
Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting July 21, 2014

August 4: BC day in Mission: Our River – Our Heritage

August 4 has been proclaimed as “BC Day in Mission: Our River – Our Heritage” in honour of the Mission Communities in Bloom Society’s BC Day celebration of civic pride and river heritage. This free, family-friendly event will be held on Monday, August 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Spirit Square.

Cedar Street Widening Project

Council has given direction to proceed with conceptual design drawings for improvements to the intersection of Cedar Street and 7th Avenue (including widening). These improvements are planned to accommodate future growth and increased traffic. The construction phase of the project could take place as early as 2016, provided that development in the area warrants the improvements and the required development cost charge (DCC) funds are available.

Emma’s Acres

Up to \$7,000 has been allocated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund to cover water installation costs at 54890 Cemetery Avenue. The Long Term Inmates Now in the Community (L.I.N.C.) Society has a lease with the District to operate a small social enterprise farm at this location to raise funds to undertake their ongoing work with offenders and victims of violent crime. L.I.N.C. has done all of the land clearing, planting and maintaining of the property, as well as improving site access. Much of the work done by the Society would have been required by the District in preparation for future cemetery expansion, which would also eventually require water service.

Griner Park Improvements

Council has resolved to install two additional benches and replace two picnic tables in Griner Park so that park users are more comfortable when visiting for extended periods of time. A portable outhouse has also been installed on a six-month trial basis to allow staff to determine any issues related to vandalism and upkeep.

New Policies for Affordable Housing

Collaboration between Council, the Affordable Housing Task Force and District staff has resulted in the adoption of two new policies to govern affordable housing in Mission: Incentives for Affordable Housing and the Affordable Housing Strategy. The incentives policy is to provide certainty for developers and will help Council make consistent, predictable decisions about incentives for building affordable housing units. The Affordable Housing Strategy was developed in 2010 and is now formally adopted as policy. It clearly identifies housing gaps and actions to focus efforts that will fill those housing needs in Mission. For more information, contact the Development Services Department or the Social Development Manager at info@mission.ca.

New Policy for Townhome Development in Cedar Valley

The Cedar Valley Comprehensive Development Plan (CVCDP) is a land use plan based on sustainable development principles and a complete community concept, to be built out over time in specific phases. Part of the CVCDP was to include a certain amount of multi-family developments. Over the last several years, multi-family units have not had as positive a response in the housing market as was

originally anticipated, and as a result concessions have been made to allow for more single-family developments. Since multi-family development is necessary for the long-term health and sustainability of the community, Council has adopted a new policy that establishes criteria to determine when townhouse development in Phase 2 of the

CVCDP area could be considered in advance of current phasing restrictions. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 604.820.3748.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
Tuesday, August 5, 2014 – 6:00 pm**

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