

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 17, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Toyota  
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Snopek, Unruh, Wilson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lou Varela, Town Manager  
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services  
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services/Chief Building Official  
Michael Moore, Fire Chief  
Ferd Schmidt, Works Superintendent  
Jamai Schile, Planner  
Helene Miles, Local Government Intern  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Toyota called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 17, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

► **GLOBE & MAIL ARTICLE**

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT Ltr #178 from Connie Koch, regarding a Globe and Mail article titled 'The Top Five Best Places to Retire in Canada', be referred to staff for a report on how the Town of Creston can liaise with the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce to promote 'The Top Five Best Places to Retire *and raise a family* in Canada', through a Marketing Plan, websites, twitter and other social media resources.

► **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

THAT Ltr #177 from Emergency Management BC, regarding a workshop for elected officials and administrators to learn about emergency management, be received.

► **DOG PARK**

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**

THAT Ltr #169 from Deborah Munro, regarding a dog park for small dogs, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor write Ms. Munro expressing appreciation for her suggestions for a dog park for smaller dogs in the Town of Creston and advising that due to budget constraints the Town is unable to accommodate a second or extended dog park in 2015, as the Town was only able to construct the existing dog park due to funding being available through a grant opportunity.

- **ICSP & AGE-FRIENDLY ACTION PLANNING**      **RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:**  
THAT Ltr #176 from the Town Planner, regarding Cultivating Creston ICSP and Age-Friendly Action Planning (Round 2), be received; THAT Council direct staff to send a copy of the Cultivating Creston ICSP and Age-Friendly Action Planning (Round 2) Report (Ltr #176) to workshop participants and named lead/partner organizations; and enclose a letter of invitation to lead/partner organizations to become a partner in the delivery of the Action Plan; AND FURTHER, THAT Council direct staff to provide a response to the actions identified in the Cultivating Creston ICSP and Age-Friendly Action Planning (Round 2) report, in which the Town is named, to Council and then to the proposed ICSP partnership.
- **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS & FIVE YR. FIN. PLAN**      **RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:**  
THAT the verbal reports by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Director of Municipal Services and Fire Chief, with respect to the 2015 Budget process and the Five Year Financial Plan for 2015 to 2019 and budget presentations for the Department of Engineering & Public Works, Department of Development Services and the Fire Rescue and Bylaw Services Departments, be received.
- **2015 POLICING PRIORITIES**      **RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:**  
THAT the Mayor write the Commanding Officer for the Creston RCMP Detachment, advising of the municipal policing priorities for the Town of Creston for 2015, as follows:  
\* Increased police presence in the downtown core;  
\* Improved partnerships with Town and community groups; and,  
\* Increased drug enforcement / education.
- **COFFEE TALK FOR COUNCIL**      **RECOMMENDATION NO. 7:**  
THAT the 'Coffee Talk' program be expanded to include separate 'Coffee Talk' sessions involving the Mayor and no more than two Councillors, to meet with members of the community who may wish to discuss topics of interest with their local Council representatives; AND FURTHER, THAT the first Council member 'Coffee Talk' session be held at the Creston Hotel conference room on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Toyota and Councillors Boehmer and Unruh in attendance.
- **BUSINESS WALK**      **RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:**  
THAT the verbal report by the Town Manager, advising that the 'Business Walk' program being organized by the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures and the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, has been rescheduled to May 25, 2015 in Creston, be received.
- ADJOURN**      The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 17, 2015, adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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

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Mayor Ron Toyota

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Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant