

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Town of Creston Council Chambers
6:30 p.m. – 8:35 p.m. Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Councillor Jim Elford, Town of Creston
Wendell Marshall
Ryan Tucker
Gertie Brown
Don Cherkas
Randall Fabbro
Larry Hogan

Tony Mulder
James McLeod
Brandon Vigne
Kerry McArthur – Facilitator
Mike Moore - Fire Chief
Stacey Hadley – Recording Secretary
Ernie Polsom – FireWise Consulting

Regrets:

Director Larry Binks, Electoral Area C
Director Tanya Wall, Electoral Area B
Councillor Adam Casemore, Town Creston
Harry Haberstock
Olivia Kettle

Gallery:

Jared Riel
Marg Meyer
Eunice Mulder
Keith Goforth

Karen Goforth
Ellen Tzakis
Irv Miller

Agenda

Moved by Tony Mulder, seconded by Gertie Brown that the agenda be adopted.

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Minutes

Moved by Wendell Marshall, seconded by Ryan Tucker that the Minutes of April 18th, 2018 be adopted.

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Biographies

Discussion was held regarding posting biographies to the Town of Creston website and it was noted that ASC members will provide a final review and approval of their biographies, prior to upload.

Communications Plan Update

K. McArthur advised that the communications plan will be forthcoming for review during a future ASC meeting.

Review of Siting Analysis

E. Polson provided information regarding the BC Building Code and noted that a Fire Hall's proximity to residential areas impacts building code requirements and response times, that volunteer fire departments require additional time to travel to the Fire Hall to get geared up and travel to an emergency, that proximity of a Fire Hall should be considered with respect to the areas within the regional district requiring fire service, and that response times start with dispatch.

E. Polson advised of the following with respect to the pros and cons of each proposed site option (site 1, 2, 3 and 4):

Site #1 (Cedar Street)

- CPR Railway a concern with respect to response times;
- volunteer parking across the street;
- during the siting study it was established that the base is inadequate for construction of a Fire Hall;
- substantial cost implications regarding utility Right of Way's and relocation of such;
- property incapable of accommodating the size of structure required

Site #2 (Cook Street)

- site is serviced
- geotechnically adequate for construction
- central location for residential response times
- allows for future growth

Site #3 (NW Boulevard)

- not functional for deployment of vehicles
- proximity to residential areas not viable

Site #4 (Vancouver Street)

- central location for residential response times
- substantial costs associated with demolition of current foundation
- not functional for deployment of vehicles
- inadequate grade / grade differences
- limited opportunity for growth

Discussion was held regarding site requirements, future residential growth, the importance of a sustainable and energy efficient Fire Hall, and it was noted that the cost of a site is confidential in accordance with section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter*, that the Town of Creston does not own any other land for consideration as a potential site; and further, that considerations should be made with respect to the Official Community Plan and subdivision development, and the potential impact to the commercial tax base.

Committee to receive the Schematic Design Report and Geotechnical Report with respect to Site #1 via email.

Moved by Brandon Vigne, seconded by Gertie Brown that the Siting Analysis be accepted as information.

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Review of Parking Lot Items

Discussion was held regarding receiving a future delegation from the Committee for an Affordable Fire Hall during the May 16th meeting and it was noted that a tour of the current Fire Hall will follow a presentation from FireWise Consulting Ltd. during the May 9th meeting.

Open Discussion

No discussion held.

Media Update

Discussion was held regarding site selection options, the importance of site selection as a foundational piece of the process toward the establishment of a new Fire Hall, and it was noted that further review of the siting analysis and geotechnical report with respect to site #1 are forthcoming.

Moved by Wendell Marshall, seconded by James McLeod that the Community Fire Hall Advisory Select Committee meeting update dated May 2, 2018 be approved.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Town of Creston Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Moved by Tony Mulder, seconded by Gertie Brown that the meeting adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

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