

TOWN OF CRESTON
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2015

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Friday, October 13, 2015 at 12:00 Noon in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Lou Varela, Town Manager
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Helene Miles, Local Government Intern

GALLERY: Director Tanya Wall, RDCK Area B
Director Larry Binks, RDCK Area C
Stewart Horn, CAO, Regional District of Central Kootenay
Jim Jacobsen, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Toyota called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT the agenda for the Special Committee of the Whole meeting of October 13, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE Members of Regional District of Central Kootenay Service 108, Economic Development, which include Areas B and C and the Town of Creston, met to discuss economic development within the Creston Valley. The discussion contained the following:

► RDCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE 108

- Review of the history of economic development in the Creston Valley.
- Review of historical participation of Regional Directors and the Town in economic development in the Creston Valley.
- Review of Service 108 budget with an eye to potential increase to the service taxation.
- RDCK Area Directors B and C expressed willingness to increase taxation to support economic development.
- Invite RDCK Area A and the Lower Kootenay Band to participate in Service 108, with equal participation by all parties.
- Identify other key stakeholders.
- Hold further discussions re economic development, first meeting to be with the Town, RDCK Areas A, B and C, and the Lower Kootenay Band elected officials and respective staff; the second session to include key stakeholders.

► ECON. DEV. BUSINESS MODEL/ PLAN **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**
THAT staff work with the Regional District of Central Kootenay staff to provide a report with regards to third party facilitator options for creating an economic development business model/plan to guide Regional District of Central Kootenay Service 108 economic development initiatives.

► ROGER BROOKS ASSESSMENT **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**
THAT staff provide a report summarizing the Roger Brooks Visitor/Tourism Assessment, for consideration.

► PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT **RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**
THAT staff provide an overview of the function of the Physician Recruitment program, with attention to the factors that contribute to the success of the program.

► FUTURE MTG RE **RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:**
ECONOMIC DEV. THAT staff schedule the next RDCK Service 108 economic development
SERVICE 108 discussion meeting between the dates of Nov 12th and 23rd 2015 with RDCK Area
A, B and C Directors, Town of Creston and Lower Kootenay Band elected officials
and respective staff being invited.

ADJOURN The Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 13, 2015, adjourned at
1:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Ron Toyota

Lou Varela, Town Manager