

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2015

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Joe Snopek
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Unruh, Wilson

ABSENT: Mayor Toyota

ALSO PRESENT: Lou Varela, Town Manager
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Michael Moore, Fire Chief
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Snopek called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 19, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TOUR Members of the Committee left Council Chambers at 3:35 p.m. and proceeded to the Town of Creston's Wastewater Treatment Plant for a tour of the facility.

The meeting reconvened in Council Chambers at 5:55 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE
► PESTICIDE TREATMENT

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:
THAT the verbal report by the Manager of Engineering, regarding pesticide/herbicide use on Town properties, be received; THAT Council supports staff following the current policy for the application of pesticide management for infrastructure and hard landscaping surfaces on Town properties for 2015; AND FURTHER, THAT staff draft an Integrated Pesticide Management Policy for implementation in the Fall of 2015, for Council's consideration.

► CEMETERY SELECT COMM. TERMS OF REF.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:
THAT Ltr #35 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the Terms of Reference for a Cemetery Select Committee, be received; THAT staff refer an amended Terms of Reference for the Town of Creston's Cemetery Select Committee, and the appointment of members to the Select Committee, to Council for consideration.

► PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION (VALLEY COMM. SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:
THAT Ltr #98 from Valley Community Services, regarding a Permissive Tax Exemption for 915 Pine Street, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Valley Community Services be advised that Council will not be seeking applications for additional Permissive Tax Exemptions in 2015, and that Valley Community Services are encouraged to make application in 2016 for the taxation year 2017.

► COUNCIL
REMUNERATION
POLICY

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:

THAT staff draft an amendment to the Council Remuneration Policy for the Mayor and Councillors for the Town of Creston, that reflects the average remuneration awarded in other municipalities with a population base of 4,000 to 6,000 within the Province, to be effective January 1, 2016, with an annual increase that has minimal impact on budget; and to include a remuneration review in the first year of the new term following a municipal election.

► BENEFIT PLAN
(COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:

THAT the verbal report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding group benefits for members of Council, be received.

► HEALTH &
WELLNESS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:

THAT with respect to Ltr #74 from the Healthy Communities Initiatives, Interior Health, staff consider opportunities to partner with Interior Health to promote health and wellness for Town residents, and draft policies to assist in reducing chronic disease risk factors in the community at a future date, dependant on staff workload and capacity; and at such time staff will request Council to consider a Request for Direction regarding the matter.

ADJOURN

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 19, 2015, adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

AS TO THE MINUTES OF THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Acting Mayor Joe Snopek

Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant