

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 10, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Toyota  
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Snopek, Unruh, Wilson  
Lou Varela, Town Manager  
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services/Chief Building Official  
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering  
Mike Moore, Fire Chief  
Helene Miles, Local Government Intern  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:** Councillor Elford

**MEDIA:** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

**GALLERY:** Rev. Gwen Brown, St. Stephen's Church  
Diana Brooks, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training  
Jim Jacobsen, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Allan Clement, Resident  
Bruno Schultz, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

50-15  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT by authority of the Community Charter, this meeting is closed from the public and/or news media, pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(c), (e) and (k). CARRIED

**RECONVENE** The Regular Meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

51-15  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

**INVOCATION** Rev. Gwen Brown, St. Stephen's Church, delivered the invocation.

52-15  
**MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
▶REGULAR JAN. 27/15 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 27, 2015, 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

53-15  
▶COMMITTEE JAN. 29/15 Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 29, 2015, be received. CARRIED

54-15  
▶COMMITTEE FEB. 3/15 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 3, 2015, be received. CARRIED

**DELEGATION** Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Diana Brooks, Regional Manager, Ministry of  
▶BUSINESS WALKS Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (the Ministry), to the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Ms. Brooks advised that the Ministry, in conjunction with the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce and Community Futures, is proposing to host a 'Creston Business Walks 2015' event and requested Council's support in partnering with them. This business retention and expansion initiative is an economic essential for the well-being of the community. The Business Walks will provide an opportunity to engage with business, strengthen relationships and gain insights into what is working and what is not working in the community. Business Walks have proven to be more effective than conducting surveys to gather important information from the business community. A report would be compiled following the completion of the program and action items will be brought forward.

Ms. Brooks requested Council members participate by being a part of the Business Walks team. Participation by Council members will demonstrate to the business community that Council is interested in what they have to say.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Brooks for her presentation.

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE**

55-15

► JAN. 29/15 MTG  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
► CEMETERY  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REF.

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Council Committee Recommendation No. 1 from the January 29, 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT Ltr #35 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding a draft Terms of Reference for a Town of Creston Cemetery Select Committee, be received; THAT staff present the draft Terms of Reference for a Town of Creston Cemetery Select Committee, to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Directors for Areas A, B and C, G. F. Oliver Funeral Chapel Ltd. and the Creston & District Museum for input; AND FURTHER, THAT Ltr #35 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the Terms of Reference for a Cemetery Select Committee, be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration of the appointment of a Cemetery Select Committee and a Terms of Reference for same. CARRIED

56-15

► FEB. 3/15 MTG  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
► OCP/CULTIVATING  
CRESTON

Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1 to 3 from the February 3, 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the verbal report by the Town Planner, being an update on the Official Community Plan review and its relationship to the Cultivating Creston - Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), be received.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

THAT Ltr #67 from Farm Folk City Folk, regarding an invitation to attend a Foodland Trust – Kootenay Consultation session, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Councillor Comer is authorized to attend the Foodland Trust – Kootenay Consultation session in Vallican, BC on February 12, 2015, with expenses and stipend paid as per Policy.

► FOODLAND  
TRUST-KOOTENAY  
CONSULTATION  
SESSION

► BUDGET REVIEW

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**

THAT the information provided by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, with respect to a review of the proposed 2015 Town of Creston budget, be received. CARRIED

57-15

► BUSINESS WALKS

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #71 from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, regarding 'Business Walks' in Creston, be received; THAT Council supports the 'Business Walks' initiative proposed by the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, in partnership with the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce and Community Futures; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves participation by members of Council and Town staff in the 'Business Walks' initiative, which will be scheduled in the Spring of 2015 in Creston. CARRIED

58-15

► COLUMBIA BASIN  
INST. OF REGIONAL  
HISTORY

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #68 from the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History, requesting a letter of support, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor write the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History, in support of their application for funding to preserve and make public, the community and region's lumbering history in the Creston Valley. CARRIED

59-15

► STREET PIANO

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #83 from the Creston Rotary Club, regarding the installation of street pianos in the downtown core, be received; THAT Council approves the request from the Creston Rotary Club to have a street piano installed in the Walkthrough Park, subject to the Creston Rotary Club providing the piano, maintenance, necessary weather covering and all incidentals for the piano; AND FURTHER, THAT the Town commits to providing manpower in 2015 for the installation and removal of two pianos, one in the Walkthrough Park and one in a secondary location to be determined. CARRIED

- 60-15  
▶ BC SENIORS GAMES
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #82 from the BC Seniors Games Society, regarding the hosting of the 55+ BC Seniors Games in 2017, 2018 or 2019 in the Creston Valley, be received. CARRIED
- 61-15  
▶ CHLORINATION OF WATER
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Ltr #80 from Michael Bunn, regarding the chlorination of Town drinking water, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff write Mr. Michael Bunn, stating that the Town is mandated to treat drinking water and advising the reasons why chlorination is used versus other alternative methods. CARRIED
- 62-15  
▶ CV SPIRIT COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #63 and Ltr #64 from the Creston Valley Spirit Committee, being meeting notes for its November 19 and December 18, 2014 meetings, be received. CARRIED
- 63-15  
▶ CUPW RE CANADA POST
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Ltr #59 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, regarding support to save Canada Post, be received. CARRIED
- 64-15  
▶ RQST DONATION RE CV ROD & GUN CLUB
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Ltr #60 from the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club, regarding a donation to their annual Wild Game Dinner, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes a donation of one duffle bag, at an approximate value of \$100, to the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club annual Wild Game Dinner fundraiser. CARRIED
- 65-15  
▶ ROTARY CLUB 2015 AUCTION
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Ltr #79 from the Rotary Club of Creston, regarding a donation to their annual Auction, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes a donation of two town jackets, at an approximate value of \$75 each, to the Rotary Club of Creston, towards their annual Auction. CARRIED
- 66-15  
▶ STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Strategic Priorities Chart, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- 67-15  
▶ FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Follow-Up Action List, as of January 27, 2015, be received. CARRIED
- 68-15  
▶ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- ▶ CLR BOEHMER
- Councillor Boehmer reported on his article as Councillor, in the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue of the Creston Valley Advance.
- ▶ CLR COMER
- Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at the Children's Winter Festival, two Marketing meetings and a Creston Valley Spirit Committee meeting.
- ▶ CLR UNRUH
- Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at the Children's Winter Festival and a Library Board meeting.
- ▶ CLR WILSON
- Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at the Children's Winter Festival and a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting.
- ▶ MAYOR TOYOTA
- Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings, a Columbia Basin Trust Community Directed Funds meeting, a CFX Radio interview and the Children's Winter Festival.
- 69-15  
▶ RECEIVE REPORTS
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the verbal Reports of Representatives, be received. CARRIED

- GIVING OF NOTICES**
1. COTW – February 17, March 2, 3, 17, 2015
  2. COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (February 24, March 10, 24, 2015)
  3. Elected Officials Seminar – Kimberley – February 19 – 20, 2015

**QUESTION PERIOD**  
▶ CV ADVANCE

The Media acknowledged the Fire Chief's assistance in providing accurate and thorough information for a series (now on the fifth of the series) in the Creston Valley Advance on the local Fire Service.

70-15  
**RECONVENE TO  
CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Council reconvenes to Closed Meeting at 4:46 p.m. CARRIED

**RECONVENE**

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 5:14 pm.

71-15  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015, be adjourned at 5:15 p.m. CARRIED

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**

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Ron Toyota  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant