

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 26, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10th Avenue, North.

PRESENT: Mayor Toyota
Councillors Elford, Snopek, Wilson
Councillor Unruh via teleconference
Steffan Klassen, Acting Town Manager/Dir. of Finance & Corp. Services
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Helene Miles, Community, Policy & Research Coordinator
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Councillors Boehmer and Comer

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

GALLERY: S/Sgt. Darryl Hammond, c/o Creston RCMP Detachment
Allan Clement, Resident
Bruno Schulz, Resident
Laurel Ewashen, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Cody Beebe, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Janelle Gatto, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Aloha Palmer, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Diane Oler, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Sara Oler, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Arlene May, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Stephanie Millikan, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Becky Loughran, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Brandy Dyer, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Meme Prier, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Lindsay Adsett, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Sheri Masen, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
Approximately 20 youth from the Canyon-Lister Elementary School

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

158-16
AGENDA Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016, be adopted.
CARRIED

159-16
MINUTES Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson
▶REGULAR APR. THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 12, 2016, be
12/16 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

160-16
▶COMMITTEE APR. Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Snopek
19/16 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held April 19,
2016, be received. CARRIED

DELEGATION Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Laurel Ewashen, parents and students of the
▶CANYON-LISTER Canyon-Lister Elementary School, to the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL Students Merylyn Palmer, Abbey Prier, Melody Palmer, Willow Marean
and Annika Johnson introduced the 'Be the Change Group' from the
Canyon-Lister Elementary School. A group of approximately 20 students
volunteer their time to make the world a better place. They have been
involved in raising money to build a water well in Asia and a school in
India, by picking up garbage at Duck Lake and recycling batteries to
provide zinc to children living in developing countries that suffer from zinc
deficiencies.

In 2016 the students are focusing on sustainability. In one month they saved about 1500 litres of water just by using one cup of water each time they brushed their teeth, instead of the Canadian average of 8 litres of water, per day, to brush their teeth. Right now they are fundraising to buy an education kit for a student in a developing country and they are going to buy goats and chickens to help someone feed their family and have a business selling eggs and milk.

Two months ago they joined the 'Blue Dot' movement. Blue Dot is connected to the David Suzuki Foundation which is all about educating people about how important our environment is. It is an organization that believes that every person has the right to have clean air, water and safe food. The only way to preserve water, air and food for future generations is for everyone to be a part of the solution – starting now. We need to take responsibility for our actions and do our best to prevent any more pollution. We need to educate people.

They believe that the food we eat should be free of pesticides. They believe that when we go outside, we should not have to choke on smoke in the air because someone is burning things that should be recycled or put in the compost. They believe that if you turn on your tap, you should not have to worry about it making you sick.

Following the singing of the "Blue Dot" song, the students requested Council to proclaim June 7, 2016 as "Clean Air, Water and Soil Day" in the Town of Creston.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Ewashen and all of the students for bringing their message to Council and members of the Gallery today, and advised that the Town will be granting their request for a proclamation for June 7th.

The students and their parents and Ms. Ewashen left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

DELEGATION
▶ 1ST QUARTER
RCMP REPORT

Mayor Toyota welcomed S/Sgt. Darryl Hammond, C/O Creston RCMP Detachment, to the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

S/Sgt. Hammond presented his First Quarter Report on policing in the Creston area for 2016. S/Sgt. Hammond highlighted the following:

- Organizational Chart for the Creston Detachment
- Property Crime Graphs for past three years.
- Criminal Code Crime Rate Graphs for past 36 months
- Quarterly Crime Statistic Charts for January, February, March 2016
- Criminal Record Checks (610 in last fiscal year)
- Annual Performance Plan 2015/16 – for the coming year's Plan S/Sgt.

Hammond is looking to make minor adjustments, such as:

- Increase drug and alcohol abuse education programs in the Valley
- Improve system to identify prolific offenders
- Increase community relations – police visibility (Coffee Talk, schools, etc.)
- Increase traffic enforcement
- Reduce calls for service for family violence and mental health

Mayor Toyota thanked S/Sgt. Hammond for his presentation and requested that he meet with the Teen Mentor and Teen Advocate for the Teen Action Committee, regarding having a police presence at their group events, to engage the youth.

COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
161-16
▶ APR. 19/16 MTG
RECOMMENDATIONS
▶ WILDFIRE PROT.
GRANT FUNDING

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1 to 8, from the April 19, 2016 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT Ltr #256 from the Fire Chief, regarding updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities, for grant funding to update the current Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Town of Creston.

- AKBLG
RESOLUTION RE
HWY. MAINT.
CONTRACTS
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**
THAT Ltr #258 from the City of Fernie, requesting support of a late resolution to the 2016 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments annual conference, with respect to highways maintenance contracts, be received.
- AKBLG
RESOLUTION RE AIR
BNB & VRBO
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**
THAT Ltr #260 from the City of Fernie, requesting support of a late resolution to the 2016 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments annual conference, with respect to Air BNB and VRBO, be received.
- SCHIKURSKI PUMP
STATION UPGRADE
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:**
THAT Ltr #262 from the Manager of Engineering, regarding funding for Schikurski Pump Station upgrade, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to submit an application under the Second Intake of the New Build Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund, for funding assistance for the Schikurski Pump Station Upgrade.
- SD#8 RE
FACILITIES REVIEW
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:**
THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Board of Trustees for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), expressing concerns with the draft Facilities Review, and requesting an opportunity for discussion prior to the Board of Trustees making a final decision with respect to the proposed Facilities Review and the disposition of certain school owned properties in the Creston area.
- TAX CERTIFICATE
SEARCH FEE
STRUCTURE
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:**
THAT Ltr #266 from the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, regarding the fee structure for tax certificate searches, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes staff to prepare the necessary bylaw to amend the fee charged for in-house tax certificate searches from \$20.00 per search to \$40.00 per search and the fee for on-line tax certificate searches to be set at \$20.00, plus the on-line provider fee of \$15.75, for a total on-line tax certificate search fee of \$35.75 per search.
- 2016 TAX RATE
SETTING
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 7:**
THAT Ltr #259 from the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, regarding the setting of the 2016 Tax (Mill) Rates for the Town of Creston, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council will consider three readings to Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1839, 2016 at the April 26, 2016 Regular meeting.
- CBT COMMUNITY
INITIATIVES
PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATIONS 2016
- RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:**
THAT Ltr #211 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program funding applications for 2016, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council recommends to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, approval of funding to the following applicants with respect to the Town of Creston allocation of funds under the Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program 2016 intake:
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| Canadian Red Cross..... | \$5,426 |
| Canyon Community Association | \$3,279 |
| Central Kootenay Spay/Neuter Animal Program Society..... | \$2,500 |
| Cresteramics Society | \$3,345 |
| Creston & District Museum Society | \$1,929 |
| Creston & District Society for Community Living | \$5,250 |
| Creston Community Band..... | \$500 |
| Creston Firefighters Society..... | \$1,349 |
| Creston Valley 4-H Club..... | \$750 |
| Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association..... | \$4,899 |
| Creston Valley Fall Fair..... | \$3,917 |
| Creston Valley Figure Skating Club | \$1,429 |
| Creston Valley Food Action Coalition..... | \$2,083 |
| Creston Valley Gymnastics Club..... | \$4,000 |
| Creston Valley Herb Gathering Society..... | \$1,243 |
| Creston Valley Hospice Society | \$1,200 |
| Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society..... | \$1,523 |
| Creston Valley Music Teachers Association..... | \$2,905 |
| Creston Valley Rotary Club..... | \$2,000 |
| Creston Valley Search & Rescue Society | \$1,375 |
| East Kootenay Mining History Association | \$348 |

Health Arts Society	\$1,171
Karate BC	\$107
Kootenay Boundary Regional Health Foundation.....	\$786
Kootenay Council of Seniors.....	\$536
Kootenay Regional Association for Community Living	\$4,847
Lister Community Association.....	\$1,893
Northern BC Friends of Children	\$1,429
Quilts 4-Kids	\$496
Royal Canadian Legion #29 Creston.....	\$2,605
SQx Danza	\$4,669
Stepping Stones for Success	\$300
Valley Community Services	\$4,714
Wildflower Creston.....	\$1,000
TOTAL.....	\$75,801

CARRIED

162-16
▶ CLEAN AIR,
WATER & SOIL DAY

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Snopek
THAT Ltr #252 from the Canyon-Lister Elementary School, requesting a proclamation for 'Clean Air, Water and Soil Day' on June 7, 2016, be received; THAT the Mayor issue a Proclamation for June 7, 2016 as 'Clean Air, Water and Soil Day' in the Town of Creston; AND FURTHER, THAT staff write the Canyon-Lister Elementary School, advising of programs the Town of Creston are carrying out to help sustain a clean environment and conserve water. CARRIED

163-16
▶ 1ST QUARTER
RCMP REPORT

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Ltr #68 from S/Sgt. Darryl Hammond, C/O Creston RCMP Detachment, regarding the First Quarter Police report for the Creston area, be received. CARRIED

164-16
▶ BC ASSESSMENT
INVITATION

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT Ltr #273 from BC Assessment, regarding an invitation to meet at the 2016 Union of BC Municipalities Conference, be received. CARRIED

165-16
▶ OCP ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT Ltr #276, being the minutes from the April 14, 2016 Official Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting, be received. CARRIED

166-16
▶ BC GOV'T. EMP.
UNION RE WINE IN
GROCERY STORES

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT Ltr #270 from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union, regarding the sale of wine in grocery stores and a request to implement a six month moratorium on grocery store sales of wine, be received. CARRIED

167-16
▶ ELKFORD PARADE

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Ltr #257 from the District of Elkford, regarding an invitation to the Elkford Wildcat Days Parade, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT a member of Council is authorized to attend the Wildcat Days Parade in Elkford, BC on July 2, 2016, with expenses paid as per Policy. CARRIED

168-16
▶ TRANSPORTATION
& ACCOMMODATION
SERVICES IN BC

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT Ltr #254 from the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, seeking comments with respect to the provision of transportation and accommodation services in British Columbia, be received. CARRIED

169-16
▶ 2016 MICRO
SURFACING PROG.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek
THAT Ltr #263 from the Manager of Engineering, regarding the tender award for the 2016 Micro Surfacing Program, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council awards the 2016 Micro Surfacing Program contract for the Town of Creston to West-Can Seal Coating Inc. in the amount of \$345,000.00 (excluding GST), as they were the lowest tender meeting the Town's specifications. CARRIED

170-16
▶ FEES & CHARGES
BYLAW
AMENDMENTS

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT Ltr #277 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding amendments to Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1763, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council consider three readings to Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1840, 2016, at the April 26, 2016 Regular meeting. CARRIED

BYLAWS

- 171-16
► BYLAW 1839
(1ST & 2ND RDGS) Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1839, 2016, be read a first time by title,
second time by content. CARRIED
- 172-16
► BYLAW 1839
(3RD RDG) Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1839, 2016, be read a third time. CARRIED
- 173-16
► BYLAW 1840
(1ST & 2ND RDGS) Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1840, 2016, be read a
first time by title, second time by content. CARRIED
- 174-16
► BYLAW 1840
(3RD RDG) Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Snopek
THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1840, 2016, be read a
third time. CARRIED
- 175-16
► BYLAW 1838
(ADOPTION) Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Five Year Financial Plan (2016 – 2020) Bylaw No. 1838, 2016, be
adopted. CARRIED
- 176-16
► BYLAW 1841
(ADOPTION) Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1841, 2016,
be adopted. CARRIED
- 177-16
► BYLAW 1842
(ADOPTION) Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1841, 2016, be
adopted. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- 178-16
► AUTOMOTIVE
SWAP MEET Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Snopek
THAT Ltr #283 from Jim Gardner, requesting use of Town property to hold
an Automotive Swap Meet, be received; THAT Council authorizes staff to
enter into a Licence of Occupation with Mr. Jim Gardner, for use of the
property on 16th Avenue South, immediately north and south of Millennium
Park, being a portion of Lot A, District Lot 891, Kootenay District, Plan
NEP21665 (401 – 16th Avenue South), for an automotive swap meet on
August 27, 2016; AND FURTHER, THAT the sani-dump located in the
parking area for Millennium Park be closed to the public on August 27,
2016. CARRIED
- 179-16
► COORS BANQUET
NOMINATION Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Ltr #282 from Molson Coors Canada, regarding a Coors Banquet
One Horse Town event, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise
Molson Coors Canada that the Town of Creston is interested in further
discussing the nomination of the Town of Creston, as a destination for a
Coors Banquet and One Horse Town Concert event. CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPS.

- CLR ELFORD Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at an Airport Society meeting,
and Official Community Plan Advisory Committee meeting, and a Sports
Wall of Fame meeting.
- CLR SNOPEK Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom
Festival Association meeting.
- CLR UNRUH Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at an Economic Development
Workshop in Kimberley.
- CLR WILSON Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom
Festival Association meeting, a Creston-Kootenay Foundation meeting,
and the official re-opening of the Creston Hospital Emergency Ward.
- MAYOR TOYOTA Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at Regional District of Central
Kootenay meetings, a Creston Valley Wildlife Management Interpretive
Centre meeting, an Airport Society meeting and a Mayor's Coffee Talk
session.

- 180-16
► RECEIVE
REPORTS Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT the verbal Reports of Council, be received. CARRIED

GIVING OF NOTICES COTW – May 17, June 21, 2016
COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month, May 10, 24, June 14, 28, 2016
April 27 – 29 – AKBLG (Kimberley)
April 29 – 30 – Trade Fair
May 1 – Dash For Trash
May 21 – Blossom Festival Mayor’s VIP Reception and Parade
June 3 – 6 – FCM (Winnipeg)
July 1 – Canada Day

QUESTION PERIOD There were no questions from the media or members of the Gallery.

181-16
MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford
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 6:08 p.m.

182-16
ADJOURNMENT Moved by Councillor Unruh
THAT the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016, be adjourned at 6:10 p.m.
CARRIED

**CERTIFIED
CORRECT:**

Ron Toyota
Mayor

Bev Caldwell
Executive Assistant