

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
Town of Creston Council Chambers  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

## MEETING NOTES

### Attendees:

Gertie Brown  
Don Cherkas  
Randall Fabbro  
Harry Haberstock  
Larry Hogan  
Olivia Kettle  
Wendell Marshall  
James McLeod  
Tony Mulder  
Ryan Tucker  
Brandon Vigne  
Elected Official – Larry Binks (Area C)  
Elected Official – Adam Casemore (Town of Creston)  
Elected Official – Jim Elford (Town of Creston)  
Elected Official – Tanya Wall (Area B – via phone)  
Kerry McArthur – Facilitator  
Mike Moore - Fire Chief  
Marsha Neufeld – Recording Secretary  
Ernie Polsom – FireWise Consulting (via phone)

### Regrets:

Elected Official – Ron Toyota (Town of Creston)

### Gallery:

Lisa Berg  
Ron Choquette  
Keith Goforth  
Myrna Johnson  
Marg Meyer  
Eunice Mulder

### Meeting Discussion

Agenda Item: General Business

- Agenda for March 21, 2018 and meeting notes for March 14, 2018 ASC meetings were reviewed. Committee approved Mar. 14 meeting notes.
- Committee requested to separate “Parking Lot” items from the meeting notes until they have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Committee members.

- Facilitator asked Committee members if they would be willing to provide concise bios (90 – 100 words, written in their own words) for publication on the Town of Creston website and possibly in the media. General consensus that this is a great idea. Facilitator provided a sample bio and gave the deadline of March 27, 2018.
- Adam addressed the Committee regarding the idea of live streaming/broadcasting the ASC meetings. In his capacity as Town Councillor, he observed that Council and Town staff had worked hard to inform the public leading up to the referendum for borrowing but that the implication was that the Town did not provide enough information in a timely manner. He expressed his opinion that the division in the community was, “very disheartening and there was a need to be transparent during this public process”. He suggested the use of the “Facebook Live” platform as a possibility for recording for various reasons but primarily because the use of this platform would not add to the cost.
- The Committee consensus was that streaming the audio would open up transparency. Other Committee members inquired about how many people this would reach – I.E. some seniors who are not on Facebook. It was noted that perhaps the archive of the recording could be posted on the website and that Facebook Live may be a good idea.
- Town Staff were directed to research options regarding live streaming/broadcasting and bring those findings back to the ASC for discussion. A request was made to present the options in writing.

Agenda Item: Presentation: Mike Moore, Creston Fire Chief

- Mike gave a high-level presentation on the existing Fire Service provided by Creston Fire Rescue. The Committee was asked to provide their top observations from the presentation. The observations noted were:
  - That there was clear evidence that Creston Fire Rescue provides a high level of service at an extremely low cost (from information that was provided on slides).
  - That it was enlightening to learn about the amount of time spent on ongoing training requirements of fire personnel/volunteers to reach core competency.
  - That the Work Experience Program (WEP) as adopted by Creston Fire Rescue is a vital resource that adds five firefighters to the team. Committee members agreed that the WEP provides a supreme service for low cost.
  - The ASC remarked upon the importance of ongoing recruitment and training of volunteers, suggesting that communication regarding Creston’s fire training program is vital.

Agenda Item: Protocol/Procedures Exercise

- Facilitator asked the Committee to break into three groups and write down their top two to three policy/procedure priorities on sticky notes (what they would like to see) for future ASC meetings. Requested Committee members address items such as what behaviours define consensual protocol/procedures, how the ASC should conduct itself (respect, politeness, collaboration, etc.), arguments during meetings, information sharing outside of the ASC, cell phone use, agenda adherence, expert advice and length of meetings.
- Facilitator will compile the results and discuss at a future ASC meeting in the next few weeks.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 PM in Town of Creston Council Chambers.  
**Meeting ended at 8:30 PM.**