

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2017

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

- PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Kevin Boehmer
Councillors Comer, Elford (via teleconference), Unruh, Wilson
- ABSENT:** Mayor Toyota
- ALSO PRESENT:** Steffan Klassen, Acting Town Manager, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant
- GALLERY:** Diane Tammen, Community Relations, East Kootenay, BC Hydro
Darren Sherbot, Senior Engineer, Operations Planning, BC Hydro
Michael Kozak, Engineer, Operations Planning, BC Hydro
Sally MacDonald, Community Relations, East Kootenay, BC Hydro
Joel Fenolio, Upper Columbia SR. Water Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Steve Barton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Scott Lawrence, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jason Flory, Biologist & White Sturgeon Recovery team Lead, U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Director Garry Jackman, RDCK Area A
Adam Casemore, Creston, BC
Kyra Steele, Juice FM Radio
- CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Mayor Boehmer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 16, 2017, be adopted. CARRIED
- DELEGATION:** Acting Mayor Boehmer welcomed Ms. Diane Tammen, Community Relations, East Kootenay, BC Hydro and members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to the meeting at 3:05 p.m.
- BC HYDRO ANNUAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE
Ms. Tammen and representatives from BC Hydro, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, presented their Annual Operational Update, which included the following discussion topics:
- BC Hydro system update (overall energy supply, import/export activity)
- Agreements, i.e. Columbia River Treaty, Libby Coordination Agreement
- Snow course data, streamflow forecasts and expected operations in the Kootenay Basin (Duncan, Kootenay Lake)
- Kooanus Reservoir/Libby operations
- Kootenay Lake 2017 actual and forecast levels
- U.S. sturgeon and bull fish operations
- BC Hydro – Status Update
- Ms. Tammen reported that in 2017, BC Hydro will once again be providing financial support to the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area; and through their grant program, supporting other non-profit groups in the East Kootenay area.
- Acting Mayor Boehmer thanked Ms. Tammen and representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for their presentations, which Council members found to be very informative.

All members of the Gallery left the meeting at 4:24 p.m., with the exception of Adam Casemore and Kyra Steel.

Councillor Elford joined the meeting via teleconference at 4:24 p.m.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE**

► BC HYDRO
ANNUAL
OPERATIONAL
UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT Ltr #149 from BC Hydro, regarding a delegation with respect to the BC Hydro Annual Operational Update, be received.

► COAL MINER
DAYS PARADE
INVITATION

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT Ltr #238 from the District of Sparwood, being an invitation to participate in their annual Coal Miner Days Parade on June 10, 2017, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise the District of Sparwood that at this time the Town of Creston cannot participate in the Coal Miner Days Parade on June 10, 2017 due to the Town by-election being carried out on that same day and the lack of availability of Council members; however, should a member of Council become available on June 10, staff will advise the District of the Town's participation.

► WILDCAT DAYS
PARADE

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:

THAT Ltr #239 from the District of Elkford, being an invitation to participate in their annual Wildcat Days Parade on July 1, 2017, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise the District of Elkford that Council has commitments for Canada Day celebrations in the Town of Creston on July 1 and therefore the Town is not able to participate in the Wildcat Days Parade for this year.

► COMMUNITY
ENERGY AASOC.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:

THAT Ltr #240 from the Community Energy Association, regarding a Senior Energy Specialist project, be received; THAT the Town Manager is authorized to appoint a member of Town staff as the project liaison from the Town of Creston with respect to the Senior Energy Specialist project; AND FURTHER, THAT Council invites Ms. Patricia Dehnel of the Community Energy Association to arrange a date to provide Council with an overview of the Senior Energy Specialist project.

ADJOURN

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 16, 2017, adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

AS TO THE MINUTES OF THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Acting Mayor Kevin Boehmer

Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant