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Abbotsford and Mission Return to Stage 2 Water Restrictions

ABBOTSFORD, September 3, 2015 - The City of Abbotsford and District of Mission will move back to Stage Two of the Water Shortage Response Plan as of Friday, September 4, announced Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun and Mission Mayor, Randy Hawes today.

“As a result of the substantial rainfall that we have been experiencing over the past number of days totaling over 340mm at Dickson Lake (between August 27 to September 2), the lake level has risen enough that we are comfortable returning to Stage 2 restrictions,” said Braun. “Additionally, more rain is forecasted over the next couple of days which should further contribute to the recharge of Dickson Lake.”

Abbotsford and Mission share joint water utilities and infrastructure, and both communities have been at Stage 3 of their joint Water Shortage Response plan as of July 3. Stage 2 was extended this year starting May 1 through September 30, due to the low snow pack.

“We will be continuing to monitor the Dickson Lake level closely over the coming weeks, although Stage 2 restrictions will remain in place until September 30 regardless,” said Hawes. “I’d like to take this opportunity to thank residents for their conservation efforts over the past few months – your efforts were critical in helping us conserve the lake level.”

Stage 2 of the joint Water Shortage Response Plan, allows residents in both communities to sprinkle their lawns twice a week in the morning, between 6 am and 8 am. Abbotsford and Mission Engineering Departments will begin issuing new lawn sprinkling permits next week.

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