

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting February 2, 2015

Bylaw Enforcement Process

Council has directed staff to investigate the implementation of a “Good Neighbour” bylaw to consolidate and improve upon several current Mission bylaws. In conjunction, staff are examining options for the District to recover costs associated with the enforcement of bylaws, including property liens and/or adding unpaid fees to property taxes.

Harm Reduction and Needle Exchange

A special meeting with Mayor and Council will be held to discuss treatment options for substance abuse, including harm reduction, needle exchange and abstinence programs. Following this meeting, staff will report to Council providing clarification on matters arising from the August 18, 2014 public hearing. This staff report will be a public document and available upon request.

2015 Parks, Recreation and Culture Fees

The Parks, Recreation and Culture fees and charges have undergone their annual review, with the proposed changes to come into effect March 1, 2015. The fees and charges are reviewed yearly to balance the reliance on property taxes as well as provide cost effective programs and facilities for residents of the District.

New Cost Recovery Bylaw

A new Cost Recovery Bylaw has been granted first three readings and will be considered for adoption later this month. The bylaw, if adopted, will allow the District to recover a portion of the costs associated with the clean-up of properties used for the manufacturing or processing of controlled substances.

Women’s Empowerment Principles

The Women’s Empowerment Principles are seven principles aimed at achieving a gender balance in corporate, non-profit and civic organizations. Council resolved to endorse the Women’s Empowerment Principles, as listed below:

1. Establish leadership for gender equality
2. Treat all women and men fairly at work
3. Ensure health and safety of all workers
4. Promote education, training and professional development for women
5. Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women
6. Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy
7. Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality

Next Regular Council Meeting is

Monday, February 16, 2015

Committee of the Whole – 1:00 pm

Regular Council – 7:00 pm

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