

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 23, 2015

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 3:15 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10th Avenue, North.

PRESENT: Mayor Toyota
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Snopek, 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
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor Unruh

MEDIA: Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

GALLERY: S/Sgt. Bob Gollan, Commanding Officer, Creston RCMP Detachment
Rev. Gwen Brown, St. Stephen's Church
Carmen Moreira, SQx Dance Company
Allan Clement, Resident

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Members of Council visited the Creston Fire & Rescue Service and had the opportunity to view a demonstration of the Department's newest firefighting unit, a 2001 Aerial Ladder Truck. Council members then returned to Council Chambers to continue the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

282-15
MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING Moved by Councillor Boehmer, 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) and (e).
CARRIED

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

283-15
AGENDA Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2015, be adopted.
CARRIED

284-15
MINUTES
► **REGULAR JUNE 10/15** Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Boehmer
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 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

285-15
► **COMMITTEE JUNE 16/15** Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 16, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

PRESENTATION Mayor Toyota presented a Town of Creston jacket and shirt to S/Sgt. Bob Gollan, Commanding Officer for the Creston RCMP Detachment, in appreciation of his support and service within the community since his arrival at the detachment in June 2011. S/Sgt. Gollan is being transferred with the RCMP to Edmonton at the end of June 2015.

DELEGATION
► **SQx DANCE COMPANY** Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Carmen Moreira, SQx Dance Company, to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Ms. Moreira explained that SQx Dance Company is a local community group that uses art and culture (and particularly dance) to promote kinship, collaboration and teamwork. The Company provides flexible touring series for arts venues, public and private schools, etc. to bring performances and interactive programming to both large and small communities. SQx Dance Company relies on grant funding to provide these programs.

Funding from the Town of Creston, through Columbia Basin Trust – Community Initiatives funds, will enable the Company to develop a more comprehensive program across Creston area schools, which then enables them to qualify for sustainable provincial funds, ensuring their long-term sustainability in Creston area schools. The funding would also help them leverage other funds and ensure a long-term presence in Creston.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Moreira for her presentation and requested that she ensure the information presented today is provided with her 2016 application for funding from the Town through the Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program. Ms. Moreira left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

PRESENTATION:
► 2014 TOWN OF CRESTON ANNUAL REPORT

The Town Manager provided an overview of the Town of Creston 2014 Annual Municipal Report. The Report provides the public with an account of the Town of Creston's financial position and the achievements of the previous year. It is a crucial communications tool for keeping the citizens of Creston informed of the municipality's undertakings. The Town Manager advised that the Annual Report is currently available at Town Hall or on the Town's website.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

286-15
► 2014 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL REPORT

Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer
 THAT Ltr #381, being the 2014 Town of Creston Annual Municipal Report, be adopted. **CARRIED**

287-15
► SQx DANCE CO.

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson
 THAT Ltr #308 from SQx Dance Company, regarding programming in the Creston area and future funding considerations, be received. **CARRIED**

288-15
► SKATE PARK

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Snopek
 THAT Ltr #376 from Kyle Qualtieri, Jacob Fehr, Travis Overhault and Andre Beaucher, regarding a skate park in Creston, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise Masters Qualtieri, Fehr, Overhault and Beaucher that their correspondence has been referred to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, Creston Valley Services Committee, for consideration, as Creston & District Community Complex staff are already conducting a review of the present skateboard park at that facility. **CARRIED**

289-15
► HIGHWAY SIGNAGE FOR BUSINESSES, ETC.

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Boehmer
 THAT Ltr #355 from Ken and Signe Miller, regarding signage for businesses, service clubs and amenities in the Town of Creston, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff advise Mr. & Mrs. Ken Miller that the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce is currently working with the Town of Creston to improve and update highway signage for businesses and amenities in the Town of Creston. **CARRIED**

290-15
► RQST DONATION RE DRIVE FORE ROTARY

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson
 THAT Ltr #364 from the Creston Valley Rotary Club, requesting a donation, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council donates one duffel bag, one Town of Creston jacket and one Town of Creston shirt to the Creston Valley Rotary Club, for their Annual Drive Fore Rotary Golf Tournament. **CARRIED**

OPPOSED: Councillor Snopek

291-15
► STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFO.

Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Boehmer
 THAT Ltr #368 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the Statement of Financial Information for the Town of Creston, as required under the Financial Information Act, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the Statement of Financial Information for the Town of Creston for 2014, with the Mayor and Director of Finance and Corporate Services being authorized to sign the Statement of Financial Information Approval, as per Financial Information Regulation, Schedule I, Subsection 9(2), under the Financial Information Act. **CARRIED**

292-15
► 2015 ASSET MGMT. PLANNING PROGRAM

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Boehmer
 THAT Ltr #379 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding the 2015 Asset Management Planning Program, grant approval and terms and conditions, be received. **CARRIED**

- 293-15
▶ DELINQUENT TAX WRITE-OFFS
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Boehmer THAT Ltr #384 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding writing-off uncollectible delinquent taxes, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is directed to write the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, requesting that taxes, penalties and interest be written-off for the properties with the Folio Numbers 413.70812.020, 413.70812.220 and 413.05066.430, under Section 315.3 of the *Local Government Act*. CARRIED
- 294-15
▶ CEMETERIES REGS. & OPER. BYLAW
- Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT Ltr #385 from the Director of Municipal Services, regarding Cemeteries Regulations and Operations Bylaw No. 1824, 2015, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council consider three readings to Cemeteries Regulations and Operations Bylaw No. 1824, 2015, at the June 23, 2015 Regular Council meeting. CARRIED
- BYLAWS**
- 295-15
▶ BYLAW 1824 (1ST & 2ND RDGS)
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT Cemeteries Regulations and Operations Bylaw No. 1824, 2015, be read a first time by title, second time by content. CARRIED
- 296-15
▶ BYLAW 1824 (3RD RDG)
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT Cemeteries Regulations and Operations Bylaw No. 1824, 2015, be read a third time. CARRIED
- 297-15
▶ BYLAW 1821 (ADOPTION)
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Boehmer THAT Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1821, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED
- 298-15
▶ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- 299-15
▶ SHADE SAIL FOR DOG PARK AREA
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the Mayor is authorized to submit an application to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, for funding from the Town of Creston's portion of Community Development Funds, in the amount of \$3,000, to accommodate the purchase of a shade sail and the appropriate infrastructure and seating for the area of the dog park. CARRIED
- Councillor Comer declared a conflict of interest with respect to the issue of murals for the Creston Farmers' Market area, as she is employed by the Food Action Coalition and is manager of the Creston Farmers' Market, and left the meeting at 5:07 p.m.
- 300-15
▶ MURAL RE FARMERS' MARKET
- Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Snopek THAT Council approves the Food Action Coalition (Creston Farmers' Market), painting murals on the retaining wall in the area used for the weekly Farmers' Market at the corner of Cook Street and Northwest Boulevard, subject to the approval of the Creston Valley Spirit Committee with respect to the design of the murals. CARRIED
- Councillor Comer returned to the meeting at 5:09 p.m.
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- ▶ CLR BOEHMER
- Councillor Boehmer reported on his attendance at a Community Advisory Committee meeting for the youth, and the hot dog sale hosted by the Creston Valley Spirit Committee.
- ▶ CLR COMER
- Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at a Network Society meeting, a Library Planning meeting, a Wynndel Economic Development meeting, the Trails Society Annual General meeting, a Social Enterprise Launch, a Creston Valley Spirit Committee meeting, and the C2C Barbeque for the Lower Kootenay Band Canoe trip.
- ▶ CLR ELFORD
- Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the Sam Steele Days Parade, the Social Enterprise Launch, and the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.
- ▶ CLR SNOPEK
- Councillor Snopek reported on his attendance at the Red Cross Service Award session.

- **CLR UNRUH** Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at the Social Enterprise Launch, the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, and the Sam Steele Days Parade.
- **CLR WILSON** Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at the Social Enterprise Launch and the Creston-Kootenay Foundation Gala event.
- **MAYOR TOYOTA** Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings, a Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Valley Community Services Annual General meeting, ARES Grade 2 – 3 class tour, a Crestview Village meeting, and the C2C Barbeque for the Lower Kootenay Band canoe trip.

301-15
 ► **RECEIVE REPORTS** Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson
 THAT the verbal Reports of Council and staff members, be received.
 CARRIED

GIVING OF NOTICES

1. COTW – July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, 2015
2. COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, 29, 2015)
3. Canada Day, July 1, 2015
4. UBCM – Vancouver – Sept. 21 – 25, 2015
5. Santa Parade – Dec. 5, 2015

QUESTION PERIOD
 ► **CLEAN UP RE DEADHORSE CR.** The media expressed appreciation to Town crews for the quick response in cleaning up the debris along Deadhorse Creek, near Steve's Ride Trail.

302-15
ADJOURNMENT Moved by Councillor Boehmer
 THAT the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2015, be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
 CARRIED

**CERTIFIED
 CORRECT:**

 Ron Toyota
 Mayor

 Bev Caldwell
 Executive Assistant