), which is primarily due to improved log markets and cost control measures. The opening balance of the Forestry Reserve Fund was \$789,209, at the beginning of 2013, and the balance at the end of the year is \$1,449,403.

2013 Investment Performance Report

The District's investment holdings balance was \$64,684,033 as at December 31, 2013, which includes total investment earnings of \$1,024,032 in 2013, which represents an approximate 1.68% return. The District's investment policy objectives are primarily to minimize risk, and secondarily to maximize investment returns.

Council Remuneration and Expenses

A draft policy on Council compensation will be presented for public feedback before Council makes any final decision. For now, the suggested annual salaries are approximately \$70,000 for the Mayor and \$26,000 for Councillors. Any comments or suggestions from the public can be submitted by email to info@mission.ca, or in writing to the attention of the Chief Administrative Officer. Additional opportunities to provide feedback will be available in March.

Commercial Asbestos-Containing Material at the Mission Landfill

The Mission Landfill will continue to prohibit commercial loads of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) until further notice. The possibility of accepting commercial loads of ACM at a higher tipping fee to generate revenue for the community will be revisited when the next phase of the landfill is developed. ACM from residential do-it-yourself renovation projects will be accepted at the special handling rate of \$153 per tonne, provided it is double-bagged.

Downtown Detailed Design Concept Project

Council has approved funding of up to \$50,000 for the Downtown Detailed Design Concept Project, which is the first step toward constructing any of the streetscape projects proposed in the MissionCity Downtown Action Plan. Once completed, the Detailed Design Concept Project report will be presented to Council and to the public to choose preferred features for incorporation into the design plan for downtown. Funding for the Downtown Detailed Design Concept Project will come from the Gaming Reserve Fund.

Pavement Management Program Funding

The District owns approximately 295 kilometres of paved road, which has a replacement value of \$116 million. Council has approved increasing the pavement management program budget to \$3.2 million per year from 2014 to 2018 so that the current pavement condition can be maintained. This increase will be fully

funded from the Community Works Gas Tax Reserve Fund. Council and staff will revisit this funding strategy should other priority projects that qualify for Community Works Gas Tax funding come forward.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
Monday, February 17, 2014 – 6:00 pm**
Council Chambers, Municipal Hall
8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC