

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN OF CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238-10TH AVENUE NORTH ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Toyota
Councillor Jen Comer
Councillor Jim Elford
Councillor Ellen Tzakis
Councillor Karen Unruh

REGRETS: Councillor Arnold DeBoon
Councillor Joanna Wilson

STAFF: Ross Beddoes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Community Services
Ferd Schmidt, Director of Infrastructure Services
Jared Riel, Fire Chief
Kirsten Dunbar, Community & Corp. Services Research & Policy Coord.
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer

MEDIA: Jensen Shields, Juice FM

GALLERY: Carla Ahern, Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society
Marc-Andre Beaucher, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area
Allan Clement, Creston Resident
Dallas Magrum, Creston Resident

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the Regular Council meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA
79-20 Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of February 25, 2020, be adopted as amended, with the addition of items: l) Request from Stay Live Productions regarding a letter of support for Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT) funding for Battle of the Bands, and m) Request from Councillor Elford, regarding the Town of Creston's representation at the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative.
MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES
80-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer
▶ **REGULAR COUNCIL** THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 11, 2020, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
MTG. FEB. 11, 2020

81-20 Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor Comer
▶ **SPECIAL COUNCIL** THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held February 18, 2020, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
MTG. FEB. 18, 2020

82-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
▶ **COTW MTG. FEB. 18,** THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 18, 2020, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
2020

DELEGATIONS

▶ **CVWMA & KCDCS** Mayor Toyota welcomed Mr. Marc-Andre Beaucher and Ms. Carla Ahern of the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) and Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society (KCDCS) to the meeting at 4:02 P.M.
ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Beaucher, Head of Conservation Programs for CVWMA, presented an update on annual funding for the CVWMA for 2019/2020. He summarized activities undertaken in 2019/2020, including the demolition of the Wildlife Centre structure, the purchase and pending installation of a floating walkway, important bird and biodiversity area interpretive signs, and trail map signs for Corn Creek Marsh. Further to this Mr. Beaucher, presented an overview of funding sources for CVWMA, acknowledging the annual grant funding provided by the Town of Creston, in the amount of \$10,900.00. He noted that with the grant from the Town of Creston the CVWMA is able to leverage other funding and continue to implement CVWMA projects.

Ms. Ahern, Senior Manager at KCDCS, presented a summary of the Society's activities in 2019. She presented an overview of visitor numbers, programs delivered, tours, special events hosted, future program planning, promotions and communications. Ms. Ahern noted in 2019 the Centre was open for 122 days, welcoming more than 5,100 visitors.

Councillor Elford asked for a progress update on the construction of the new Discovery Centre. Ms. Ahern noted that KCDCS has consulted with experienced project developers and multi-disciplinary consultancies to determine next steps; further to this, KCDCS is in talks with other parties regarding possible partnerships.

Mayor Toyota thanked Mr. Beaucher and Ms. Ahern for their presentations and Mr. Beaucher and Ms. Ahern left the meeting at 4:16 P.M.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| <p>83-20
▶ CVWMA & KCDCS ANNUAL REPORT</p> | <p>Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Tzakis
THAT the 2019/2020 Update on Annual Funding for the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) and the Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society (KCDCS), 2019 Summary of Activities, presented by Marc-Andre Beaucher, Head of Conservation Programs for CVWMA and Carla Ahern, Senior Manager at KCDCS, be received.
MOTION CARRIED</p> |
| <p>84-20
▶ RECOMMENDATIONS COTW MTG. FEB. 18, 2020</p> | <p>Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Recommendation Nos. 1 to 9 from the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held February 18, 2020, be adopted as follows:</p> |
| <p>▶ CV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RE: MEMBERSHIP</p> | <p>RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:
THAT the invitation from the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding membership, be received; THAT, Council directs staff to survey other local governments in the Kootenay Region to ascertain if they are members of their respective Chambers of Commerce; AND FURTHER, THAT staff bring the results of that survey back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.</p> |
| <p>▶ CITY OF PORT MOODY RE: NATIONAL PHARMACARE PROGRAM</p> | <p>RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:
THAT the request from the City of Port Moody to support a Universal Public National Pharmacare Program, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Federal Minister of Health in support of a Universal Public National Pharmacare Program.</p> |
| <p>▶ VEHICLE IDLING REGULATIONS</p> | <p>RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:
THAT correspondence from Brian Grant, Dianne Grant, Diane Furlong, Clements Verhoeven, Jackie Moore, Alexandra Ewashen, Drew Galius and Joanne Galius; all regarding the establishment of vehicle idling regulations in the Town of Creston, be received.</p> |
| <p>▶ AIR QUALITY POLICY</p> | <p>RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:
THAT the Council Direction Request and Staff Briefing Note from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding an Air Quality Policy, be received; THAT, Policy HUM-002-011 (Vehicle Idling Control Policy) is hereby rescinded; THAT, Council consider a new policy HUM-002-011 (Municipal Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix "I", at a future Regular Council meeting; THAT, Policy SER-009-001 (No Smoking in Public Policy) is hereby rescinded; AND FURTHER, THAT Council consider a new policy SER-009-001 (Clean Air in Public Spaces Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix "II", at a future Regular Council meeting.</p> |
| <p>▶ RDCK RE: AIR QUALITY CONTROL</p> | <p>RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:
THAT the Mayor write the Regional District of Central Kootenay, to request that the Regional District consider taking a policy approach with respect to air quality in the Creston Valley related to open burning, vehicle idling and solid fuel burning appliances.</p> |

► STAFF TRAINING &
DEVELOPMENT
POLICY

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:

THAT the Council Direction Request from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Staff Training and Development Policy, be received; THAT Policy HUM-004-001 (Training and Development Policy) is hereby rescinded; AND FURTHER, THAT council consider a new policy HUM-004-001(Training and Development Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix “III”, at a future Regular Council meeting.

► CLOSED COUNCIL
MEETING POLICY

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7:

THAT The verbal report by the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Closed Council Meeting Policy, be received; THAT, staff is directed to conduct a survey of several local governments as to their procedures with respect to Closed Council Meeting Policies and bring the results of that survey to a Regular Council Meeting for information; AND FURTHER, THAT, Council directs staff to bring forward a revised Closed Council Meeting Policy (GOV-001-036) for consideration at a future Regular Council meeting.

► RDCK RURAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:

THAT the invitation from the Regional District of Central Kootenay Rural Affairs Committee to attend the Rural Affairs Committee meeting, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Mayor Toyota and Councillor Elford are authorized to attend the Rural Affairs Committee in Nelson on February 19, 2020, with expenses paid as per Policy.

► CRAWFORD HILL
RESERVOIR SITE

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9:

THAT the Council Direction Request and Staff Briefing Note from the Director of Community Services regarding the Crawford Hill Reservoir Site, be received; THAT, Council directs staff to complete the environmental restoration of the former open water reservoirs as per funding received from Columbia Basin Trust in the amount of \$75,000.00; THAT, staff draft a preliminary development plan for the reservoir site to be used as public open space with consideration of the public input received to date; AND FURTHER, THAT staff present the development plan at an upcoming public meeting to seek further public input.

MOTION CARRIED

85-20
► CV THUNDERCATS
REQUEST FOR
ADVERTISING
SUPPORT

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT the invoice from the Creston Valley Thundercats Junior B Hockey Club, regarding annual advertising, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves advertising in the Creston Valley Thundercats Junior B Hockey Club 2020/2021 Program, and Rink Board advertising, for a total expenditure of \$1,726.25 to be allocated from Council's 2020 Advertising Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

86-20
► GRANT REQUEST
RE: ZONE 7 55 +
SENIOR GAMES

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT the request from the Zone 7 55+, BC Senior Games, for a Discretionary Grant, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council declines the request from Zone 7 55+, BC Senior Games for a Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$500.00, to assist with expenses for member participation in the BC Senior Games in Richmond BC, in September 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

87-20
► GRANT REQUEST
RE: PCSS GIRLS
BASKETBALL

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh

THAT the request from the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team, for a Discretionary Grant, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the request from the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team, for a Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$500.00, to assist with expenses associated with participation in the Provincial Basketball Championships, in Langley BC, in February 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

88-20
► WILDERNESS
COMMITTEE RE:
TRANS MTN. PIPELINE

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Tzakis

THAT the correspondence from the Wilderness Committee regarding the Trans Mountain Pipeline, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

- 89-20
► CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING POLICY
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the Council Direction Request from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Closed Council Meeting Policy, be received; THAT Policy GOV-001-036 (Closed Council Policy) is hereby rescinded; AND FURTHER, THAT the new GOV-001-036 (Closed Council Meeting Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix “I”, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
- 90-20
► TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT Policy HUM-004-001 (Training and Development Policy) is hereby rescinded; AND FURTHER, THAT the new Policy HUM-004-001 (Training and Development Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix “II”, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
- 91-20
► MUNICIPAL VEHICLE IDLING POLICY
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT Policy HUM-002-011 (Vehicle Idling Control Policy) is hereby rescinded; AND FURTHER, THAT the new Policy HUM-002-011 (Municipal Vehicle Idling Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix “III”, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
- 92-20
► CLEAN AIR IN PUBLIC SPACES POLICY
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Policy SER-009-001 (No Smoking in Public Spaces Policy) is hereby rescinded; AND FURTHER, THAT the new Policy SER-009-001 (Clean Air in Public Spaces Policy), a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix “IV”, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED
- 93-20
► DELAYED LATE PAYMENT FOR BUSINESS LICENCES
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding delaying the deadline for the late payment fee for 2020 Business Licences, be received; THAT, Council extends the deadline for the payment of 2020 Business Licences from January 31, 2020 to March, 15, 2020; THAT Council delays the application of the \$20.00 late payment fee for Business Licence fees not paid by January 31 to March 16, 2020; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to reimburse the \$20.00 late payment fee to those businesses that paid the fee prior to March 16, 2020. MOTION CARRIED
- 94-20
► STAY LIVE PRODUCTIONS RE: LTR OF SUPPORT
- Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the Mayor is authorized to write a letter of support for Stay Live Productions’ application for funding from the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust, with respect to the “Battle of the Bands” Concert in the Creston Valley. MOTION CARRIED
- 95-20
► KOOTENAY FOREST SECTOR COLLABORATIVE
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT Council appoints Councillor Elford as the Town of Creston’s representative to the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative Working Group for the year 2020; AND FURTHER, THAT Councillor Elford is authorized to claim expenses paid as per Policy for any out of town travel to meetings associated with the Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- CLR ELFORD
- Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at a Regional District of Central Kootenay Rural Affairs Committee meeting, a Creston Community Forest meeting and a Kootenay Forest Sector Collaborative meeting.
- CLR TZAKIS
- Councillor Tzakis reported on her attendance at the Creston Valley Business Awards Gala.
- CLR UNRUH
- Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at the Kootenay East Regional Hospital District meeting.

► **MAYOR TOYOTA** The Mayor reported on his attendance at Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings and a Municipal Finance Authority BC Conference Call.

96-20
► **RECEIVE REPORTS** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT the verbal reports of Council, be received as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

GIVING OF NOTICES

- COTW – March 17, April 21, 2020
- SPECIAL COTW – April 14, 2020 (Review of Tax Rates)
- COUNCIL – March 10 & 24, April 14, 2020
- SPECIAL COUNCIL – April 21, 2020
- AKBLG – April 24-26, 2020

QUESTION PERIOD There were no questions from members of the gallery.

97-20
► **RECESS AND MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2020 be recessed at 4:32 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)(c) labour relations and (g) litigation affecting the municipality.
MOTION CARRIED

RECONVENE The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 4:42 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING No resolutions.

98-20
ADJOURNMENT Moved by Councillor Elford
THAT the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2020 be adjourned at 4:42 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Ron Toyota
Mayor

Bev Caldwell
Corporate Officer