

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

- PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Kevin Boehmer
Councillors Comer, Elford, Unruh, Wilson
- ABSENT:** Mayor Toyota
- ALSO PRESENT:** Steffan Klassen, Acting Town Manager/Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services/Chief Building Official
Michael Moore, Fire Chief
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Helene Miles, Community, Policy and Research Coordinator
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant
- GALLERY:** Terry King, BC Emergency Health Services
Cindy Caouette, BC Emergency Health Services
Signe Miller, Canyon, BC
- CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Mayor Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 6, 2016,
be adopted. CARRIED
- DELEGATION:** Acting Mayor Boehmer welcomed Ms. Terry King and Ms. Cindy Caouette of the
► **COMMUNITY** BC Emergency Health Services, to the meeting. Ms. King and Ms. Caouette
PARAMEDICINE delivered a presentation on the Community Paramedicine Initiative that is currently
INITIATIVE being implemented in Chetwynd, Fort St. James, Hazelton, Princeton, Cortes
Island, Port Hardy, Tofino-Ucluelet and Creston. The program is being expanding
to 73 communities throughout British Columbia.
- This is a community-based model in which community paramedics provide primary care services within their scope of practice to increase access to basic health care services in non-urgent settings, in patients' homes or community, in partnership with local health care providers. The program goals are to contribute to the stabilization of paramedic staffing in rural and remote communities, and to bridge health service delivery gaps in the community, identified in collaboration with local primary care teams.
- This initiative will mean better access to health care for rural and remote communities; paramedics working alongside other health care professionals without overlapping roles; fewer gaps in health care services; fewer unnecessary 911 calls and trips to emergency rooms; and improved recruitment and retention of paramedics in rural and remote communities.

The success of the Community Paramedicine Initiative will ultimately depend on the ongoing support of project sponsors and partner stakeholders (currently Provincial Government, Union of BC Municipalities, Health Authorities, Rural Coordination Centre of BC, Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia, BC Emergency Health Services and Provincial Health Services Authority). Clients (patients) are referred to the program by physicians or health care providers in the community, all of which Ms. King and Ms. Caouette stated they have received good cooperation from.

Acting Mayor Boehmer thanked Ms. King and Ms. Caouette for their presentation.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE**

► COMMUNITY
PARAMEDICINE
INITIATIVE

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT Ltr #666 from the BC Emergency Health Services, regarding a presentation on the Community Paramedicine Initiative in the Province of British Columbia, be received.

► BUILDING PERMIT
REPORT - 2016

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT Ltr #773 from the Director of Municipal Services, regarding the year to date Building Permit report for the Town of Creston as of December 6, 2016, be received.

► COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS -
2017

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:

THAT Ltr #771 from the Executive Assistant, regarding Council appointments to Committees for 2017, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the following appointments for the year 2017:

Arrow Creek Water Treatment & Supply Commission

Representative: Councillor Elford; Alternate: Mayor Toyota

Kootenay East Regional Hospital District

Director: Councillor Unruh; Alternate Director: Councillor Elford

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) – Board of School Trustees

Liaisons: Councillors Comer and Unruh

Emergency Operations Centre

EOC Director: Town Manager

Member: Fire Chief

Resource: RDCK Emergency Coordinator, Creston, Areas A, B & C

Council Liaisons: Mayor Toyota, Councillor Elford

Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Representative: Councillor Elford; Alternate: Councillor Wilson

Community Arts Council of Creston

Representative: Councillor Wilson

Creston-Kaminoho Friendship Society

Representative: Councillor Wilson

- Creston-Kootenay Foundation
Representatives: Councillors Unruh and Wilson
- Creston & District Community Directed Funds Committee
Representative: Mayor Toyota
- Creston & District Library Board
Representatives: Councillor Comer and Unruh
- Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association
Representatives: Councillors Unruh and Wilson
- Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce
Representatives: Councillors Boehmer and Unruh
- Creston Valley Community Housing Society
Representative: Waiting for By-Election
- Creston Valley Community Network Society
Representatives: Councillors Boehmer and Comer
- Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area Interpretive Centre Committee
Representative: Mayor Toyota
- Fields Forward
Representative: Councillor Comer
- Trails for Creston Valley Society
Representatives: Councillors Boehmer and Comer
- Creston Valley Forest Corporation
Director: Councillor Elford; Alternate: Councillor Unruh
- Creston Valley Regional Airport Society
Liaisons: Mayor Toyota and Councillor Elford
- Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel (Foot Frontage)
Chair: Councillor Boehmer
Members: Councillor Unruh, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
- Cemetery Advisory Committee
Members: Mayor Toyota, Councillor Boehmer
- Creston Valley Youth Network Committee
Liaisons: Councillor Boehmer and Comer

► APPOINT
AUDITOR

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:
THAT the firm of Carr and Medlang be appointed as the Auditors for the Town of Creston for the year 2017.

► 2017 COUNCIL
MEETING
CALENDAR

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:

THAT Ltr #770 from the Executive Assistant, regarding a proposed schedule for 2017 Council and Committee meetings, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the calendar for 2017 Council and Committee meetings, as set out in Ltr #770.

ADJOURN

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 6, 2016, adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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

Kevin Boehmer, Acting Mayor

Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant