

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Toyota
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Snopek, Unruh, Wilson

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

GALLERY: Lorne Eckerley, C.V. Advance
Mary Schmelzel, Canadian Red Cross
Betty Williams, Canadian Red Cross
Marilyn Grahn, C.V. Blossom Festival Association
Rhonda Sloss, Creston Search & Rescue
Terry Nowak, Cresteramics
Randy Meyer, C.V. Fall Fair
Christine Ross, CDSCL Therapeutic Riding Program
Gail Mason, Creston Quilts 4 Kids
Sarah Adams, C.V. 4-H Club
Jill Phelps, C.V. 4-H Club
Deb Nelius, Canyon Community Association
Bruno Schultz, S.N.A.P.
Hans Bringmann, Health Arts Society Concerts in Care
Bridget Currie, TAPS
Erick Kutzner, Kootenay Regional Association for Community Living
Merv Syroteuk, Hospice
Melissa Flint, C.V. Food Action Coalition
Carmen Moreira, SQx Dance Company
Laura From, C.V. Community Band/C.V. Music Teachers Association
Rachel Beck, C.V. Herb Gathering Society

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Toyota called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Snopek
THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 19, 2016, be adopted. CARRIED

► WILDFIRE PROT. GRANT FUNDING **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**
THAT Ltr #256 from the Fire Chief, regarding updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities, for grant funding to update the current Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Town of Creston.

► AKBLG RESOLUTION RE HWY. MAINT. CONTRACTS **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**
THAT Ltr #258 from the City of Fernie, requesting support of a late resolution to the 2016 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments annual conference, with respect to highways maintenance contracts, be received.

- **AKBLG
RESOLUTION RE
AIR BNB & VRBO** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**
THAT Ltr #260 from the City of Fernie, requesting support of a late resolution to the 2016 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments annual conference, with respect to Air BNB and VRBO, be received.
- **SCHIKURSKI
PUMP STATION
UPGRADE** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:**
THAT Ltr #262 from the Manager of Engineering, regarding funding for Schikurski Pump Station upgrade, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to submit an application under the Second Intake of the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund, for funding assistance for the Schikurski Pump Station Upgrade.
- **SD#8 RE
FACILITIES
REVIEW** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:**
THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Board of Trustees for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), expressing concerns with the draft Facilities Review, and requesting an opportunity for discussion prior to the Board of Trustees making a final decision with respect to the proposed Facilities Review and the disposition of certain school owned properties in the Creston area.
- **TAX CERT.
SEARCHES FEE
STRUCTURE** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:**
THAT Ltr #266 from the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, regarding the fee structure for tax certificate searches, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes staff to prepare the necessary bylaw to amend the fee charged for in-house tax certificate searches from \$20.00 per search to \$40.00 per search and the fee for on-line tax certificate searches to be set at \$20.00, plus the on-line provider fee of \$15.75, for a total on-line tax certificate search fee of \$35.75 per search.
- **2016 TAX RATE
SETTING** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 7:**
THAT Ltr #259 from the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, regarding the setting of the 2016 Tax (Mill) Rates for the Town of Creston, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council will consider three readings to Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1839, 2016 at the April 26, 2016 Regular meeting.
- The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.
Councillor Boehmer arrived at 4:30 p.m.
- **PUBLIC MTG. RE
CBT/CIP PROGRAM
FUNDING FOR 2016** Mayor Toyota welcomed members of the Gallery to the meeting and commenced the Public Meeting for the Columbia Basin Trust (Community Initiatives) Program funding for 2016.

Mayor Toyota to explain the application process, as follows:

The Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program is designed to help address the needs of Basin communities. The programs are flexible and able to accommodate individual processes and they incorporate community-based funding decisions to better meet local priorities. Funds are distributed once a year to CBT's local government partners, through the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

The application deadline for 2016 was February 29th. Eligibility of the applications is determined by the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The purpose of today's meeting is to advise the public of the applications received and invite public comments with respect to their applications. Members of Council may ask applicant representatives for clarification on their application, if required.

The next step in the Program process is for Council to review the applications in detail and make recommendations of funding to the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The RDCK will distribute the funding to applicants upon approval by the RDCK.

Report on applications received:

- 34 Applications were received (2012 (25), 2013 (48), 2014 (52), 2015 (38))
- Total Funding Requested – \$86,883 (rounded up) (2012 (\$61,026), 2013 (\$124,485), 2014 (\$115,574), 2015 (\$105,826))
- Funds available from Town apportionment for 2016 = \$75,801 (2015 = \$65,943)
- Invitation for CBT applicant representatives to provide additional information with respect to their applications.
- Council Committee members will review the applications in detail at today's meeting, following the public process, members of the gallery are welcome to observe.
- At the April 26th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, Council will put forward a recommendation for consideration by the Regional District of Central Kootenay with respect to Town of Creston CBT Community Initiatives funding applications for 2016.

Mayor Toyota advised members of the Gallery that those Council Committee members that are affiliated with applicant organizations, will not be participating in the allocation of funds to those organizations.

Representatives from the following applicant organizations, that were in attendance, were provided the opportunity to speak regarding their applications: Canadian Red Cross, Canyon Community Association, Central Kootenay Spay/Neuter, Cresteramics Society, Creston & District Museum Society, Creston & District Society for Community Living, Creston Community Band, Creston Valley 4-H Club, Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association, Creston Valley Fall Fair, Creston Valley Figure Skating Club, Creston Valley Food Action Coalition, Creston Valley Herb Gathering Society, Creston Valley Hospice Society, Creston Valley Music Teachers Association, Creston Valley Search & Rescue Society, Health Arts Society, Kootenay Regional Association for Community Living, Quilts 4-Kids, SQx Danza, Valley Community Services.

Comments from members of the Gallery with respect to the process were positive and appreciative.

► CBT COMM.
INITIATIVES
PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATIONS
2016

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:

THAT Ltr #211 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program funding applications for 2016, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council recommends to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, approval of funding to the following applicants with respect to the Town of Creston allocation of funds under the Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program 2016 intake:

Canadian Red Cross	\$5,426
Canyon Community Association.....	\$3,279
Central Kootenay Spay/Neuter Animal Program Society.....	\$2,500
Cresteramics Society.....	\$3,345
Creston & District Museum Society.....	\$1,929
Creston & District Society for Community Living.....	\$5,250
Creston Community Band	\$500
Creston Firefighters Society	\$1,349
Creston Valley 4-H Club	\$750
Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association	\$4,899
Creston Valley Fall Fair	\$3,917
Creston Valley Figure Skating Club	\$1,429
Creston Valley Food Action Coalition.....	\$2,083
Creston Valley Gymnastics Club	\$4,000
Creston Valley Herb Gathering Society.....	\$1,243
Creston Valley Hospice Society	\$1,200
Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society.....	\$1,523
Creston Valley Music Teachers Association	\$2,905
Creston Valley Rotary Club	\$2,000
Creston Valley Search & Rescue Society	\$1,375
East Kootenay Mining History Association.....	\$348
Health Arts Society	\$1,171
Karate BC	\$107
Kootenay Boundary Regional Health Foundation	\$786
Kootenay Council of Seniors	\$536
Kootenay Regional Association for Community Living	\$4,847
Lister Community Association	\$1,893
Northern BC Friends of Children	\$1,429
Quilts 4-Kids	\$496
Royal Canadian Legion #29 Creston	\$2,605
SQx Danza.....	\$4,669
Stepping Stones for Success	\$300
Valley Community Services	\$4,714
Wildflower Creston	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$75,801

ADJOURN

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held April 19, 2016, adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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

Mayor Ron Toyota

Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant