

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 8, 2016**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North.

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Elford  
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Snopek, Unruh, Wilson  
Lou Varela, Town Manager  
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering  
Mike Moore, Fire Chief  
Helene Miles, Local Government Intern  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:** Mayor Toyota

**MEDIA:** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance  
Kris Dickeson, Juice FM 94.1 Radio

**GALLERY:** Tom Mann, Creston Lions Club  
Henry Schoof, Creston Lions Club  
Rosie Schoof, Creston Lions Club  
Hugh Johnston, Creston Lions Club  
Greg Greeve, Creston Lions Club  
Ray Zimmerman, Creston Lions Club  
Larry Finley, Creston Lions Club  
Allan Clement, Resident

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

90-16  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2016, be adopted.  
CARRIED

91-16  
**MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
▶ **REGULAR FEB.** THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 23, 2016,  
23/16 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

92-16  
▶ **COMMITTEE FEB.** Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Comer  
23 & MAR. 1/16 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings held February  
23 and March 1, 2016, be received. CARRIED

**DELEGATION** Acting Mayor Elford welcomed Mr. Tom Mann and other members of the  
▶ **CRESTON LIONS** Creston Lions Club to the meeting at 4:32 p.m.  
**CLUB RE PARKING**  
**METER INITIATIVE**

The Creston Lions Club presented a proposal for a 'Kindness Meter Initiative'. This initiative would have the municipality designate a number of sites on which an old parking meter is painted and set up so that citizens can donate change as they pass by. The Creston Lions Club requested Council to approve the concept in principle and to designate a staff person to work with a Lion's Committee on details of the proposal. Upon successful discussions between the Town and the Committee, the Town could donate old parking meters to the Lions Club and designate where they can be installed. The Town would not be required to maintain the meters or collect the donated monies.

Acting Mayor Elford thanked Mr. Mann for his presentation.

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE**

93-16

- ▶ MAR. 1/16 MTG  
RECOMMENDATIONS
- ▶ CV WILDLIFE  
MGMT. AREA GRANT

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1 and 2 from the March 1, 2016 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the annual grant to the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area remain in place for the 2016 budget; THAT staff flag the annual grant provided to the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area by the Town of Creston, for review during the 2017 budget discussions; THAT staff bring forward for review by Council, prior to 2017 budget discussions, Resolution No. 48-09, Recommendation No. 2, from the February 24, 2009 Regular Council Meeting that establishes the annual funding for the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area; AND FURTHER, THAT the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area be advised of Council's intended review of the annual funding provided to that organization by the Town of Creston.

- ▶ PCSS SR. BOYS  
BASKETBALL RE  
GRANT REQUEST

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

THAT Ltr #146 from the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team, requesting a discretionary grant, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves a Discretionary Grant to the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team, in the amount of \$500, to assist with expenses for the Team to participate in the BC High School "AA" Basketball Provincial Championships. CARRIED

94-16

- ▶ KINDNESS METER  
INITIATIVE

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Ltr #93 from the Creston Lions Club, regarding a proposal for a 'Kindness Meter Initiative' to raise donations for a charitable organization in the community, be referred to staff to research further and include the proposal for a 'Kindness Meter Initiative' in the report being drafted for Council with respect to parking and revenue options in the downtown core. CARRIED

95-16

- ▶ UBCM 2016  
MEMBERSHIP

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Ltr #156 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding 2016 membership, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes payment of the 2016 UBCM membership fees for the Town of Creston, in the amount of \$3,371.28. CARRIED

96-16

- ▶ DUCK LAKE ROAD  
ACCESS

Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Ltr #149 from Mr. Cyril Colonel, regarding Duck Lake road access, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Ltr #149 from Mr. Cyril Colonel be forwarded on to the Creston Valley Wildlife Management area for a response to Mr. Colonel's concerns and requesting a copy of the written response be forwarded to the Town of Creston for information. CARRIED

97-16

- ▶ GREENHOUSES  
(COTR)

Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #141 from Bren Lukasiewich, et al, regarding the closing of the greenhouses by the College of the Rockies, Creston Campus, be received. CARRIED

