

TOWN OF CRESTON
SPECIAL REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
May 31, 2016

Minutes of a Special Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 - 10th Avenue, North.

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Toyota
Councillors Elford, Snopek, Unruh

ABSENT: Councillors Boehmer, Comer and Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: Lou Varela, Town Manager
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services/Chief Building Official
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Toyota called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Councillor Snopek, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the agenda for the Special Committee of the Whole meeting of May 31, 2016, be adopted. CARRIED

► **WATER SMART AMBASSADOR** The Manager of Engineering introduced Ms. Rylee Christiansen to members of the Committee of the Whole. Ms. Christiansen has been hired by the Regional District of Central Kootenay to fill the position of Water Smart Ambassador for the Regional District Areas A, B and C, and the Town of Creston for the summer of 2016.

Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Christiansen to the position and advised that Council looks forward to her future reports with respect to the Water Smart Program for 2016.

DELEGATION
► **SCEEP** Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Trish Dehnel, Community Relations Manager, Community Energy Association, to the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Ms. Dehnel presented a draft Action Plan with respect to the Town of Creston Strategic Community Energy & Emissions Planning (SCEEP). The current objectives are to:

- Review the SCEEP process;
- Familiarize with Creston's energy and emissions situation;
- Present the Draft Strategic Community Energy & Emissions Plan for adoption;
- Discuss collaboration, partners, fueling the Kootenays; and,
- Support for Plan implementation.

Ms. Dehnel expanded on collaboration with the following:

- Community Group Programs – organics, gardens, trails, wood source;
- Employee transportation/employer energy plans;
- Pedestrian infrastructure;
- Education – workplace and youth;
- Raise awareness – find champions;
- Regional energy management;
- Fueling the Kootenays: Electric Vehicle Strategy; and,
- FortisBC community partnership.

Comments regarding futures SCEEP initiatives:

- Organic waste diversion – needs improvement;
- Consider increasing number of electric vehicle charging stations (funding could be available for future purchases/installation);
- Install signage as to locations of electric vehicle charging stations (encourages thoughts of moving in this direction when purchasing vehicles); and,
- Partnering with Regional District on organic waste (kitchen) disposal.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Dehnel for her presentation.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE**

► SCEEP

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT Ltr #366 from the Manager of Engineering, regarding the Town of Creston – Strategic Community Energy Emissions Plan, be received; THAT the Creston Strategic Community Energy & Emissions Plan, be received for information; AND FURTHER, THAT staff incorporate the Creston Strategic Community Energy & Emissions Plan, as appropriate, throughout the ongoing Official Community Plan process for the Town of Creston.

► RAILWAY BLVD.
SIDEWALK

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT the verbal report by the Town Manager, regarding the proposed Railway Boulevard sidewalk, be received; THAT staff is directed to delay the sidewalk project from 20th Avenue to Sunset Boulevard, and the 16th Avenue North 'bump outs' project scheduled for construction in 2016; THAT the 2016 budget be amended to reallocate the \$42,000.00 and \$23,000.00 for the 20th Avenue to Sunset Boulevard and the 16th Avenue North 'bump out' projects respectively, to the Railway Boulevard sidewalk project, for a total budget allocation of \$105,000.00 to the Railway Boulevard sidewalk project; AND FURTHER, THAT the estimated shortfall of \$5,000.00 for completion of the Railway Boulevard sidewalk project be drawn from Town reserves, if required.

► BIKE PARK

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:

THAT staff is directed to submit an application to Columbia Basin Trust for the upcoming intake of the Recreation Grant for upgrades and possible expansion of the bike park, with funding contribution to be determined.

ADJOURN

The Special Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 31, 2016, adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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

Mayor Ron Toyota

Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant