

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 10, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 3:45 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  
Mike Moore, Fire Chief  
Helene Miles, Local Government Intern  
Jamai Schile, Contract Planner  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant
- MEDIA:** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance
- GALLERY:** Pastor Steven Schneider, Grace Fellowship Church  
Bruno Schultz, West Creston  
Allan Clement, Creston
- CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.
- 98-15  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh 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.
- 99-15  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2015, be adopted. **CARRIED**
- INVOCATION** Pastor Steven Schneider, Grace Fellowship Church, delivered the invocation.
- 100-15  
**MINUTES**  
▶ REGULAR FEB. 24/15 Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Elford THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 24, 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**
- 101-15  
▶ COMMITTEE MARCH 2/15 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 2, 2015, be received. **CARRIED**
- 102-15  
▶ COMMITTEE MARCH 3/15 Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 3, 2015, be received. **CARRIED**
- 103-15  
▶ PUBLIC HEARING FEB. 24/15 (BYLAW NO. 1808) Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, held February 24, 2015 with respect to Bylaw No. 1808, be received. **CARRIED**
- 104-15  
▶ PUBLIC HEARING FEB. 24/15 (BYLAW NO. 1811) Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing, held February 24, 2015 with respect to Bylaw No. 1811, be received. **CARRIED**
- COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
105-15  
▶ MARCH 2/15 MTG RECOMMENDATIONS  
▶ RQST LTR OF SUPPORT RE KES Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1 and 2 from the March 2, 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:  
**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**  
THAT Ltr #129 from Kootenay Employment Services, requesting a letter of support, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to write a letter of support to Kootenay Employment Services, in regards to the launch of Tech Central, a technology hub for the Creston Valley.

- FIRE HALL REVIEW & BUDGET DISC. **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**  
 THAT the verbal report by the Fire Chief with respect to a fire hall building review and respective budget considerations, be received. CARRIED
- 106-15  
 ► MARCH 3/15 MTG RECOMMENDATIONS  
 ► 2015 BUDGET/PROJECT LISTS  
 Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Elford  
 THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1, 2 and 3 from the March 3, 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:  
**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**  
 THAT the verbal report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the 2015 budget preparation and final review of project lists, be received.
- RQST GRANT RE BC ABORIGINAL SOCIETY **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**  
 THAT Ltr #103 from the B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society, requesting a donation, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves a discretionary grant in the amount of \$200 to the B. C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society, towards its 'BC Without Barriers' Campaign.
- COFFEE TALK PROGRAM **RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**  
 THAT expansion of the 'Coffee Talk' program currently being carried out by the Mayor, Creston RCMP Detachment Staff Sergeant and Town staff, be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and recommendation. CARRIED
- 107-15  
 ► BOUNDARY REDEFINITION  
 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Elford  
 THAT Ltr #152 from the Town Planner, regarding a Town of Creston boundary redefinition, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Town of Creston proceed with a proposed boundary redefinition for Erickson Street (West and East) and Ash Road (North), by:  
 a) excluding 1.9 km section of Erickson Street, from the centerline of Erickson Street, to the northern boundary of the Right-of-Way; and  
 b) including all of Ash Road to the junction of McMurtrie Road, including the two cul-de-sacs near the south-end of Ash Road.  
 CARRIED
- 108-15  
 ► CBT-CIP 2015 PROCESS & SCHEDULE  
 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
 THAT Ltr #151 from the Executive Assistant, regarding the process and schedule for the Town of Creston with respect to the 2015 Columbia Basin Trust – Community Initiatives Program funding, be received. CARRIED
- 109-15  
 ► RQST GRANT RE MINOR HOCKEY MIDGET TEAM  
 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
 THAT Ltr #144 from the Creston Valley Minor Hockey Midget Team, requesting a discretionary grant, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves a \$500 discretionary grant to the Creston Valley Minor Hockey Midget Team, to assist with expenses relating to the team's attendance at the Tier 4 Provincial Championships in Clearwater, BC.  
 CARRIED
- 110-15  
 ► RQST GRANT RE BC SR'S GAMES  
 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
 THAT Ltr #145 from the BC Seniors Games, East Kootenay Zone, requesting a discretionary grant to assist with expenses relating to Zone participants competing in the 2015 BC 55+ Games in North Vancouver, BC, be received. CARRIED
- 111-15  
 ► RQST GRANT RE EK VOLLEYBALL CLUB  
 Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
 THAT Ltr #117 from the East Kootenay Volleyball Club – Creston U17 Girls, requesting a discretionary grant, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves a discretionary grant in the amount of \$500 to the East Kootenay Volleyball Club – Creston U17 Girls, to assist with expenses relating to participation in the Provincial and National Volleyball Tournaments to be held in Calgary, AB in 2015. CARRIED
- 112-15  
 ► UBCM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
 THAT Ltr #122 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding membership renewal, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the renewal of the Town of Creston's membership with the Union of BC Municipalities, for the year 2015, in the amount of \$3,515.95. CARRIED

- 113-15  
▶ CITY OF PORT MOODY RQST
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #116 from the City of Port Moody, requesting support of its resolution (declaration) of the Right to a Healthy Environment, be received as Council members will vote on this resolution if it is brought forward at the 2015 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Government's annual meeting in April. CARRIED
- 114-15  
▶ RQST STREET CLOSURE (JUST TRI IT TRIATHLON)
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #139 from the Creston & District Community Complex, requesting a street closure, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the request from the Creston & District Community Complex to close Hillside Street from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue on June 6, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, to accommodate the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Just 'Tri' It! Triathlon event. CARRIED
- BYLAWS**
- 115-15  
▶ BYLAW 1812 (ADOPTION)
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1812, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED
- 116-15  
▶ STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Strategic Priorities Chart, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- 117-15  
▶ FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Follow-Up Action List, as of February 24, 2015, be received. CARRIED
- 118-15  
▶ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- 119-15  
▶ COUNCIL MEMBER BENEFIT COVERAGE
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer  
THAT Ltr #165 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, and Ltr #161 from the Union of BC Municipalities, both with respect to extended health and dental benefit coverage for Council members, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the staff seek further information from the Town's benefit coverage broker as to options and costs for a minimum of two members of Council to be eligible for a benefit plan package during their term on Council. CARRIED
- 120-15  
▶ COUNCIL REMUNERATION
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Town of Creston Council Remuneration Policy be referred to Committee of the Whole for further discussion and recommendation. CARRIED
- 121-15  
▶ WEBSITE
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the verbal report by the Local Government Intern, providing an overview of the new Town of Creston website that is scheduled to be launched in March of 2105, be received. CARRIED
- 122-15  
▶ AWARD OCP REVIEW CONTRACT
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #167 from the Town Planner, regarding the Official Community Plan Review contract, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council awards the contract for the Official Community Plan Review to Stantec Consulting Ltd., in the amount of \$119,946.00. CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- ▶ CLR COMER
- Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at a C.V. Trails Committee meeting with the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resources and a Creston Valley Spirit Committee meeting.
- ▶ CLR ELFORD
- Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at a Lower Kootenay Band Networking meeting.
- ▶ CLR SNOPEK
- Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association meeting.
- ▶ CLR UNRUH
- Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at a Library Board meeting, an East Kootenay Regional Hospital District meeting and the Finance

meeting hosted by the Regional District of Central Kootenay with respect to budget.

► CLR WILSON

Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston-Kootenay Foundation meeting and a Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association meeting.

► MAYOR TOYOTA

Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings, a Columbia Basin Trust – Community Development Fund meeting, the BC High School Curling dinner and the Thunder Cats Banquet and Awards.

123-15  
► RECEIVE  
REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the verbal Reports of Council and staff members, be received.  
CARRIED

**GIVING OF NOTICES**

1. COTW – March 17, 23, April 21, May 19, 2015
2. COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (March 24, Apr. 14, 28, May 12, 26, 2015)
3. Blossom Festival VIP Reception – May 16, 2015
4. Canada Day, July 1, 2015

**QUESTION PERIOD**  
► COUNCIL  
REMUNERATION

Mr. Lorne Eckersley stated that it is always difficult for a Council to discuss Council remuneration, especially following an election, however, Mr. Eckersley cautioned Council not to lose sight that they have an obligation to consider a remuneration that attracts good individuals. He stated that the further Council falls behind in its remuneration in comparison to other municipalities, it is more difficult to bring the compensation up to comparable standards. Mr. Eckersley also stated that he was surprised that a benefit package was not offered as part of the compensation to Council members. Council must send a message to younger individuals that running for Council is an important position.

124-15  
**RECONVENE TO  
CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Council reconvenes to Closed Meeting at 5:36 p.m. CARRIED

**RECONVENE**

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:14 pm.

125-15  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2015, be adjourned at 6:14 p.m.  
CARRIED

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**

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Ron Toyota  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant