

# TOWN OF CRESTON

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 24, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North.

- PRESENT:** Mayor Toyota  
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Snopek, Unruh, Wilson  
Lou Varela, Town Manager  
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services  
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering  
Mike Moore, Fire Chief  
Jared Riel, Assistant Fire Chief  
Helene Miles, Community, Policy & Research Coordinator  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant
- MEDIA:** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance  
Kris Dickeson, Juice FM 94.1 Radio
- GALLERY:** Director Garry Jackman, RDCK Area A  
Director Tanya Wall, RDCK Area B  
Laura Hannant, Kootenay Employment Services  
Serena Naeve, Valley Community Services  
Allan Clement, Resident  
Walter Linder, Resident  
Diane Tammen, Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro, East Kootenay  
Sally MacDonald, Community Relations, BC Hydro, East Kootenay  
Peter McCann, Operations Planning Manager, BC Hydro  
Michael Kozak, Operations Planning Engineer, BC Hydro  
Joel Fenolio, Upper Columbia Senior Water Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Jason Flory, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, White Sturgeon Recovery Team Lead  
Scott Lawrence, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Julie Ammann, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Marc-Andre Beaucher, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area  
Marko Aaltomaa, FortisBC
- CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 202-16  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016, be adopted. CARRIED
- 203-16  
**MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
▶ **REGULAR MAY** THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 10, 2016 and  
10/16 & MAY 17/16 the Special Regular Council Meeting held May 17, 2016, be adopted as  
read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business  
before Council that day and fully and properly record all of the resolutions  
and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting. CARRIED
- DELEGATION** Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Diane Tammen, et al of BC Hydro, to the  
▶ **BC HYDRO** meeting at 3:05 p.m.  
**ANNUAL**  
**OPERATIONAL** Ms. Tammen and other representatives from BC Hydro, the U.S. Army  
**UPDATE** Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, presented their  
Annual Operational Update, which included the following discussion topics:  
- BC Hydro system update (overall energy supply, import/export activity)  
- Agreements, i.e. Columbia River Treaty, Libby Coordination Agreement  
- Snow course data, streamflow forecasts and expected operations in the  
Kootenay Basin (Duncan, Kootenay Lake)  
- Koocanusa Reservoir/Libby operations  
- Kootenay Lake 2016 actual and forecast levels  
- Grohman Narrows widening project – has been cancelled due to costs  
versus benefits  
- U.S. sturgeon and bull fish operations  
- BC Hydro – Status Update

Ms. Tammen reported that in 2016, BC Hydro will once again be providing financial support to the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area; and through their grant program, supporting other non-profit groups in the East Kootenay area.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Tammen and representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for their presentations, which were very informative.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

- 204-16  
► BC HYDRO RE  
ANNUAL OPER.  
UPDATE
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #353 from BC Hydro, regarding a delegation with respect to its Annual Operational Update, be received. **CARRIED**
- 205-16  
► KINDNESS METER  
INITIATIVE
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Ltr #93 from the Creston Lions Club, and the verbal report by the Town Manager, both regarding a proposal for a 'Kindness Meter' initiative, be received; THAT the request from the Creston Lions Club for the donation of parking meter heads to be used by the Club for a 'Kindness Meter' initiative to raise funds for local community causes, be referred to a future Council meeting for consideration, following the receipt of a staff report on the overall parking status in the downtown core; AND FURTHER, THAT the Creston Lions Club be advised that Council appreciates the organization's fundraising efforts for local community causes. **CARRIED**
- 206-16  
► OCP ADVISORY  
COMM. MTG.  
MINUTES
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Ltr #331, being the minutes of the May 5, 2016 Official Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting, be received. **CARRIED**
- 207-16  
► DISTRICT OF  
SPARWOOD PARADE
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #336 from the District of Sparwood, regarding the 2016 Coal Miner Days Parade, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council participate in the 2016 Coal Miner Days Parade in Sparwood, BC on Jun 11, 2016, subject to Council member availability, with expenses paid as per Policy. **CARRIED**
- 208-16  
► SD#8 FACILITIES  
PLAN
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Ltr #343 from School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), regarding the Board's Long Range Facilities Plan and School Closures, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT two members of Council and one staff person be authorized to attend a meeting with the Nelson School Board in Nelson on June 17, 2016, to discuss the Board's Facilities Plan and potential school closures, with expenses paid as per Policy. **CARRIED**
- 209-16  
► CEMETERY ADMIN.  
FEES
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Ltr #344 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding cemetery administrative fees, be received; THAT the Cemetery Select Committee review the financial recommendations contained within the 2014 Cemetery Master Plan, in conjunction with the G. F. Oliver Funeral Home request for new administrative fees and submit a recommendation to Council for consideration; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise G. F. Oliver Funeral Home that their request for an increased administrative fee will be considered in the overall context of the 2014 Cemetery Master Plan recommendations, at an upcoming meeting of Council. **CARRIED**
- 210-16  
► MUNICIPAL  
POLICING  
CONTRACT
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #352 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the Municipal Contract Policing Multi-Year Plan, be received. **CARRIED**

- 211-16  
 ► FIN. INFORMATION ACT – STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFO. Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Ltr #348 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the Statement of Financial Information for the Town of Creston, as required under the Financial Information Act, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the Statement of Financial Information for the Town of Creston for 2015, with the Mayor and Director of Finance and Corporate Services being authorized to sign the Statement of Financial Information Approval, as per Financial Information Regulation, Schedule I, Subsection 9(2), under the Financial Information Act. CARRIED
- 212-16  
 ► PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the verbal report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the Permissive Tax Exemption process for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council refers the discussion regarding the process for setting the criteria for screening applications for permissive tax exemptions for the years 2017 through to 2019, to a special Committee of the Whole meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2016. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**  
 213-16  
 ► RURAL DIVIDEND GRANT Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT staff is authorized to write a letter of support for an application being submitted by Kootenay Employment Services Society, on behalf of a partnership between the Town of Creston, Regional District of Central Kootenay (Areas A, B and C), Kootenay Employment Services and the Lower Kootenay Band, for Rural Dividend Grant funding, to assist with expenses relating to establishing an Economic Development Team for the Creston Valley. CARRIED
- 214-16  
 ► COMMUNITY GARDEN Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT the Town Manager is authorized to meet with the members of the Community Garden committee, to discuss the renewal of the agreement for the operation of the Community Garden and to define the terms of use, public access, etc. CARRIED
- 215-16  
 ► CLR. CHERNOFF – CITY OF CASTLEGAR Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Council send flowers to the family of Councillor Kevin Chernoff, of the City of Castlegar, who recently passed away. CARRIED
- 216-16  
 ► FIELDS FORWARD COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Councillor Comer be appointed as Council's representative on the Fields Forward initiative for the year 2016. CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**  
 ► CLR BOEHMER Councillor Boehmer reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Blossom Festival Parade and VIP Reception, a Cemetery Select Committee meeting, the presentation of the Long Service Awards to Town Hall employees, Local Government Awareness Week events, and a tour of Town Hall by Grade 4-5 students from ARES school.
- CLR COMER Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at a Field Forward meeting.
- CLR ELFORD Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the Blossom Festival Parade and VIP Reception, a Creston Valley Airport Society meeting, an Official Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting, and the Long Service Awards presentation to Town Hall employees.
- CLR SNOPEK Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, the Blossom Festival Parade and VIP Reception, and the Long Service Awards presentation to Town Hall employees.
- CLR UNRUH Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Services Committee meeting, a Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, an Official Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting, and the Long Service Awards presentation to Town Hall employees.
- CLR WILSON Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, the Blossom Festival Parade and VIP Reception, a Creston-Kootenay Foundation meeting, and an Arts Council meeting.

► **MAYOR TOYOTA** Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at an Official Community Plan Table Talk Exercise at the Creston Library, a Creston Valley Airport Society meeting, Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings, a Cemetery Select Committee meeting, a Municipal Finance Authority meeting, an RCMP Audit meeting, the Long Service Awards presentation to Town Hall employees, and the Blossom Festival Parade and VIP Reception.

217-16

► **RECEIVE REPORTS** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the verbal Reports of Council members, be received. **CARRIED**

**GIVING OF NOTICES** COTW – May 31 (Special), June 21, 2016  
COUNCIL – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month, June 14, 28, July 12, August 9, 2016  
July 1 – Canada Day  
Sept. 26 – 30 – UBCM (Victoria)

**QUESTION PERIOD**  
► **CRESTON EDUC. CENTRE** Ms. Serena Naeve, Valley Community Services, advised Council that the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) public meeting regarding the closure of the Creston Education Centre is being held on June 15, 2016 in Creston.

► **KINDNESS METER INITIATIVE** Director Tanya Wall, RDCK, Area B, requested that Council consider striking a committee to meet with community stakeholders to discuss an overall 'Kindness Meter' initiative in Creston.

► **OCP INPUT BOARD** Ms. Laura Hannant, member of the Official Community Plan Communications Team for Kootenay Employment Services, advised that a communications board has been erected in the window of 1130 Canyon Street. As one of numerous means, the public is encouraged to participate in the Official Community Plan process by noting their suggestions, comments, etc. on the communications board. The board will be maintained by the Team on a regular basis and the information recorded. The Town of Creston is committed to an open communication process for its Official Community Plan and encourages public input, as the final document will set the future direction for planning in the Town of Creston.

218-16

**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT by authority of the Community Charter, this meeting is now closed from the public and/or news media, pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(c) and (e). **CARRIED**

**RECONVENE** The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:39 p.m.

219-16

**ADJOURNMENT** Moved by Councillor Snopek THAT the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016, be adjourned at 5:39 p.m. **CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**

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Ron Toyota  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant