

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN OF CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 – 10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT** Mayor Ron Toyota  
Councillor Jen Comer  
Councillor Karen Unruh  
Councillor Joanna Wilson

**REGRETS** Councillor Arnold DeBoon  
Councillor Jim Elford  
Councillor Ellen Tzakis

**STAFF** Mike Moore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ross Beddoes, Director of Community Services  
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services  
Jared Riel, Fire Chief  
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant  
Kirsten Dunbar, Community & Corporate Services Research & Policy Coordinator  
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer

**MEDIA** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance  
Jensen Shields, Juice FM

**GALLERY** Dallas Magrum, Resident  
Allan Clement, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Toyota called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

52-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTES**

53-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

54-20 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Minutes of the Special Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the new staff member for the Town of Creston, Ms. Kirsten Dunbar. Ms. Dunbar will be filling the position of Community and Corporate Services Research & Policy Coordinator. Members of Council welcomed Ms. Dunbar to the Town of Creston.

**DELEGATIONS**

- None at this time.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Public Meeting re Five Year Financial Plan**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the proposed Five Year Financial Plan and 2020 proposed budget for the Town of Creston to Council and members of the Gallery. This meeting was posted to the public and offered an opportunity for members of the public to provide comment, etc. on the proposed Financial Plan and 2020 budget. Following his presentation, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services asked if there were any questions from members of the Gallery or of Council, of which there were none.

55-20 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the presentation and verbal report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, with respect to the proposed Five Year Financial Plan and the 2020 proposed budget for the Town of Creston, be received. MOTION CARRIED

**Five Year Financial Plan**

56-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT Recommendation No. 1 from the Special Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the presentation from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the proposed 2020 Budget and Five Year Financial Plan for the Town of Creston, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff prepare the Five Year Financial Plan (2020 – 2024) Bylaw for Council's consideration at the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**NOTE: Recommendation No. 2 was brought forward for adoption at the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.**

**Resolution Submission re AKBLG Conference**

57-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT Recommendation No. 3 from the Special Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**

THAT Recommendation No. 2 from the Special Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with respect to submitting a resolution to the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments' 2020 Annual Conference, be brought forward to the Regular Council Meeting of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for adoption. MOTION CARRIED

**Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club re Donation Request**

58-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT the request from the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club for a donation to their Annual Banquet, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes a donation of one duffle bag, one Town hat and one Town T-Shirt to the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club's Annual Wild Game Banquet Dinner and Awards Night event for 2020. MOTION CARRIED

**RDCK Invitation to Attend a Compost Workshop**

59-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT the invitation from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, to participate in a networking and information sharing Workshop, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT one member of Council is authorized to attend the Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional Compost Workshop in Nelson on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with expenses paid as per Policy. MOTION CARRIED

**Creston Curling Club re Discretionary Grant Request**

60-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
 THAT the request from the Creston Curling Club, for a Discretionary Grant, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council declines the request from the Creston Curling Club for a Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$500, to assist with expenses for two teams from the Creston Curling Club to attend the Zone 2 BC Interior Curling Association Championships in Penticton and Summerland in 2020. MOTION CARRIED

**Request to Ban the Use of 'Roundup'**

61-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
 THAT the correspondence from Ms. Susan Eyre, regarding the ban of the use of 'Roundup' in the Town of Creston, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff write Ms. Eyre, advising that banning the sale of the product 'Roundup' would be a Provincial regulation and not in the control of the Town of Creston, and further advise that the Town of Creston does not use the product 'Roundup' as a herbicide control product except in extreme circumstances and under the advisement of the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society, when eradication of hazardous weeds or plants through manual efforts have been ineffective. MOTION CARRIED

**City of Vernon re Emergency Management Legislation**

- 62-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT correspondence from the City of Vernon, being a copy of a letter sent to Emergency Management BC, with respect to the proposed modernization of emergency management legislation in British Columbia, be received.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Swift Internet re Letter of Support**

- 63-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Mayor is authorized to write a letter in support of the application for funding under the Northern Development Initiative Trust, Connecting British Columbia Program, by Swift Internet, with respect to upgrading broadband infrastructure in rural areas within the Creston Valley.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Spirit of Creston Square Murals**

- 64-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding the Spirit of Creston Square murals, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs staff to submit a Public Art Grant Application to the Columbia Basin Trust, for funding to assist in facilitating the replacement of the Spirit of Creston Square murals, located on the west façade of 1118 Canyon Street (Pharmasave).  
MOTION CARRIED

**Crawford Hill Reservoir Restoration Project**

- 65-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the News Release from the Columbia Basin Trust, advising that the grant application from the Town of Creston for funding to assist with the costs for the restoration of the Crawford Hill Reservoir (Creston Open Reservoir Restoration Project), has been approved in the amount of \$75,000, be received. MOTION CARRIED

**BYLAWS****Property Maintenance Amendment Bylaw No. 1906, 2020**

- 66-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Property Maintenance Amendment Bylaw No. 1906, 2020, be adopted.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2020**

- 67-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2020, be adopted.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Five Year Financial Plan (2020 – 2024) Bylaw No. 1899, 2020**

- 68-20 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Five Year Financial Plan (2020 – 2024) Bylaw No. 1899, 2020, be read a first time by title and second time by content.  
MOTION CARRIED

- 69-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Five Year Financial Plan (2020 – 2024) Bylaw No. 1899, 2020, be read a third time by title.  
MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business at this time.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at a Winterfest / Santa Parade wrap up meeting, a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, and a Creston Valley Health Working Group meeting.

Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting.

70-20

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the verbal reports of Council and staff, be received as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**GIVING OF NOTICES**

- COTW – February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- COUNCIL – February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- SPECIAL COUNCIL – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Budget Bylaw)

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Mr. Jensen Shields asked what the \$75,000 grant funding from Columbia Basin Trust for the restoration of the Crawford Hill Reservoir site, would be used for. The Chief Administrative Officer stated that there would be a constant flow of water through the site in developing the area for wetlands. Funding would also be spent on infrastructure, landscaping, removing the man-made diking, etc.

Mr. Shields asked if there would be a wooden observation deck built at the site. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there is an opportunity for the Town to work with non-profit organizations in creating the area for public use/park space.

Mr. Shields asked if the Regional District of Central Kootenay was on board with this project, as it would involve the decommissioning of its reservoir located further up on the site. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Regional District is on board with this restoration project.

Mr. Lorne Eckersley asked if all of the ponds were lined. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Erickson reservoir site was lined and it is unknown if lining is involved for the other areas at this point.

Mr. Eckersley asked if the replacement murals in the Spirit of Creston Square would have a base that is lasting. The Director of Community Services advised that the Town has been in consultation with Chemanius in the Cowichan Valley Regional District, which is known for its murals, and the new murals will have a longer lasting base applied prior to the murals being painted.

Ms. Dallas Magrum stated that she has noted that it has been some time since the local RCMP Detachment has made a presentation to Council and she was wondering about the status of the RCMP lease and the costs associated with that lease. Mayor Toyota advised that the local Staff Sergeant will be coming to Council in the next month to provide the Quarterly Review for the Creston RCMP Detachment.

**RECESS AND MOVE TO A CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

71-20

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be recessed at 4:54 p.m. and by authority of the *Community Charter*, Council move to a Closed Council Meeting with this meeting being closed from the public and/or news media pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(a) personnel issues and (c) labour relations affecting the municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

**RECONVENE**

The Regular Council Meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING**

**Closed Council Meeting Policy**

72-20

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Resolution No. 19-20 from the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Closed Council Meeting, be reported to the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

THAT staff bring forward the Closed Council Meeting Policy, GOV-001-036 to the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Committee of the Whole meeting, for Council's review.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

73-20

Moved by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Mayor Ron Toyota

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Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer