

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 24, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 24, 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  
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services/Chief Building Official  
Jamai Schile, Contract Planner  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant
- MEDIA:** Brian Lawrence, Creston Valley Advance
- GALLERY:** 16 members of the public, as per the Attendance Sign-In Sheet, which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes as Appendix 'I'.
- CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 126-15  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer 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 (i). CARRIED
- RECONVENE** The Regular Meeting reconvened at 4:29 p.m.
- 127-15  
**AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED
- INVOCATION** Rev. Gwen Brown, St. Stephen's Church, delivered the invocation.
- 128-15  
**MINUTES**  
►REGULAR MAR. 10/15 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 10, 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
- 129-15  
►COMMITTEE MAR. 17/15 Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 17, 2015, be received. CARRIED
- BYLAWS FROM PUBLIC HEARING**  
130-15  
►BYLAWS NO. 1809 (REFERRED) Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1809, 2015, be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2015, for consideration of third reading and adoption. CARRIED
- 131-15  
►BYLAW NO. 1810 (REFERRED) Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1810, 2015, be referred to the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2015, for consideration of third reading and adoption. CARRIED
- DELEGATION**  
►INTERIOR HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Shirley Mercier, Health Service Director, Acute Community Liaison, and Teri Domin, Health Services Administrator, Community, for Interior Health, to the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Ms. Mercier and Ms. Domin provided an update on health services that are available in the Creston area, which includes the following:
- Age population statistics in the Creston area;
  - Comparison on chronic disease rates (Creston/Interior Health/Province);
  - A refreshed Ministry of Health Strategy (staying healthy, getting better, Living with illness or disability, coping with end of life);
  - Creston Valley Hospital and Health Centre Services;
  - Surveillance Nurse Program;
  - Cardiac Surgery;
  - HART – High Acuity Response Teams;
  - Immunization on the Move; and,
  - Partnerships with the East Kootenay Foundation for Health, Creston Kootenay Foundation, Kootenay East Regional Hospital District, Ladies Tuck Shop, Elks and Shriners Clubs and the Hospice Society.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Mercier and Ms. Domin for their presentation.

## DELEGATION

### ► INTERIOR HEALTH RE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Kerri Wall, Community Health Facilitator, East & West Kootenays, Interior Health, to the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Ms. Wall explained her position as Community Health Facilitator was to bring health resource, assistance and expertise to municipal planning, policies and programming that can positively impact health. Ms. Wall stated that Interior Health is committed to collaborate and partner with local governments to create policies and environments that support good health. Ms. Wall stated that while the health care system is designed to treat people once they are sick, it requires a collaborative effort to address the factors which keep us well. Mr. Wall quoted Jessie Parfitt, a public health physician from England “Many would be surprised to learn that the greatest contribution to the health of the nation over the past 150 years was made not by doctors or hospitals, but by local government”. The Town of Creston has demonstrated its support for a healthy Creston by implementing ‘Cultivating Creston ICSP (2013)’; ‘Age Friendly Action Plan (2013)’ and official community recognition; and the ‘Youth Engagement Strategy (2014)’.

Ms. Wall highlighted the current healthy community work happening in Creston and stated she would like to assist the Town to look at other health initiatives, which could include:

- Recreation planning, recreation policies and diverse all-season recreation opportunities;
- Agricultural planning, food policies, farmers markets and community gardens;
- Social planning, affordable housing, poverty reduction strategies;
- Policies and plans for priority populations (aboriginal, seniors, youth, etc.); and
- Bylaws for smoke-free spaces.

Ms. Wall advised that Interior Health offers a dedicated staff to work exclusively with local governments on processes, planning, facilitation, advocacy, engagement, etc.; and information, data, consultation and content and staff expertise. Ms. Wall is requesting Council consider a partnership with Interior Health to promote health and wellness in the community and reduce the risk factors for chronic disease.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Wall for her presentation.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE

132-15

### ► MAR. 17/15 MTG RECOMMENDATIONS ► GLOBE & MAIL ARTICLE

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Snopek  
THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1 to 8, from the March 17, 2015 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, be adopted as follows:

#### **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. CARRIED

133-15  
► HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT Ltr #73 from Shirley Mercier, Health Service Director, Acute Community Liaison for Interior Health, regarding an update on health services available through Interior Health in the Creston area, be received. CARRIED

134-15  
► HEALTHY COMM. INITIATIVES (INT. HEALTH)

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer

THAT Ltr #74 from Ms. Kerri Wall, Healthy Community Initiatives, Interior Health, regarding partnering in initiatives to promote a healthy lifestyle, be received; THAT Ms. Wall's request for Council to consider the following resolution "THAT the Town of Creston partner with Interior Health to promote health and wellness for Town residents and enact policies to assist in reducing chronic disease risk factors in the community", be referred to Committee of the Whole for further consideration; AND FURTHER, THAT staff provide a report to the Committee of the Whole with respect to a proposed partnership with Interior Health and what that partnership would involve with respect to staff time, costs, etc. CARRIED

135-15  
► SMALL DOG PARK

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh

THAT Ltr #201 from Deborah Munro, regarding a small dog park in the Town of Creston, be received and Ms. Munro be advised that her comments and suggestions are appreciated and will be taken into consideration. CARRIED

- 136-15  
► CBT/CIP 2015  
APPLICATION  
PROPOSALS
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT Ltr #203 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding  
2015 Columbia Basin Trust – Community Initiatives Program funding  
applications, be referred to the April 21, 2015 Regular Committee of the  
Whole meeting for further review and recommendation. CARRIED
- 137-15  
► OCP/ZONING FOR  
1704, 1710 & 1714  
CANYON STREET
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Ltr #204 from the Town Planner, regarding an application for Official  
Community Plan and Zoning amendments for 1704, 1710 and 1714  
Canyon Street, be received; THAT Council consider first and second  
readings to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2015; THAT, staff is  
authorized to commence initiating the Public Hearing process for Zoning  
Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2015; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is to  
request a revised plan from the Applicant that addresses the design,  
building siting and landscaping elements of the proposed development for  
1704, 1710 and 1714 Canyon Street, as detailed in Ltr #204 from the  
Town Planner, prior to proceeding to Public Hearing and third reading of  
Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1815, 2015.
- BYLAWS**
- 138-15  
► BYLAW 1814  
(1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> RDGS)
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1814, 2015, be read a first time by  
title, second time by content. CARRIED
- 139-15  
► COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE  
AGENDA
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, as presented,  
be received. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- 140-15  
► MTG WITH SD#8  
BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT Ltr #210 from School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), Board Chair,  
regarding a meeting between Council and the School District Board, be  
received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor write the Board Chair of  
School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), requesting a meeting with the  
Board, in Nelson, on June 16, 2015. CARRIED
- 141-15  
► LKB RE  
AINSWORTH
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Mayor write the Chief of the Lower Kootenay Band,  
congratulating the Band on its recent purchase of the Ainsworth Hot  
Springs Resort, and advise of Council's support of this venture.  
CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- CLR BOEHMER
- Councillor Boehmer reported on his attendance at the welcome reception  
for Dr. and Mrs. Kass, and a Community Advisory Committee meeting.
- CLR COMER
- Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at the welcome reception for  
Dr. and Mrs. Kass, a Mayor's Coffee Talk session and Creston Valley  
Spirit Committee and Community Network meetings.
- CLR ELFORD
- Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the welcome reception for  
Dr. and Mrs. Kass, and a East Shore Freshwater Fisheries meeting.
- CLR UNRUH
- Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at the welcome reception for  
Dr. and Mrs. Kass, and a Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- CLR WILSON
- Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at the welcome reception for  
Dr. and Mrs. Kass.
- MAYOR TOYOTA
- Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at the welcome reception for Dr.  
and Mrs. Kass, the Mayor's Coffee Talk session, and a Regional District of  
Central Kootenay Board meeting.
- 142-15  
► RECEIVE  
REPORTS
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the verbal Reports of Council and staff members, be received.  
CARRIED

- GIVING OF NOTICES**
1. COTW – April 21, May 19, June 16, 2015
  2. COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (Apr. 14, 28, May 12, 26, 2015)
  3. Dash for Trash – May 3, 2015
  4. Blossom Festival VIP Reception – May 16, 2015
  5. Canada Day, July 1, 2015

**QUESTION PERIOD**  
**► WEST CRESTON FIRE SERVICE**

Director Binks, RDCK Area C, requested an update on the status of the West Creston Fire Service contract between the Town of Creston and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The Town Manager advised that she is currently working with the Regional District staff on the final draft of the contract.

143-15  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Elford  
THAT the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2015, be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.  
CARRIED

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**

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Ron Toyota  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant