

TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2016

Minutes of a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 4:00 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
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Helene Miles, Community, Policy and Research Coordinator
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

GALLERY: William Marsh, Consultant
Allison Mewett, Consultant
Laura Francis, Kootenay Employment Services

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 Committee of the Whole meeting of September 13, 2016,
be adopted. CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE Mayor Toyota William Marsh, Allison Mewett and Laura Francis to the meeting at
4:02 p.m.

**► OCP POLICY
UPDATE**

Mrs. Francis reported out on the highlights of the Community Engagement process that was conducted by Kootenay Employment Services with respect to the Official Community Plan review for the Town of Creston. Mrs. Francis advised that in the public consultation process there were several values consistently expressed by Creston residents. These values inform a set of community principles representing the broad context within which to make land use decisions. Each of the six principles (listed below) defines the parent value followed by its decision-making and land use implications:

- Place-based: Rooted in local context;
- Principled: Driven by local values;
- Pragmatic: Informed, sensible and effective;
- Balanced: Geared towards sustainability;
- Inclusive: Designed to benefit all; and,
- Collaborative: Carried out in a spirit of joint responsibility.

Mr. Marsh and Ms. Mewett stated that the main purpose of the OCP is to provide a degree of certainty to Council and residents regarding the form and character of the community. The Plan can encourage senior levels of government to take action but it cannot force action. The OCP does not commit Council to specific expenditures; however, all bylaws and works must be consistent with the Plan.

The structure of the OCP consists of two components, one is provided for background, information and convenience; the other contains the force and effect of the bylaw. There are four major themes to the OCP: Resiliency, Livability, Prosperity and Connectivity. The Plan also includes an Action Plan (list of possible next steps for the Town to undertake in order to advance the OCP), and Development Permit Areas (development guidelines for Development Permit Areas within the Plan).

Mr. Marsh suggested that Council consider establishing a 'Residential Growth Containment Area', which would be identified as a defined area that could accommodate (double) capacity of existing residential housing while limiting sprawl. The Residential Growth Containment Area would be based on specific criteria.

Mayor Toyota thanked Mr. Marsh, Ms. Mewett and Mrs. Francis for their presentations.

► OCP RE DVP &
RES. GROWTH
CONTAINMENT
AREAS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT the presentations from representatives of the Official Community Plan Review Team (Wm. Marsh, A. Mewett, L. Francis), regarding highlights of the Community Engagement process, and a Policy update, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council supports the concept of establishing an identified 'Residential Growth Containment Area' and 'Development Permit Areas' within the Official Community Plan review for the Town of Creston.

► MOBILE BUS.
LICENCING

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT the verbal report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding a proposal to partner with other municipalities in the Kootenay region, in a mobile business licencing program, be received.

► RQST LTR OF
SUPPORT (CV BIRD
FEST)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:

THAT Ltr #596 from the Creston Valley Bird Fest Committee, requesting a letter of support, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to write the Columbia Basin Trust, advising of Council's support of the Creston Valley Bird Fest's application for funding under the Environmental Grant program for the 2017 Bird Fest.

ADJOURN

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held September 13, 2016, adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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

Mayor Ron Toyota

Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant