

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 14, 2016**

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Boehmer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director Tanya Wall, RDCK Area B  
Director Larry Binks, RDCK Area C  
Gerri Brightwell, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training  
Lou Varela, Town Manager  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Toyota called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 14, 2016, be adopted. CARRIED

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**  
▶ **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS** THAT the Director of Finance and Corporate Services submit an invoice to the Regional District of Central Kootenay in the amount of \$11,861.12 to be dispersed from the Regional District's Service 108 (Economic Development), to reimburse the Town of Creston for expenses relating to the installation of electric car charging stations for the Creston area.

▶ **PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**  
THAT Ltr #44 from the Town Manager, regarding an overview of the Physician Recruitment Program, which is funded through the Regional District of Central Kootenay Economic Development Fund (Service 108), be received.

▶ **ECONOMIC DEV. / EVENTS COORD.** Participants in the Regional District of Central Kootenay Economic Development Service 108 agreed to pursue the creation of two part-time contract positions, i.e. Economic Development Coordinator and Events Coordinator. The Terms of Reference, deliverables and recruitment process will be developed in 2016 and funded through Service 108. The Town of Creston could be considered to oversee the administration of these two positions. *(No recommendation required.)*

▶ **KOOTENAY ROCKIES TOURISM** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**  
THAT the Town Manager forward a request to Kootenay Rockies Tourism, to carry over any 2015 allocated funds for the Expression of Interest submitted by the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce with respect to Community Tourism Foundation funding to develop a Tourism Plan, to 2016; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor, along with Regional District of Central Kootenay Directors for Areas B and C meet with the President of the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce to discuss the proposal to Kootenay Rockies Tourism for funding to develop a Tourism Plan for the Creston Valley.

► **ECONOMIC DEV. PLANNING** Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Gerri Brightwell, Regional Manager, Kootenay, Regional Economic Operations Branch, Economic Development Division, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, to the meeting.

Ms. Brightwell facilitated an economic development session for participants in Regional District of Central Kootenay Economic Development Service 108 (RDCK Areas B, C and the Town of Creston), which included the following:

- Economic Indicators.
- Economic Development – What it means.
- Looking Ahead – Where are we going?
- How do we want to support economic development, i.e. Taxation for Service 108; Agri-food Sector (Community Development Fund activities); Business Retention and Expansion; Tourism Plan; Options for Economic Development / Events Coordination; and Priorities for Moving Forward.

Director Binks left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The next steps will be to include stakeholders beyond those who are currently participating in Service 108.

Participants in Service 108 agreed to recommend to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board to increase the Service's budget by \$30,000 in 2016.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURN** The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 14, 2016, adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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

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Mayor Ron Toyota

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Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant