
Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting March 17, 2014

Ukrainian Festival Day: May 3

The BC Ukrainian Festival Society is hosting its 19th annual festival at the Clarke Foundation Theatre at Heritage Park Secondary School, 33700 Prentis Avenue, commencing at 9:50 a.m. In recognition of this celebration, Saturday, May 3 has been proclaimed as “Ukrainian Festival Day” in Mission.

Cycling4Diversity Week: May 18 to 24

May 18 to 24 has been proclaimed as “Cycling4Diversity Week” in Mission to increase awareness of the Cycling4Diversity Foundation and its efforts to foster intercultural relationships through understanding, mutual respect and inclusion.

TELUS Small Cell Technology

The TELUS Communications Company has plans to install 100 “small cell” units on 50 existing utility poles to keep up with the increasing demand for wireless services in Mission. The units are approximately one square foot, and emit less than 5 watts of radiofrequency power. Installation of the new units in will begin in April in the general area between 14th and Tunbridge Avenues, west of Cade Barr Street and east of the Sports Park. For more information, contact TELUS Wireless at 604.453.2644.

Town Hall Forums

Town Hall Forums will continue to be held in the Council Chambers of Municipal Hall so that they can be webcast. Staff will be bringing forward a further report to Council with suggestions to further refine the process and structure of the meetings.

Business Improvement Area Establishment Bylaw

Council has adopted a new Business Improvement Area Bylaw that will be in effect until 2018. A “Business Improvement Area” (BIA) service is a system that allows property and business owners in a specified area to “pool” their efforts and funds for marketing, planning and management of activities that can improve that business area. The *Community Charter* allows a municipality to collect an extra levy on properties within a specified area, unless the bylaw is opposed by more than 50% of the owners. This bylaw was opposed by 3% of all affected property owners, meaning that there was insufficient opposition to defeat the process.

The District will collect the extra BIA levy and provide 100% of those funds to the Mission Downtown Business Association for use in accordance with their business promotion scheme. For more information about the BIA service, contact the District’s Finance Department or the Mission Downtown Business Association.

Hurd Street Lawn Bowling Facility

The District’s lease with the New Horizon Lawn Bowling Society for Lawn Bowling at 7560 Hurd Street has been renewed for another five year term. This facility has outdoor bowling greens and a clubhouse with carpet bowling during the fall and winter. The Mission Lawn Bowling Carpet Bowling Club welcomes new members. For more information, please contact the Club at 604.826.7576.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
Monday, April 7, 2014 – 6:00 pm**
Council Chambers, Municipal Hall
8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC