

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CRESTON HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2019 IN THE TOWN OF CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 - 10TH AVENUE NORTH AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Acting Mayor Arnold DeBoon
Councillor Jen Comer
Councillor Jim Elford
Councillor Ellen Tzakis
Councillor Karen Unruh
Councillor Joanna Wilson

STAFF

Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services
Joel Comer, Municipal Services Coordinator
Stacey Hadley, Corporate Officer
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant

REGRETS

Mayor Ron Toyota

MEDIA

Jensen Shields, JuiceFM

GALLERY

Dallas Magrum, Resident
Jim Rota, Development Permit Applicant
Christine Rose, Resident

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Arnold DeBoon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the agenda be adopted to include the addition of Business Item d)
Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw and Applications, and e) Creston Valley Public
Art Connection Proposed Town Purchase of "The Awakening" Public Art Piece.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS

**► GARBAGE TO
UTILITY BILLING –
COMMUNICATIONS
STRATEGY**

RECOMMENDATION 1:

THAT Council approves the Garbage to Utility Billing Communications Strategy;
THAT Council authorizes the preparation of a draft Solid Waste Bylaw to incorporate
solid waste collection with utility billing and to remove solid waste collection from
taxation; AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs staff to bring forward additional
information regarding business rates with respect to solid waste collection from other
municipalities.

Councillor Tzakis entered at 4:12 p.m.

**► CITIZEN BUDGET
PROCESS UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATION 2:

THAT Council approves the continuation of the Citizen Budget Process for the next
three years, being 2019, 2020 and 2021, in the amount of two thousand, five hundred
dollars (\$2,500) per year.

**► DP 01/19 – 806
CANYON STREET**

RECOMMENDATION 3:

THAT Council directs staff to draft Development Permit No. 01/19, for Council
consideration during an upcoming Regular Council Meeting, conditional upon
security and off-street parking requirements being met.

► PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS (2020 – 2022) **RECOMMENDATION 4:** THAT Council approves the twenty-five (25) permissive tax exemption applications for 2020, 2021 and 2022 as presented, to include the permissive portion for the property located at 1411 Canyon Street at one hundred (100) percent; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes the preparation of draft Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw (2020, 2021 and 2022) for consideration during an upcoming Regular Council Meeting.

► CVPAC PROPOSED TOWN PURCHASE - PUBLIC ART **RECOMMENDATION 5:** THAT Council approves the purchase of the “The Awakening” public art piece located at the intersection of Pine Street and Canyon Street in the amount of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to be funded from the Downtown Beautification budget.

QUESTION PERIOD Discussion was held regarding the communication and consultation process the Town will proceed with regarding the changes to garbage and utility billing.

ADJOURN D. Magrum suggested that consultation include a booth at the local Farmers’ Market.
M. Moore advised that community consultation will be provided through social media, the website, media release, public information sessions and mail outs to all Creston addresses and out of Town property owners.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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

Acting Mayor Arnold DeBoon

Stacey Hadley, Corporate Officer