

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION** held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on January 5, 2009 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor James Atebe
Councillor Terry Gidda
Councillor Paul Horn
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Mike Scudder
Councillor Jenny Stevens
Councillor Heather Stewart

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, chief administrative officer
Dennis Clark, director of corporate administration
Kelly Ridley, deputy director of corporate administration
Jennifer Russell, administrative clerk

1. RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RC09/001
JAN 5/09

Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Horn, and

RESOLVED: That council now resolve itself into committee of the whole.
CARRIED

2. PROCLAMATIONS

RC09/002
JAN 5/09

February 2009 as "Heart Month"
Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon

Moved by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED:

1. That the month of February, 2009 be proclaimed as "Heart Month" within the District of Mission; the District to assume no costs related thereto.
2. That the District make a donation to the BC Heart & Stroke Foundation in the amount of \$100.00 on behalf of Don West, retired city clerk, who passed away on December 23, 2008; and
3. That staff notify Don West's family of the proclamation and the donation.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

RC09/003
JAN 5/09

Beverly James
Re: "Reel on the River" Film Club

Ms. Beverly James appeared before council to introduce the Reel on the River film club, a 5 member non-profit organization committed to bringing critically acclaimed films to Mission. Ms. James stated that the intent of the club is to keep entertainment dollars in Mission by bringing lesser known, quality Canadian,

independent, foreign and documentary films to the Mission Silver City cinema. She further noted that should there be any small profits earned by the club, those funds would be put back into the community through scholarships or donations.

Ms. James asked that council spread the word about the film showings, which commence on Monday, January 26, 2009 and continue on alternating Mondays through February and March.

The mayor thanked Ms. James for her presentation.

RC09/004
JAN 5/09

Mission Arts Council
Re: Overview of Arts Council Services

Jennie Bice and Myrna Matthews of the Mission Arts Council appeared before council to provide an update as to the Arts Council's current financial difficulty.

Ms. Bice provided an overview of the Arts Council's structure, programming and community involvement, explaining that there is not enough grant funding to cover the existing overhead expenses and programming. She reviewed three options for the Arts Council's continued operation:

- (a) stay at the existing location on First Avenue with a \$4,000.00 increase to the Fee for Service Grant and a further \$4,480.00 in property tax relief;
- (b) rent office space only, cut programs and gallery space and increase programming fees to cover the expense of classroom and storage space rental;
- (c) the District purchase the old Buy-Lo building on Welton Street (asking price is \$2.38 million), as an Arts and Cultural Centre and lease it back to the Arts Council and various partner organizations.

The Arts Council's preferred option is the third one – to relocate to a District owned Arts and Cultural Centre.

Staff were directed to bring this information to the budget meeting scheduled for January 8, 2009.

4. PLANNING

Councillor Stewart assumed the Chair.

RC09/005
JAN 5/09

Third Reading Report for R08-022 (Hall) – 33764, 33782 and 33790 Dewdney Trunk Road

The committee reviewed a report from Marcy Bond, planner, dated January 5, 2009 that provided information to assist council in considering third reading of zone amending bylaw 4074-2008-3143(307) for property located at 33764, 33782 and 33790 Dewdney Trunk Road.

RC09/006
JAN 5/09

Mission Elks Lodge – 33336 – 2nd Avenue – Application for Structural Change to Liquor Primary (Expand Liquor Service to New Outdoor Patio)

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the report from the planner dated January 5, 2009 regarding an application by the Mission Elks Lodge for a change to it's liquor license to expand service to a new outdoor patio be received as information; and
2. That in accordance with the District of Mission's Licensing and Permits Policy (LIC.15), the applicant conduct a Public Information Meeting.

CARRIED

RC09/007
JAN 5/09

Rockin' on the River Concert

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED: That a special event licence be issued for April 3, 2009 for a Pre-promotion Concert, and August 14 and 15, 2009 for the Rockin' on the River Concert.

CARRIED

Staff were directed to provide council with the terms of reference for the committee to approve public events (CAPE).

RC09/008
JAN 5/09

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 29, 2008 and Staff Report dated September 10, 2008

Background for consideration of adoption of bylaw 4073-2008-3143(306) (R08-026 – District of Mission) Zoning bylaw text amendment (R1-C zone)

Excerpts from the minutes of the public hearing held on September 29, 2008 and the related staff report dated September 10, 2008 were provided for the committee's information as background information to assist in the consideration of adoption of zone amending bylaw 4073-2008-3143(306).

5. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Councillor Stevens assumed the Chair.

RC09/009
JAN 5/09

Council Appointments

Moved by Councillor Stewart, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Councillor Stevens be appointed as the council liaison for the Mission Mental Health Advisory Committee in place of Councillor Horn;
2. That Councillor Horn be appointed as the acting mayor for the months of April and October, and that Councillor Stevens be appointed as the acting mayor for the months of January and July, during the three year term of council, due to a scheduling conflict; and

3. That Councillor Stevens be appointed as the council representative for the Mission Literacy Association in place of Councillor Scudder.

CARRIED

6. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Gidda assumed the Chair.

Mayor and council commended public works, engineering and emergency services staff for the tremendous efforts over the last few weeks in dealing with the major snowfall and the related increase in emergency responses and trash collection difficulties.

Rick Bomhof, director of engineering and public works, noted that the snow removal budget for 2008 was \$280,000.00, and is now projected at \$655,000.00. Glen Robertson, chief administrative officer, noted that a portion this increased cost was already accounted for in the budget recast provided to council last fall so the net projected increase in cost is approximately \$260,000.00. Kris Boland, manager of capital and utility financial planning and investments, noted that funding sources for this coverage are first from cost savings in other departments, second from stabilization reserves and third from the accumulated general surplus.

Staff were directed to put an article in the City Page of the Mission City Record detailing:

- (a) the snow removal and road clearing work done so far;
- (b) what the snow removal and road clearing has cost to date;
- (c) the increased emergency service responses;
- (d) the efforts being made to collect all the remaining residential trash and recycling; and
- (e) no fees this week at the landfill for residential waste.

RC09/010
JAN 5/09

Traffic on Draper Street and Dewdney Trunk Road – Hatzic

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That a decision on the request for traffic calming on Draper Street and Dewdney Trunk Road be deferred pending input from the parent advisory council of Hatzic Elementary, and that copies of the traffic calming questionnaire be sent to the parent advisory council of Hatzic Elementary; and
2. That staff notify Michelle Choy of this additional step.

CARRIED

RC09/011
JAN 5/09

Additional Cost for Geographic Information System (GIS)

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That notwithstanding the District's purchasing policy, Forte Consulting Ltd. be retained to complete the geographic information system (GIS) implementation as detailed in their quote for \$42,800.00 dated December 17, 2008; and
2. That the increased cost of \$52,000.00 (\$42,800.00 plus cost adjustments) come from the information systems reserve fund.

CARRIED

7. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Councillor Scudder assumed the Chair.

RC09/012
JAN 5/09

20% Physical Activity Challenge

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED:

WHEREAS:

1. The Province of British Columbia has committed to increasing physical activity levels in BC by 20% by 2010 and 2010 LegaciesNow is encouraging all municipalities to become Active Communities and accept the 20 by 2010 challenge for their citizens and employees.
2. Obesity levels amongst our youth are becoming alarmingly high, adult obesity rates have increased by more than 2.5 times in the past decades and increased physical activity can significantly reduce the risk of many illnesses such as breast cancer, heart disease, strokes and Type 2 Diabetes.
3. The District of Mission Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has developed an action plan to increase physical activity for our youth, and is committed to making employees more active.
4. The benefits of increased physical activity can lead to a more productive and healthier citizenry and work force as confirmed by the Canadian Medical Association's challenge to all provincial jurisdictions to increase physical activity by at least 10% by 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Mission join the 20% Physical Activity Challenge and work with the Provincial Government and 2010 LegaciesNow to help meet the target of increasing physical activity amongst its citizens and employees by 20% by 2010.

CARRIED

RC09/013
JAN 5/09

Re-Submission of LocalMotion Grant Application

Moved by Councillor Stewart, and

RECOMMENDED: That staff prepare and re-submit an application under the LocalMotion program to construct the East Mission Heritage Greenway.
CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION TO RISE AND REPORT

Mayor Atebe resumed the Chair.

RC09/014
JAN 5/09

Moved by Councillor Horn, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and

RESOLVED: That the committee of the whole now rise and report.
CARRIED

9. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

RC09/015
JAN 5/09

Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Scudder, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the committee of the whole, as contained in items RC09/001 to RC09/014 be adopted.
CARRIED

10. MINUTES

RC09/016
JAN 5/09

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the special meeting of council held on December 3, 2008 be amended to read that Councillor Horn was absent; and
2. That the minutes of the special meeting of council (Parks, Trails and Bicycle Master Plan) held on December 3, 2008 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

12. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The chief administrative officer reiterated the accolades to public works, emergency services, and engineering staff for the extra efforts during this snowfall event.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor reported the imminent arrival of his third grandchild.

14. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND ACTIVITIES

The councillors did not report.

15. BYLAWS

RC09/017
JAN 5/09

**District of Mission Zoning Amending Bylaw 4073-2008-3143(306)
(R08-026 – District of Mission) – a bylaw to redefine Accessory Secondary
Suites, adding section 106.5 and deleting section 315.5**

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That District of Mission zoning amending bylaw 4073-2008-3143(306)
be adopted.

CARRIED

RC09/018
JAN 5/09

**District of Mission zoning amending bylaw 4074-2008-3143(307)
(R08-022-Taneja/Fisher/Hall) – 33764, 33782, 33790 Dewdney Trunk Road**

Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Horn, and

RESOLVED: That District of Mission zoning amending bylaw 4074-2008-3143(307)
be read a third time.

CARRIED

RC09/019
JAN 5/09

**District of Mission Business Licence Amending Bylaw 4098-2008-3964(2)
– a bylaw to include First Stage Housing**

Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Horn, and

RESOLVED: That District of Mission business licence amending bylaw 4098-2008-
3964(2) be adopted.

CARRIED

RC09/020
JAN 5/09

**District of Mission Highway Closing and Undedication Bylaw 5003-2008
– a bylaw to close and undedicate as a highway a portion of Maple Avenue**

Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Scudder, and

RESOLVED: That District of Mission highway closing and undedication (portion of
Maple Avenue) bylaw 5003-2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

RC09/021
JAN 5/09

**District of Mission Collection, Removal and Marketing Recyclables
Amending Bylaw 5008-2008-2639(12) – a bylaw to stipulate the use of paper
or compostable plastic bags and to mandate the use of 80-litre garbage bins**

Moved by Councillor Scudder, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and

RESOLVED: That District of Mission collection, removal and marketing recyclables amending bylaw 5008-2008-2639(12) be adopted.

CARRIED

RC09/022
JAN 5/09

District of Mission Refuse Collection and Disposal Amending Bylaw 5009-2008-1387(41) – a bylaw to amend Schedule “A” to increase landfill tipping fees, provide multi-family dwellings with the option to be included in municipal refuse collection program and to mandate the use of 80-litre garbage bins

Moved by Councillor Scudder, seconded by Councillor Gidda, and

RESOLVED: That District of Mission refuse collection and disposal amending bylaw 5009-2008-1387(41) be adopted.

CARRIED

16. QUESTION PERIOD

Council and staff responded to questions and comments from the following people:

Siglende Steida asked if council had considered the noise level for residents near the hospital when approving the rock concert at the racetrack.

Mayor Atebe responded that the event would be over at 11:30 p.m., which is usual for this type of festival.

Councillor Horn responded that the stage would be positioned to minimize the noise impact.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Horn, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

JAMES ATEBE, MAYOR

DENNIS CLARK, DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION