

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting February 16, 2015

Chamber of Commerce Appointment

Mayor Hawes has been appointed as the primary Council Representative to the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Alexis is the alternate Council Representative.

Resolutions for Submission to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association

Council has agreed to submit two resolutions to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for consideration of endorsement at the 2015 Union of BC Municipalities convention in September of this year. The resolutions seek to:

1. allow municipalities to collect unpaid bylaw fines by applying the fines to property taxes, and
2. allow the use of funds from the park land reserve, currently used for park land acquisition only, for the improvement of parks.

Forestry Budget Report

The Forestry Operation is reporting a year-end net profit of \$156,787 (after fee/fund transfers). The annual production volume was 14% lower than estimated, due primarily to an operational decision to reschedule a timber sale to the first quarter of 2015 when log prices are forecasted to improve. The opening balance of the Forestry Reserve Fund was \$1,466,812, at the beginning of 2014 and the balance at the end of the year is \$1,456,500 after a Forestry Excavator Lease payout of \$198,742.

Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw

Council has directed staff at the RCMP to review the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw to identify any public safety issues.

Automatic Aid Agreement

Council has agreed to sign an Automatic Aid Agreement between the District of Mission and the City of Maple Ridge. This agreement formalizes the existing partnership between the two municipalities and will aid in quicker response times and a more efficient and effective method of controlling fires.

50th Anniversary of the Canadian Flag

Council has proclaimed February 15 to 21, 2015 as Canadian Flag Week in Mission. The Canadian Flag was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill on February 15, 1965.

Heritage Week: February 16 to 22

Council has proclaimed February 16 to 22, 2015 as Heritage Week in Mission. This year's theme is *Main Street: At the Heart of the Community* to celebrate the history of Main Streets and the revitalization of traditional downtowns throughout British Columbia.

Skate Park Project

The District is continuing work on the development of a new Skate Park. Site selection for the park is ongoing, with completion of the project estimated for June of 2016.

Stave Falls Scottish Dancers

The Mayor presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Stave Falls Scottish Dancers, who represented Mission during their tour of Scotland, England and Wales in July of 2014.

Cost Recovery Bylaw

Council has adopted a new Cost Recovery Bylaw. This bylaw allows the District to charge fees to the owner and/or occupier of a controlled substance property for incurred Fire, Building and Police services.

2014 Investment Performance Report

The District's investment holdings balance was \$67,588,790 as at December 31, 2014, which includes total investment earnings of \$1,421,896 in 2014, which represents an approximate 2.19% return. The District's investment policy objectives are primarily to minimize risk, secondarily to maintain liquidity, and thirdly to maximize investment returns.

Next Regular Council Meeting is**Monday, March 2, 2015****Committee of the Whole – 1:00 pm****Regular Council – 7:00 pm**

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall
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