

TOWN OF CRESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 11, 2017

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 4:56 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10th Avenue, North.

PRESENT: Mayor Toyota
Councillors Boehmer, Comer, Elford, Unruh, 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

MEDIA: Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

GALLERY: Signe Miller, Canyon, BC
Audrey Vance, Creston, BC
Allan Clement, Creston, BC

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:56 p.m.

118-17
AGENDA Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017, be adopted. CARRIED

119-17
MINUTES Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Boehmer
▶REGULAR /17 THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 28, 2017, 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

BYLAWS FROM PUBLIC HEARING
120-17
▶BYLAW NO. 1843 (3RD READING) Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Elford
THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1843, 2017, be referred to a future Council meeting for consideration of third reading. CARRIED

DELEGATION
▶PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN (2017 – 2021)
The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the draft Five Year Financial Plan (2017 – 2021) for the Town of Creston, as per Section 166 of the *Community Charter*. The Director's presentation included a review of the following:
- Creston's Economic Status;
- Key Dates of Municipal Financial Calendar;
- Council Financial Planning Guidelines;
- Planning Assumptions;
- Town Revenues and Expenditures; and,
- General, Water and Sewer Funds (core, single supplementary, capital proposals).

Councillor Boehmer stated that since 2011 there has been a 53% increase in property taxation, which involved the introduction of municipal policing, etc, but this increase still seems high. The Mayor commented that since 2011 there have been massive policing costs incurred by the municipality's population exceeding the 5,000 threshold. The Town of Creston has weathered this increase very well due to its forward thinking in establishing a reserve for policing. Councillor Comer commented that on the surface it may look like a massive tax increase, but this could not have been avoided, also that taxation for a new fire hall facility will be beneficial for the future, and as the community expands, the tax burden will be shared.

Councillor Boehmer suggested that Council may want to look at cutting active projects that are not as important. Mayor Toyota stated that Council will continue to review projects each year and that staff's control on spending is appreciated.

Councillor Unruh stated that for a number of years previous to this Council there was no tax increase and projects were not getting done. Mayor Toyota advised that the Town has received sizable Federal and Provincial grants for projects over the past years and that grant funding is much appreciated and assists in keeping costs down for Town taxpayers.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services stated that the Five Year Plan is reviewed and refined every year, assumptions change, etc. (not set in stone). The Town Manager stated that the draft Five Year Financial Plan presented today does reflect the objectives of the new Official Community Plan, which reflects the desires of the community at large. Again, those objectives are reviewed annually within the Five Year Financial Plan.

Ms. Audrey Vance, resident, stated that she will be working hard against the upcoming referendum for the proposed new fire hall facility. Ms. Vance advised that she has been waiting for years for Cedar Street to be repaired and each year she has been advised that the project is scheduled to proceed that year, then is cut from the budget and the Town has proceeded with other projects such as a new dog park.

Mayor Toyota thanked the Director of Finance & Corporate Services for his presentation.

COUNCIL

COMMITTEE

121-17

► DRAFT FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT the presentation by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding the draft Five Year Financial Plan (2017 – 2021) for the Town of Creston, as per Section 166 of the *Community Charter*, be received.

CARRIED

122-17

► RDCK RES. REC. PLAN ADV. COMM.

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT Ltr #172 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding representation on the RDCK Resource Recovery Plan Advisory Committee, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Manager of Engineering be authorized to represent the Town of Creston on the Regional District of Central Kootenay Resource Recovery Plan Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

123-17

► GST RE CARBON TAX

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Elford THAT Ltr #173 from the City of Vernon, regarding the Federal Government applying Goods for Services Tax (GST) on the Provincial Government's carbon tax, be received.

CARRIED

124-17

► RDCK BYLAW 2284 & BYLAW 2283

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT Ltr #480 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, requesting consent to RDCK Bylaws No. 2284 and 2283, be received; THAT Council for the Town of Creston consents to "Arrow Creek Water Treatment and Supply Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2284, 2016"; AND FURTHER, THAT Council for the Town of Creston consents to "Erickson Water Distribution Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2283, 2016".

CARRIED

125-17

► COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

Moved by Councillor Boehmer, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the verbal discussion by Councillor Boehmer, regarding the times for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, be referred to the August 15, 2017 Committee of the Whole for further discussion and/or recommendation.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

126-17

► BYLAW 1856 (1ST & 2ND RDGS)

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT Five Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 1856, 2017, be read a first time by title, second time by content.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Boehmer

127-17

► BYLAW 1856 (3RD RDG)

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Comer THAT Five Year Financial Plan (2017-2021) Bylaw No. 1856, 2017, be read a third time.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Boehmer

- 128-17
► STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Boehmer THAT the Strategic Priorities Chart, as presented, be received. CARRIED
- 129-17
► FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST
- Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Boehmer THAT the Regular Council Meeting Follow-Up Action List, as of March 28, 2017, be received. CARRIED
- NEW BUSINESS**
- 130-17
► POLICING PRIORITIES
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Boehmer THAT Ltr #182 from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, regarding community policing priorities, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Acknowledgement of Consultation form, identifying that the community policing priorities for the Town of Creston for 2017 – 2018 are as follows:
1. Drugs and alcohol abuse.
 2. Prolific offender.
 3. Police / Community relations – police visibility.
 4. Traffic.
 5. Violence – domestic violence.
 6. Police / Community relations – School based.
- CARRIED
- 131-17
► CV THUNDER CATS RE CYCLONE TAYLOR CUP
- Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT the Mayor write a letter of appreciation to the Creston Valley Thunder Cats for hosting a very successful 2017 Cyclone Taylor Cup Hockey Championship in Creston, and for the excellent job done by their Executive and volunteers. CARRIED
- 132-17
► ACTING MAYOR – MAY 2017
- Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT Councillor Boehmer be appointed as Acting Mayor for the month of May 2017. CARRIED
- REPORTS OF REPS.**
- CLR BOEHMER
- Councillor Boehmer reported on his attendance at a meeting with the architect for the proposed new fire hall facility and the Open House for the new fire hall facility.
- CLR COMER
- Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at two Fields Forward meetings, a Library Board meeting, a Creston Valley Youth Network Advisory Committee meeting, an agriculture consultation meeting with the Columbia Basin Trust and the Kootenay Employment Services Leap Program event.
- CLR ELFORD
- Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the Local Government Management Association meeting at which he welcomed the membership on behalf of the Town of Creston, a meeting with the architect for the proposed new fire hall facility, the Open House for the new fire hall facility, and the Cyclone Taylor Cup events sponsored by the Creston Valley Thunder Cats.
- CLR UNRUH
- Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, several meetings with respect to the proposed new fire hall facility, and the Open House for the new fire hall facility.
- CLR WILSON
- Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, Cyclone Taylor Cup events sponsored by the Creston Valley Thunder Cats and the Open House for the new fire hall facility.
- MAYOR TOYOTA
- Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at a Municipal Finance Authority meeting, a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, a Community Development Fund meeting, Cyclone Taylor Cup events sponsored by the Creston Valley Thunder Cats, several meetings with respect to the proposed new fire hall facility, a meeting with the architect and the Open House for the proposed new fire hall facility.
- STAFF REPORTS
- Members of staff provided verbal reports on key issues and projects currently being addressed by the various Departments.
- 133-17
► RECEIVE REPORTS
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh THAT the verbal Reports of Council and staff members, be received. CARRIED

GIVING OF NOTICES COTW – Apr. 18, May 16, June 20, 2017
COUNCIL – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month; Apr. 18 (Special re OCP),
25, May 2, 23, 30 (Special re OCP), June 13, 27, 2017
AKBLG – Apr. 26 - 28, 2017
FCM – Jun. 1 - 5, 2017
UBCM – Sept. 25 – 29, 2017

QUESTION PERIOD There were no questions from the media or members of the Gallery.

134-17
MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING Moved by Councillor Comer, 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) and (e).
CARRIED

RECONVENE The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

135-17
ADJOURNMENT Moved by Councillor Elford
THAT the Regular Council Meeting of April 11, 2017, be adjourned at 6:45
p.m. CARRIED

**CERTIFIED
CORRECT:**

Ron Toyota
Mayor

Bev Caldwell
Executive Assistant