

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 27, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Toyota  
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Snopek, Unruh, Wilson  
Lou Varela, Town Manager  
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services  
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services/Chief Building Official  
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering  
Mike Moore, Fire Chief  
Jared Riel, Assistant Fire Chief  
Helene Miles, Local Government Intern  
Jamai Schile, Contract Planner  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**MEDIA:** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

**GALLERY:** Pastor Tom Greentree, Erickson Covenant Church  
Scott Veitch, Creston  
David Butt, Creston  
Allan Clement, Creston

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

26-15  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT by authority of the Community Charter, this meeting is closed from the public and/or news media, pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(c), (e) and (k). CARRIED

**RECONVENE** The Regular Meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

27-15  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

**INVOCATION** Pastor Tom Greentree, Erickson Covenant Church, delivered the invocation.

28-15  
**MINUTES**  
►REGULAR JAN. 13/15 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 13, 2015, be adopted as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting. CARRIED

29-15  
►COMMITTEE JAN. 19/15 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 19, 2015, be received. CARRIED

30-15  
►COMMITTEE JAN. 20/15 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 20, 2015, be received. CARRIED

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE**

31-15  
 ► JAN. 19/15 MTG  
 RECOMMENDATIONS  
 ► PRE-BUDGET  
 EXPENDITURES

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
 THAT Council Committee Recommendation No. 1 from the January 19,  
 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the presentation from the Director of Finance and Corporate  
 Services, with respect to the proposed 2015 Town of Creston budget, be  
 received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with  
 pre-budget expenditures for 2015, as follows:

- Town Hall Renovations (General Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$5,000;
- Public Works Building Renovations (General Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$5,000;
- Vehicle/Equipment Replacement (General Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$71,000 to replace Unit #807 (Dodge one ton truck) and Unit #860 (Building Inspection van);
- Pipe Replacement Projects (Water Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$65,000;
- Fire Hydrant Replacement (Water Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$25,000;
- Sewer Line Pipe Replacement (Sewer Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$100,000;
- Inflow & Influent (I&I) Remediation (Sewer Capital – Works Department) in the amount of \$50,000
- Inflow & Influent (I&I) Investigation (Sewer – Works Department) in the amount of \$50,000; and,
- SE Basin Topo Mapping (Works Department) in the amount of \$10,500.

CARRIED

32-15  
 ► JAN. 20/15 MTG  
 RECOMMENDATIONS  
 ► CRESTON FIRE  
 RESCUE STRATEGIC  
 PLAN

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT Council Committee Recommendation No. 1 from the January 20,  
 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the verbal presentation by Dave Mitchell & Associates Ltd.,  
 regarding the proposed Creston Fire Rescue Department Strategic Plan  
 2014, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Fire Chief bring forward the  
 proposed Creston Fire Rescue Department Strategic Plan 2014, to an  
 upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting for further consideration and  
 recommendation.

CARRIED

33/15  
 ► POLICE SERVICES

Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
 THAT Ltr #32 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding an offer for  
 RCMP representatives to attend a Council meeting to discuss the delivery  
 and financing of police services, be received.

CARRIED

34-15  
 ► ELECTRICITY  
 REBATE (FORTIS BC)

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT Ltr #27 from FortisBC Inc., regarding electrical rebates for the Town  
 of Creston with respect to its investment into energy efficiencies in relation  
 to recent upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant, be received.

CARRIED

35-15  
 ► COLUMBIA BASIN  
 INST. OF REGIONAL  
 HISTORY

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
 THAT Ltr #45 from the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History,  
 regarding membership in that organization, be received; AND FURTHER,  
 THAT Council approves the purchase of a one year corporate membership  
 with the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History, for the Town of  
 Creston, in the amount of \$200.00.

CARRIED

36-15  
 ► AKBLG  
 MEMBERSHIP

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
 THAT Ltr #26 from the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local  
 Governments, regarding 2015 membership renewal, be received; AND  
 FURTHER, THAT Council approves renewal of the membership with the  
 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments, for 2015, in the  
 amount of \$1,202.16.

CARRIED

- 37-15  
▶ CV CHIROPRACTIC RE UTILITY CHARGES
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #33 from Dr. Richard Smith of Creston Valley Chiropractic, regarding 2015 utility billing, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff write Dr. Richard Smith of Creston Valley Chiropractic, acknowledging his concerns with respect to the Town's water and sewer utility rates for 2015, explaining the rationale for the utility rates charged for a shared residential/commercial facility. CARRIED
- 38-15  
▶ SITE C DAM PROJECT
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #24 from the District of Hudson's Hope, requesting support for a one year moratorium on the Site C Dam Project, to allow time to refer the Project to the BC Utilities Commission for independent review of the need, cost and alternatives to Site C, be received. CARRIED
- 39-15  
▶ PAYMENT FOR SANTA SLEIGH
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #54 from the Creston Valley Spirit Committee, regarding payment for the construction of a sleigh, be received; THAT Council approves payment to Across the Board Creations, in the amount of \$1,500, as the additional cost to construct a sleigh for the Creston Valley Spirit Committee; AND FURTHER, THAT the additional \$1,500 to be charged to the Town of Creston 'Float' account for the year 2014. CARRIED
- 40-15  
▶ CAPITAL PURCHASE RE AERIAL APPARATUS
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT Ltr #57 from the Fire Chief, regarding the capital purchase of a Fire Department quint (aerial) apparatus, be received; THAT staff is authorized to purchase a used quint (aerial) apparatus suitable for the operational needs of the Fire Rescue Service, not to exceed \$280,000; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is to allocate one engine, identified as Unit #250, as the fire engine requirement for West Creston, and to recover \$90,000 within the fire protection contract with the Regional District of Central Kootenay for West Creston fire protection. CARRIED
- 41-15  
▶ OCP & REZONING OF 801 VANCOUVER STREET
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Ltr #55 from the Town Planner, regarding Official Community Plan Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw amendments with respect to a rezoning application for 801 Vancouver Street, be received; THAT Council consider giving two readings to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1809 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1810 with respect to 801 Vancouver Street, at the January 27, 2015 Regular Council meeting; THAT staff is authorized to prepare a 'Nuisance Covenant' to be registered on title for 801 Vancouver Street, prior to the adoption of Bylaw Nos. 1809 and 1810; THAT prior to Public Hearings and third readings of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1809 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1810, the applicant, Chaplin West Venture Ltd., is required to present to Council a rationale to justify the total floor area associated with the proposed 'craft' and 'micro' manufacturing component of the proposed development; AND FURTHER, THAT Council requests Chaplin West Venture Ltd. to host a public information session before advancing the application and respective Bylaws to third reading. CARRIED  
OPPOSED: Councillor Boehmer
- BYLAWS**
- 42-15  
▶ BYLAW 1809 (1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> RDGS)
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1809, 2015, be read a first time by title, second time by content. CARRIED
- 43-15  
▶ BYLAW 1810 (1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> RDGS)
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1810, 2015, be read a first time by title, second time by content. CARRIED
- 44-15  
▶ STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT the Strategic Priorities Chart, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- 45-15  
▶ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, as presented, be received. CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

46-15

**► PRE-BUDGET  
APPROVAL RE  
WWTP CLARIFIER**

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Elford  
 THAT Council approves a pre-budget Sewer Capital expenditure in the amount of \$50,000, to proceed with the Clarifier No. 1 Bypass project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **CARRIED**

47-15

**► ICSP & OCP**

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT the verbal report by the Town Planner, providing an update on the Official Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan projects, be received. **CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF REPS.****► CLR BOEHMER**

Councillor Boehmer reported on his attendance at a Community Advisory Committee (Youth) meeting.

**► CLR COMER**

Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at a Community Advisory Committee (Youth) meeting, a Community Network meeting, and a Community Marketing meeting at the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**► CLR ELFORD**

Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the Local Government Leadership Academy Elected Officials Seminar, an Arrow Creek Water Commission meeting, and a Creston Valley Regional Airport Society meeting.

**► CLR SNOPEK**

Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Forest Corporation meeting.

**► CLR WILSON**

Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at an Arts Council meeting and a Creston-Kootenay Foundation meeting.

**► MAYOR TOYOTA**

Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Health Working Group meeting, a Creston Valley Regional Airport Society meeting, an Arrow Creek Water Commission meeting, and a Regional District of Central Kootenay Board of Directors meeting.

48-15

**► RECEIVE  
REPORTS**

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
 THAT the verbal Reports of Representatives, be received. **CARRIED**

**GIVING OF NOTICES**

1. COTW – January 29, February 3, 17, March 3, 17, 2015
2. COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (January 27, February 10, 24, March 10, 24, 2015)
3. Family Day Celebrations for Youth (C2C) – Lower Kootenay Band – February 9, 2015
4. Elected Officials Seminar – Kimberley – February 19 – 20, 2015

**QUESTION PERIOD****► COUNCIL COLUMN  
IN CV ADVANCE**

The Media stated that it appreciates Council's willingness to submit a monthly article from a member of Council in the Creston Valley Advance. Mr. Eckersley stated that the January article submitted by Councillor Wilson was well received and he requested a commitment from the next member of Council (in the rotation) for the February article. Councillor Boehmer volunteered to submit an article for the month of February.

49-15

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Comer  
 THAT the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015, be adjourned at 5:48 p.m. **CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**


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Ron Toyota  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant