

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 4:00 pm.  
Held Electronically via Webex in Accordance with Ministerial Order No. M139

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Toyota  
Councillor Arnold DeBoon  
Councillor Jen Comer  
Councillor Jim Elford  
Councillor Ellen Tzakis  
Councillor Karen Unruh  
Councillor Joanna Wilson

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

MEDIA: Jensen Shields, JuiceFM  
Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 4:12 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

***Resolution #: 142-20***

Moved by Councillor DeBoon

Seconded by Councillor Elford

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes- April 14, 2020.**

***Resolution #: 143-20***

Moved by Councillor Comer

Seconded by Councillor Unruh

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 14, 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**b. Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2020.**

***Resolution #: 144-20***

Moved by Councillor Unruh

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held April 21, 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS**

None

5. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- a. **Recommendations from the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 21, 2020.**

***Resolution #: 145-20***

Moved by Councillor Comer

Seconded by Councillor Elford

THAT Recommendation Nos. 1 to 3 from the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 21, 2020, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the request from the Horse Association of Central Kootenay, for a discretionary grant to assist with expenses related to hosting Youth Horse Camps in the West Kootenay area in June and September 2020, be declined.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

THAT the Columbia Basin Trust / Community Initiatives Program grant applications and 2020 grant awards, be deferred to the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020, for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**

THAT the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer with regards to the status of the Emergency Operations Centre and the COVID-19 Pandemic, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. **Child Find British Columbia, regarding the proclamation of National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day.**

***Resolution #: 146-20***

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor Unruh

THAT the correspondence from Child Find British Columbia, regarding the proclamation of National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to issue a Proclamation to declare May 2020 Missing Children's Month and May 25, 2020 Missing Children's Day in the Town of Creston.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. **The City of North Vancouver, regarding their request to the Province to include a Financial Hardship Program to the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program.**

***Resolution #: 147-20***

Moved by Councillor Unruh

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the correspondence from the City of North Vancouver, regarding their request to the Province to include a Financial Hardship Program to the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of the City of North Vancouver's request to include a Financial Hardship Program to the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program.

MOTION CARRIED

- d. **The Village of Hazelton, requesting support of their resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities 2020 Conference, with respect to the Community Gaming Grants Program.**

***Resolution #: 148-20***

Moved by Councillor Tzakis

Seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT the correspondence from the Village of Hazelton, requesting support of their resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities 2020 Conference, with respect to the Community Gaming Grants Program, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Union of BC Municipalities advising of Council's support of the Village of Hazelton's resolution regarding the eligibility of communities under 10,000 to apply for the Community Gaming Grants Program for Arts and Culture, Sport, Public Safety, Environment and/or Social Services.

MOTION CARRIED

- e. **The Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers, regarding their request to the Province to modify cannabis retail regulations in response to COVID-19.**

***Resolution #: 149-20***

Moved by Councillor Unruh

Seconded by Councillor Tzakis

THAT the correspondence from the Association Canadian Cannabis Retailers and Sticks and Stones Cannabis Co., regarding their request to the Province to modify cannabis retail regulations in response to COVID-19, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

- f. **Shaw Communications, regarding Shaw Communications community initiatives to support residents and businesses during COVID-19.**

***Resolution #: 150-20***

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the correspondence from Shaw Communications, regarding Shaw Communications community initiatives to support residents and businesses during COVID-19, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

- g. **Council Report from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding a financial update on the 2020 Budget and implications of the COVID-19 pandemic response.**

***Resolution #: 151-20***

Moved by Councillor Unruh

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the Council Report from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding a financial update on the 2020 Budget and implications of the COVID-19 pandemic response, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

- h. **Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding the Creston Valley Public Art Connection, 2020 Sculpture Placement.**

**Resolution #: 152-20**

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor Wilson

THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding the Creston Valley Public Art Connection, 2020 Sculpture Placement, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council supports the installation of the "Let's Go" sculpture on the front lawn of Town Hall at 238-10th Avenue North, by the Creston Valley Public Art Connection. MOTION CARRIED

- i. **Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding Summit Peak Brewing Co. Lounge Endorsement Application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.**

**Resolution #: 153-20**

Moved by Councillor Unruh

Seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding the application from Summit Peak Brewing Co. to the British Columbia Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for a Lounge Endorsement, be received; THAT Council supports the application by Summit Peak Brewing Co. for the "Lounge Endorsement" for the premises located at 125-16th Avenue North, Creston, pending a successful zoning amendment to include "Breweries and Distilleries - Minor" as a permitted use within the C-1, General Commercial Zone; AND FURTHER, THAT the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch be advised that Council "opts out" of the public process with respect to this application.

MOTION CARRIED

- j. **Request for Decision from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the option to defer the Municipal Property Tax Sale.**

**Resolution #: 154-20**

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor Tzakis

THAT the Request for Decision from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the option to defer the Municipal Property Tax Sale, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs Staff not to defer the 2020 tax sale of properties in arrears to 2021. MOTION CARRIED

- k. **Request for Decision from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, requesting Council's authorization to change the employee extended health benefits provider.**

**Resolution #: 155-20**

Moved by Councillor DeBoon

Seconded by Councillor Unruh

THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, requesting Council's authorization to change the employee extended health benefits provider, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT, Council directs Staff to change the employee extended health benefits provider to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) administered group benefits program provided by Pacific Blue Cross. MOTION CARRIED

- I. **Verbal report from the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director, regarding the status of the EOC and the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**Resolution #: 156-20**

Moved by Councillor Unruh

Seconded by Councillor Elford

THAT the verbal report from the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director, regarding the status of the EOC and the COVID-19 Pandemic, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BYLAWS**

- a. **Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1913, 2020 (1st and 2nd Readings)**

**Resolution #: 157-20**

Moved by Councillor DeBoon

Seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1913, 2020 be read a first time by title, a second time by content.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. **Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1913, 2020 (3rd Reading)**

**Resolution #: 158-20**

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor Unruh

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1913, 2020, be read a third time by title.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. **Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1913, 2020 (Adoption)**

**Resolution #: 159-20**

Moved by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1913, 2020, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

8. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

- a. **Council Member Verbal Reports**

None

- b. **Staff Verbal Reports (first meeting of each month)**

**Resolution #: 160-20**

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the verbal reports of staff, be received as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **GIVING OF NOTICES**

May 26, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole – CIP/CBT

May 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

June 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from members of the gallery.

**11. RECESS AND MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING**

***Resolution #: 161-20***

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2020 be recessed at 5:19 pm and by the authority of the *Community Charter*, Council move to a Closed Council Meeting with this meeting be closed from the public and/or news media pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(c) labour relations. MOTION CARRIED

**12. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 5:29 pm.

**13. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

***Resolution #: 162-20***

Moved by Councillor Comer

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2020 be adjourned at 5:29 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Ron Toyota  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Corporate Officer