

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
**Town of Creston Council Chambers**  
**6:30 p.m. – 8:36 p.m. Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:**

Councillor Jim Elford, Town of Creston  
Councillor Adam Casemore, Town Creston  
Gertie Brown  
Don Cherkas  
Randall Fabbro  
Harry Haberstock  
Larry Hogan  
Olivia Kettle  
Wendell Marshall

James McLeod  
Ryan Tucker  
Brandon Vigne  
Kerry McArthur – Facilitator  
Mike Moore - Fire Chief  
Stacey Hadley – Recording Secretary  
Marsha Neufeld – Executive Assistant  
Ernie Polsom – FireWise Consulting

**Regrets:**

Director Larry Binks, Electoral Area C  
Director Tanya Wall, Electoral Area A  
Tony Mulder

**Gallery:**

Councillor Karen Unruh  
Councillor Joanna Wilson  
Jared Riel  
Ron Choquette  
Keith Goforth  
Bill Hutchinson

Sam Parsons  
Myrna Johnson  
Karen Goforth  
Ellen Tzakis  
Bob Foreman  
Erv Miller

**Meeting Discussion**

Agenda Item: Values

- A group roundtable discussion was held regarding the Committee's values moving forward and the top three (3) values were listed in order of priority as follows:
  - Respect (8);
  - Efficient use of the Committee's time (5);
  - Health and Safety (5);
  - Stay on Track / Focused / On Topic (5); and,
  - Forward Thinking (4).
- Discussion was also held regarding the need to keep ASC communications deliberate, efficient and focused, and it was noted that questions outside of the scope of the ASC can be directed to the Town of Creston, and that ASC meetings will be two (2) hours in length moving forward.

Agenda Item: Creston Fire Department Interim Measures Report (IMR)

- E. Polsom clarified the following:
  - that long term exposure in the current Fire Hall for full time Fire Department staff has a different risk profile and is of greater concern from a health and safety perspective than episodic or short-term exposure;
  - that the IMR is intended to manage and mitigate issues within the Fire Hall, while providing recommendations to address deficiencies for a safer environment within the Fire Hall in the short term;
  - that the Town of Creston, as the employer, is responsible to prioritize the IMR's recommendations per legislation with staff safety as a priority;
  - that WorkSafeBC primarily issues orders to organizations who do not voluntarily address health and safety issues in the workplace;
  - that the nineteen (19) recommendations relate to the current Fire Hall and that eighteen (18) of the recommendations essentially manage the impact of recommendation number thirteen (13); and,
  - that the IMR was developed and is based upon referenced scientifically established sources including but not limited to accepted industry standards and practices, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) regulations and ongoing cancer research.
  
- Discussion was held regarding the concern for the health and safety issues within the current Fire Hall and it was noted that the Committee will consider a “wants vs. needs” approach moving forward.
  
- K. McArthur advised that the Fire Department is in the process of relocating their administrative offices to Town Hall in response to the IMR and the noted contamination and air quality concerns.
  
- E. Polsom provided clarification with respect to several general principles, including but not limited to the following:
  - visual appeal of a new Fire Hall;
  - appropriate use of funds – cost effective;
  - multifunction or not (will a new Fire Hall include Search and Rescue or BC Ambulance);
  - what are the cost implications of a multifunction building;
  - is a Public / Private Partnership (P3) an option; and,
  - what are the desired outcomes / design.
  
- Discussion was also held regarding the previous siting studies and it was noted that a fifty (50) year Fire Hall is required and that renovations of the current Fire Hall and the development of a new Design Development Report are not feasible options to proceed with.

***The Committee accepted the Creston Fire Department Interim Measures Report and the Industrial Hygienist Review as information to move forward with.***

***The Committee agreed to proceed with the establishment of recommendations to Council for a new Fire Hall build.***

- Discussion was then held regarding the legislated and industry requirements of a full-service Fire Department; space requirements for a Fire Hall and the importance of a well-planned structure to support efficiency was noted.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Town of Creston Council Chambers.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**