98-16

- ▶ MAYOR'S POETRY  
CHALLENGE

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Ltr #139 from the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL), regarding a Mayor's Poetry Challenge, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff contact the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL), advising that Council will participate in their Mayor's Poetry Challenge and request that CBAL provide a suitable poem to be read by a local poet, at the March 22, 2016 Regular Council meeting. CARRIED

99-16

- ▶ KOOT. COLUMBIA  
DISCOVERY CENTRE  
SOCIETY RE LTR OF  
SUPPORT

Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #132 from the Kootenay Columbia Discovery Centre Society, requesting a letter of support for the removal from the Agricultural Land Reserve, land that will situate a building for a new discovery centre, be referred to the March 15, 2016 Regular Committee of the Whole meeting, pending further information being received on the proposed project, by Mayor Toyota. CARRIED

- 100-16  
▶ TRAVEL POLICY  
RE MILEAGE RATES
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Ltr #135 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding mileage rates, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes an amendment to the Town of Creston Finance Department – Transportation (Travel) Policy, Travel Expenses, by deleting .2(a) Transportation in its entirety and replacing with the following:
- (a) Travel reimbursement for the use of a member's personal vehicle, mileage will be paid at the current rate in effect as prescribed by Revenue Canada; CARRIED
- 101-16  
▶ OCP PROCESS
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the verbal report by the Town Manager, regarding progress with respect to Official Community Plan process, be received. CARRIED
- 102-16  
▶ STRATEGIC  
PRIORITIES CHART
- Moved by Councillor Willson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Strategic Priorities Chart, as amended, be received. CARRIED
- 103-16  
▶ FOLLOW UP  
ACTION LIST
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Follow-Up Action List, as of February 23, 2016, be received. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- 104-16  
▶ CV ROTARY CLUB  
RE LTR OF SUPPORT
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Ltr #161 from the Executive Assistant, regarding a request for a letter of support for the Creston Valley Rotary Club, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Creston Valley Rotary Club, acknowledging Council's support of the Rotary Club's application to Columbia Basin Trust, for funding assistance with expenses relating to the construction of a new washroom facility in Centennial Park. CARRIED
- 105-16  
▶ DOG PARK
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Mayor is authorized to submit an application to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, to requisition \$8,300.00 from the Town of Creston's portion of Community Development Funds, to the Town of Creston for improvements to the off-leash dog park. CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- ▶ CLR COMER
- Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at a College of the Rockies facility meeting.
- ▶ CLR SNOPEK
- Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Forest Corporation meeting and a Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association meeting.
- ▶ CLR WILSON
- Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, an Arts Sculpture meeting and a College of the Rockies facility meeting.
- ▶ MAYOR TOYOTA
- Acting Mayor Elford reported on behalf of Mayor Toyota on his attendance at a College of the Rockies facilities meeting, a Coffee Talk session, a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure meeting, 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.
- 106-16  
▶ 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. 15, Apr. 19, 2016  
COUNCIL – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month, Mar. 22, Apr. 12, 26, 2016  
April 27 – 29 – AKBLG (Kimberley)  
May 21 – Blossom Festival Mayor's VIP Reception and Parade  
June 3 – 6 – FCM (Winnipeg)
- QUESTION PERIOD**
- There were no questions from the media or members of the gallery.

107-16  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
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 5:40 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Resolution No. 31-16 from the March 8, 2016 Closed Meeting, be reported at the March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting, as follows:

108-16  
► **OCP CONTRACTS** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Council authorizes staff to engage Alison Mewett and William Marsh as independent contractors for development of the Official Community Plan Policy and Document, at a contract price not to exceed \$70,000.00, plus GST; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes staff to engage Kootenay Employment Society as an independent contractor for the public engagement phase of the Official Community Plan process, at a contract price not to exceed \$60,000.00, plus GST. CARRIED

109-16  
► **TOWN FLOAT** Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the verbal report by the Town Manager, regarding the status of the redesign of the Town float, be received. CARRIED

110-16  
**ADJOURNMENT** Moved by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2016, be adjourned at 5:50 p.m. CARRIED

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Jim Elford  
Acting Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant