

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 9, 2016**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North.

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Comer  
Councillors Boehmer, Elford, 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  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:** Mayor Toyota

**MEDIA:** Brian Lawrence, Creston Valley Advance  
Kris Dickeson, Juice FM 94.1 Radio

**GALLERY:** Director Larry Binks, RDCK, Area C  
Linda Price, Creston Refugee Committee  
Pat Smith, Resident  
Jean Mutch, Resident  
Roy Schuler, Erickson  
Herwig Jansen, Erickson  
Don Price, Resident  
Marc-Andre Beaucher, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area  
Carla Ahern, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area  
Allan Clement, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Acting Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

54-16  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2016, be adopted. CARRIED

55-16  
**MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford  
▶REGULAR JAN. THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 26, 2016,  
26/16 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

56-16  
▶COMMITTEE JAN. Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
26 & FEB. 2/16 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings held January  
26 and February 2, 2016, be received. CARRIED

**DELEGATION** Acting Mayor Comer welcomed Ms. Linda Price, Chair, Creston Refugee  
▶CRESTON Committee, to the meeting at 4:35 p.m.  
REFUGEE COMM.

Ms. Price requested Council's consideration of providing financial support to the Creston Refugee Committee, to assist with the costs of sponsorship of two Syrian refugee families to come to the Creston Valley. Since 1979 the Committee has sponsored 78 refugees under the United Church of Canada agreement with the government. The last sponsorship of a Burmese family was a BVOR agreement which ended on November 30, 2015. At the present time the Committee consists of more than 40 people and they are ready to provide everything that is needed for the refugee families (housing, tutoring, doctors, etc.).

Acting Mayor Comer thanked Ms. Price for her presentation.

**DELEGATION****► CV WILDLIFE  
MGMT. AREA**

Acting Mayor Comer welcomed Mr. Marc-Andre Beaucher of the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Beaucher reported out on the annual funding for the Management Area that is provided by the Town of Creston, which is greatly needed and appreciated. The funding is used to support activities that may not otherwise be conducted, and is valuable in helping the Management Area leverage additional funding from other agencies. Mr. Beaucher advised that the involvement of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited, does not fund or deal with the Interpretation Centre as their mandate is not 'education'. The proposed new visitor centre is a project of a new non-profit organization that is independent of the Management Area.

Acting Mayor Comer thanked Mr. Beaucher for his presentation.

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE**

57-16

**► FEB. 2/16 MTG  
RECOMMENDATION  
► YOUTH SPACE**

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Council Committee Recommendation No. 1 from the February 2, 2016 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT Ltr #75 from the Town Manager, regarding funding for a youth space, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Town Manager is authorized to submit a request to the Creston Valley Services Committee, for a 2016 budget consideration under the Regional District of Central Kootenay Service 224 – Recreation Facility, for \$15,000 per annum for rent, utilities, furniture, maintenance and amenities for a dedicated youth space for Creston Valley youth. CARRIED

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 4:45 p.m., declaring a conflict of interest with respect to the next matter, as she is a member of the Creston Refugee Committee.

58-16

**► CRESTON  
REFUGEE COMM.**

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT Ltr #718 from the Creston Refugee Committee, requesting funding, be received; THAT Council approves a Discretionary Grant to the Creston Refugee Committee, in the amount of \$250, to assist with expenses relating to the sponsorship of a refugee family from Syria; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise the Creston Refugee Committee that it may consider submitting an application for funding under the Columbia Basin Trust – Community Initiatives Program. CARRIED

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

59-16

**► CVWMA**

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT Ltr #89 from the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, regarding an update on the annual funding provided to the Management Area by the Town of Creston, be received. CARRIED

60-16

**► CEMETERY  
SELECT COMM.  
► 2016 BUDGET  
► CARE FUND FEES**

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford THAT Ltr #81 from the Cemetery Select Committee, being the minutes of the January 15, 2016 meeting, be received and the following recommendations are approved:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT at the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Committee of the Whole, Council support a requisition being submitted to the Regional District of Central Kootenay for the Cemetery Service 174, as amended at the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Cemetery Select Committee meeting; and,

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

THAT the Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1763 be amended to amend the Care Fund fee for a resident in a Columbarium Niche from \$495 to \$221 and to amend the Care Fund fee for a non-resident in a Columbarium Niche from \$495 to \$396; AND FURTHER, THAT staff research long term implications of these adjustments in Care Fund fees for the sustainability of the Perpetual Care Fund. CARRIED

- 61-16  
▶ RQST FESTIVAL SIGN ON WELCOME TO CRESTON SIGNS  
Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #80 from the Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association, requesting permission to erect signage on the Welcome to Creston signs to promote the Annual Blossom Festival; be referred to staff to work with members of the Association in order to reach a satisfactory solution for the display of signage to promote the Annual Festival on or near the Welcome to Creston signs. CARRIED
- 62-16  
▶ SAM STEELE DAYS PARADE  
Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Ltr #64 from the Sam Steele Days Committee, inviting participation in their 2016 Parade, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to register the Town float in to the 2016 Sam Steele Days Parade and pay the \$25.00 entry fee. CARRIED
- 63-16  
▶ RQST DONATION (ROD & GUN CLUB)  
Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #67 from the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club, requesting a donation to their Annual Game Dinner, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves a donation of one duffle bag, at an approximate value of \$125, to the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club to support their Annual Game Dinner. CARRIED
- 64-16  
▶ WEST KOOTENAY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL  
Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #83 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding a West Kootenay-wide Food Policy Council, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to write a letter to the BC Food Systems Network, in support of the West Kootenay-wide Food Policy Council initiative. CARRIED
- 65-16  
▶ DNA ANALYSIS COSTS  
Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #92 from the City of Abbotsford, regarding DNA Analysis costs, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor write the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting the Province to consider the detrimental effects to municipalities by downloading the costs related to the DNA Analysis Program to local governments. CARRIED
- 66-16  
▶ UNIVERSAL WATER METERS  
Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #90 from the Manager of Engineering, regarding universal water meters, be received; THAT staff is authorized to prepare an amendment to Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1439 to require that all new and upgraded water connections include the provision for the future installation of a water meter (water meter ready); AND FURTHER, THAT Council defers making a decision on universal metering until water system loss management data has improved and the Water Master Plan is updated to reflect future growth related infrastructure requirements. CARRIED
- 67-16  
▶ 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the verbal report by the Town Manager, regarding 2016 budget amendments, be received; THAT Council authorizes the deferral of the following items from the 2016 budget process and put forward for future consideration:  
- Dodds Creek Fish Study (\$25,000)  
- Market Park detailed design (\$163,000);  
AND FURTHER, THAT the Railway Boulevard sidewalk project be included in the 2016 preliminary budget, conditional upon grant funding approval for 70% of the project. CARRIED
- BYLAWS**
- 68-16  
▶ BYLAW 1837 (1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> RDGS)  
Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Drainage Amendment Bylaw No. 1837, 2016, be read a first time by title, second time by content. CARRIED
- 69-16  
▶ BYLAW 1837 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG)  
Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Drainage Amendment Bylaw No. 1837, 2016, be read a third time. CARRIED
- 70-16  
▶ STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART  
Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Strategic Priorities Chart, as amended, be received. CARRIED

- 71-16  
▶ FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Follow-Up Action List, as of January 26, 2016, be received. CARRIED
- 72-16  
▶ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- ▶ CLR BOEHMER
- Councillor Boehmer reported on his attendance at the Annual Children’s Festival.
- ▶ ACTING MAYOR COMER
- Acting Mayor Comer reported on her attendance at the Annual Children’s Festival, the Lower Kootenay Band’s Winter Wellness Challenge and Juice FM Radio’s Mayor’s Minute.
- ▶ CLR ELFORD
- Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the Annual Children’s Festival and the Lower Kootenay Band’s Winter Wellness Challenge.
- ▶ CLR SNOPEK
- Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at the Annual Children’s Festival, Creston Valley Forest Corporation and Creston Valley Blossom Festival meetings, and submitted a Council article to the Creston Valley Advance.
- ▶ CLR UNRUH
- Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at the Annual Children’s Festival, the Lower Kootenay Band’s Winter Wellness Challenge, a Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, and an interview with Juice FM Radio.
- ▶ CLR WILSON
- Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at the Annual Children’s Festival and a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting.
- ▶ MAYOR TOYOTA
- On behalf of Mayor Toyota, Acting Mayor Comer reported on his attendance at Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings, the Lower Kootenay Band’s Winter Wellness Challenge, and a Community Development Fund meeting.
- ▶ STAFF REPORTS
- Members of staff provided verbal reports on key issues and projects currently being addressed by the various Departments.
- 73-16  
▶ RECEIVE REPORTS
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the verbal Reports of Council and staff members, be received. CARRIED
- GIVING OF NOTICES**
- COTW – Mar. 1 (Special), 15, Apr. 19, 2016  
COUNCIL – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month, Feb. 23, Mar. 8, 22, Apr. 12, 26, 2016.
- QUESTION PERIOD**
- ▶ WATER METERING
- ▶ 801 VANCOUVER STREET PROPERTY
- A member of the Gallery asked if the Town proceeded with a water metering program, would the issue be put to the public through a referendum process. The Town Manager advised that it would be dependent on the amount of borrowing that would be required; the Town is legislated that over a certain threshold for borrowing amounts, the matter must be put to a public vote through a referendum or alternate approval process.
- A member of the Gallery asked if the concrete foundations at 801 Vancouver Street (also known as the ‘bunker’) were structurally sound. The Director of Municipal Services advised that 801 Vancouver Street is privately owned but when the owner brought forward a development proposal in 2015, a Structural Engineer’s report showed that the concrete foundation was structurally sound for that proposed development.
- 74-16  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING**
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
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) and (e). CARRIED
- RECONVENE**
- The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.
- 75-16
- Moved by Councillor Snopek

**ADJOURNMENT**            THAT the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2016, be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.  
CARRIED

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**

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Jen Comer  
Acting Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant